

Newsletter

Spring Term: 6th February 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Dear Parents,

This week has flown by in a flurry of excellent learning and endeavour, as well as creativity and fun – brilliantly finished off with a fabulous assembly by our Year 3 children this morning!
Next week we will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week for which the theme this year is 'This is My Place'. The children will be taking part in a variety of activities in class, as well as workshops with our Educational Wellbeing practitioner from Mind. As well as this, we will also be marking Safer Internet Day with the children. As I mentioned in my message sent out on Classlist yesterday, the children will be taking part in Internet Safety workshops run by OpenView Education. Please do take the time to read through the information I sent out yesterday, including watching the Internet Safety Parent Training video, in order to enhance the safety of all of the children when using the internet.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

February

- 9 Feb** Children's Mental Health Week
- 10 Feb** Safer Internet Day
- 13 Feb** Pupil Chaplaincy Team Lent Assembly
- 13 Feb** Year 3 Pancake Sale 3.30pm
- 13 Feb** Half Term 3.30pm
- 23 Feb** Children return
- 24 Feb** Individual & sibling photos
- 25 Feb** Y6 SATs & School Journey Meeting 3.45pm

March

- 2 March** Book Week
- 5 March** World Book Dress Up Day
- 16 March** Coffee Morning & uniform sale in hall 8.30am
- 18 March** Spring Music Concert: 2pm Infants, 2.30pm Juniors
- 24 March** Y4 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 25 March** Y5 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 26 March** Y6 Easter Assembly 9.15am
- 27 March** End of term 1.30pm

Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: Candlemas – Jesus, Light of the World

In assemblies this week we have looked at the theme of Candlemas and enjoyed a special assembly on Monday led by Father James and our Pupil Chaplaincy Team – read on for more details!

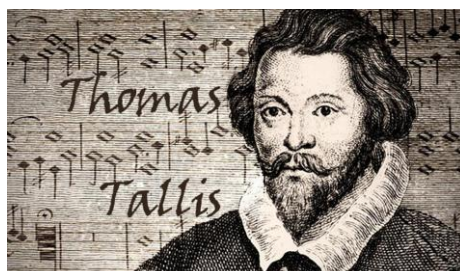
Story of the Week

Jesus Presented in the Temple
Luke 2:22-40



Music of the Week

Nunc Dimittis
By Thomas Tallis



Art of the Week

Candlemas Day
By Marianne Stokes, 1901



Sensational Stone Age Spectacle!

Year 3 wowed all of us this morning as they transported us all the way back to the Stone Age. With fantastic acting, singing and teaching us about all of the wonderful learning they've been doing in their history lessons, they rocked the hall and thoroughly deserved being awarded Class of the Week. Well done, Year 3!



Candlemas Assembly



We celebrated a very special assembly with Fr James and our Pupil Chaplaincy Team on Monday to celebrate Candlemas – The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

We listened to the Gospel and reflected on Jesus is the light of the world. The children have been thinking carefully about how they can spread Jesus' light through small acts of kindness and reflected on how when we do this we are sharing Jesus' light.

Football Stars!



Well done to these brilliant Year 5 footballers who created the most inspiring and eye-catching posters about what football means to them. They focused on being ambitious, connected, fair and working together as a team – well done Year 5 girls!

Children's Mental Health Week



The theme for Children's Mental Health Week this year is 'This is My Place'.

Please use this link to find out more:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show

Calling all Oratorian Artists! The Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. We have registered Oratory Primary School to take place so that you can submit your child's artwork if you would like to.

How to enter? Go to <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> where an adult can set up an account and submit an image of your child's chosen artwork. Each pupil can submit one artwork only. You will be asked for some information about the piece such as title, size, and a little text about the artwork and why you made it. The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination.

Key Dates:

Registration & submission: 5th January – 4th March **Online exhibition opens:** 14th July 2026

Judging: May 2026

Display at the RA: 14th July – 30th August 2026

STEM WEEK BOAT COMPETITION RESULTS!

We were absolutely blown away by the number of entries in this year's STEM Week boat design competition. There were so many brilliant ideas, clever designs, and fantastic examples of problem-solving - you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves and every single entry was awarded a Super Steinart.

Here you can see the winning designs (and designers!) for each category.

Well done to all of our brilliant Oratorian Engineers!

Most Improved After Testing:



Best use of Recycled Materials:



Creativity in design:



The Unsinkables!



Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

In Sunday's Gospel, Christ tells His disciples: "you are the salt of the earth." Today, salt is used to flavour food, and so we tend to think that Our Lord is telling us that our role is to add flavour to the world - to make it a better place. In reality, He is giving us a much more important task. 2000 years ago, salt was not principally used to flavour food, but to preserve it. It was a necessity of life. And so He is telling us that we are necessary to the world, because He makes use of us in His providential plan to bring salvation to those around us, through our prayer, and through our witness.

**Children's Mass this Sunday at
The Little Oratory
at 11.15am**

Wednesday Word –

[Wednesday 4th February 2026](#)

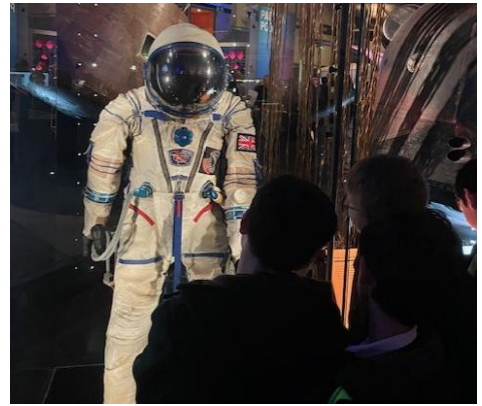
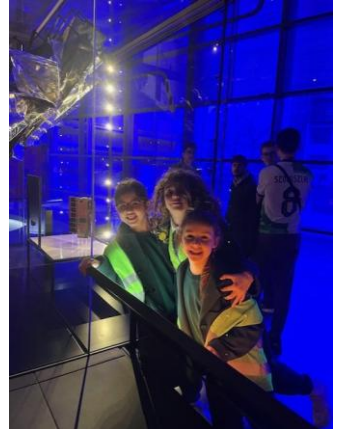
A trip to Battersea Zoo!

As part of our Auction Prizes, Mrs Steinart and three children from Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Battersea Zoo on Wednesday this week...not only did we have the whole zoo to ourselves, but we were also treated to a rare moment of beautiful sunshine. A wonderful time was had by all!

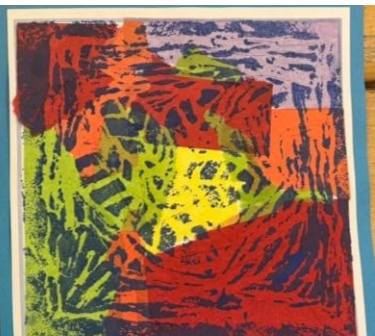


Year 5 at the Science Museum

Year 5 had an amazing trip to the Science Museum where they learned all about space and space exploration. They took part in the *Mission to Space* show, which included exciting live demonstrations, learning how ideas about space have changed over time, and even testing our skills to help launch a rocket. They also explored the Space Gallery, where they saw real spacecraft, a moon rock, a rocket engine, and even a spacesuit worn by the first British astronaut in space. Everyone really enjoyed the visit and learned lots about the solar system and the history of space travel.



Radiant Relief Prints by Year 4!



Year 3 Pancake Sale!

It's Year 3's Pancake Sale

Friday 13 February, 3.30pm - school hall

Treat yourself to delicious pancakes and build your own dream topping! Fancy fresh berries, chocolate sauce and sprinkles or cheeky marshmallows..? Come and enjoy this tasty school tradition. All money raised goes to the School's Lenten charity, The Catholic Children's Society.

Every bite
supports a great
cause!



Not on Shrove Tuesday this year because it's in half term!

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

This week, Year 6 were stars in all subjects! They continue to apply themselves brilliantly in the classroom and should be very proud of their efforts. We have focussed on the following:

English: Reading Focus: Prediction and character inference skills based on our focus text of *When the Sky Falls* by Phil Earle; Writing Focus: Planning, drafting and editing letters of varying purpose and formality; identifying and generating descriptive language for a narrative based on the Blitz. Grammar and Punctuation Focus: Formal & Informal writing; Single dashes; Hyphens.

Maths: Fractions, Decimals & Percentages: Understanding percentage; Equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages; Order fractions, decimals and percentages; Percentage of an amount - one step; Percentage of an amount - multiple steps;

RE: To describe how Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament can help us.

Science: To record resting heart rates and heart rates after exercise. To investigate why they are different.

Computing: To design, code, test and debug a game based on particular specifications.

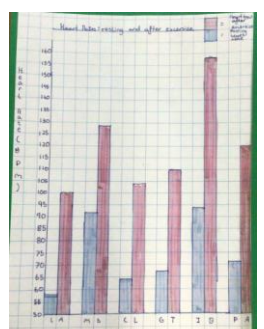
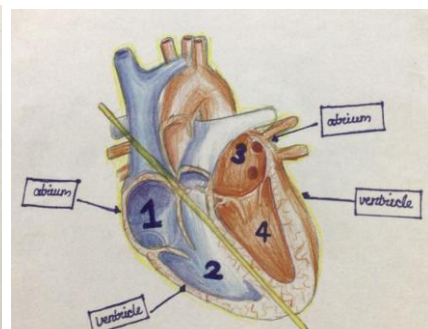
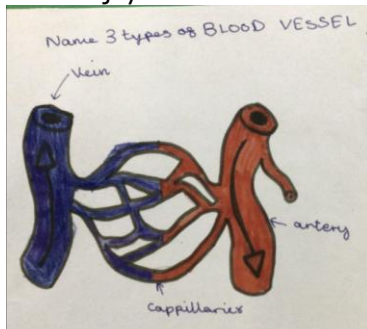
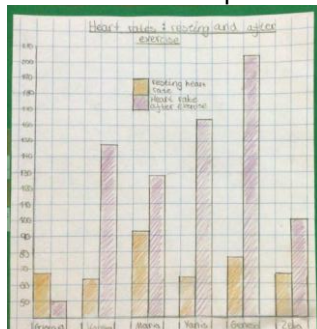
History: To use my historical enquiry to write an account of what it was like to be a child during Victorian times.

PSHE: Understanding the impact on our body and lifestyle from drug use, both legal and illegal.

Latin: Recognising and using imperative verbs in Latin.

PE: Hockey & Swimming

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week which is very exciting and I am sure the children will enjoy the various activities we have planned for it. Enjoy the weekend!



Year 5

What a great week Year 5 has had! Ending with a brilliant trip to the Science Museum. Here is a snippet of our learning this week:

In Maths, we have been investigating tenths, hundredths and thousandths as fractions, decimals and in a place value chart.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own heroic legends, in role of a Bard.

In Art: In Art we planned our Inuit inspired relief print, we look forward to using this next week!

In Science, Year 5 planned and implemented a scientific enquiry last week. The question was 'Is this material suitable for a cleaning cloth?' We devised an enquiry, completed the experiment and then collected the data to place on a graph.

In RE, we have been looking at the life of Fr. Miguel Pro. We wrote speeches in support of him and presented them to the class.

In PE, Year 5 continues to enjoy playing hockey. Using our learnt skills in our team games.

Have a lovely weekend, Miss Cornes and Miss Ffyon



Year 4:

Year 4 have been working hard again this week across all subject areas.

English: We have been continuing with our novel Varjak Paw. We created some excellent narratives based on one of the key chapters in the book.

Maths: We continued working with length and perimeter this week. We used different strategies to work out the missing lengths of rectilinear shapes and also calculate the perimeter of regular polygons.

R.E: This week we learned about the teachings of Jesus through different parables. We discussed the parables of 'The Sower' and 'The Unforgiving Servant' and reflected on what we can learn from these parables.

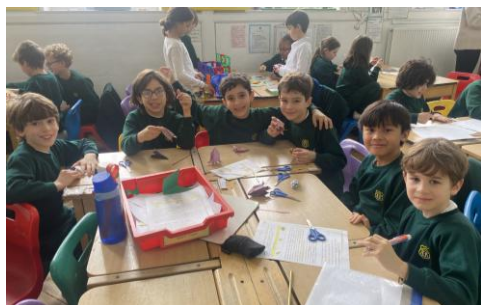
History: We continued our discussion on the Maya people. We looked at the different buildings of Chichen Itza and discussed what these buildings tell us about the Maya civilization.

Art: In Art we used our planning from last week to create our final relief prints. (See brilliant pictures!)

P.E: In P.E. this week, we continued our hockey skill development through different games.

Science: We discussed how changes to the environment can have an impact on the organisms that live there with a study of the penguins on Boulder Beach in South Africa.

French: We practised our conversation skills this week with some pair work. We described an animal and said why we liked it.



Year 3:

Year 3 have had a full-on week with masses of practice on our 'rocking' Stone Age assembly. Everyone should be incredibly proud of the hard work they put into it.

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we have added and subtracted lengths. We have also learnt how to measure and calculate the perimeter of 2D shapes.
- In English, we looked at using pronouns to replace nouns to improve coherency and flow in our writing. We have taken a closer look at the antagonist of our novel, Sir Basil.
- In RE, we explored the Sacrament of Confession. We created our own booklets to support anyone who needs to know what happens in this sacred sacrament.
- In History, we explored the neolithic site of Skara Brae, in Orkney Island and the artefacts that were found there.
- In PE, we put into practise the hockey skills we have learnt so far into mini games.
- In Science, we investigated how different objects create shadows and how we can make shadows bigger or smaller.
- In Art, we finished our cave paintings with some majestic creatures, ready for our assembly.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week this week and have been putting lots of effort into their learning. Here is what the children have been up to:

- In **English**, we debated two sides of an argument – should the woodland animals help Leaf or not? We then wrote letters of advice from the clever crows to the woodland animals, trying to convince them to help Leaf.
- In **Maths**, we have been adding and subtracting in pence and pounds and have been finding change.
- In **RE**, we continued to look at the story of 'Jesus Heals the Paralysed Man' and wrote diary entries in the role of the Paralysed Man.
- In **Science**, we continued to look at life cycles. We have been learning about amphibians and focused on the life cycle of a frog.
- In **History**, we have started to make robotic hands after studying Leonardo da Vinci's drawings of the 'Robotic Man'
- In **PSHE**, we discussed bullying and how bullying is wrong. We looked at the story of the 'Ugly Duckling' and talked about what it means to be an upstander, not a bystander.
- In **Art**, we started making bird sculptures with a focus on mark-making to create patterns.
- In **Whole Class Reading**, we finished the story 'There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom'. We made posters to raise awareness about the problem with palm oil.



Year 1:

We have had a very productive week in Year 1, this is what we have been learning:

English: In English we have been focusing on fact files. We looked at examples and discussed the features. We then chose either Miss Greer or Iggy Peck to write about from our book 'Iggy Peck Architect'. We then wrote fact files about ourselves including details such as hobbies, family, characteristic summary and drew a picture.

Maths: This week we have started our new topic of 'addition and subtraction within 20'. We learnt our number bonds to 20 and used number lines to help us add. We solved written word problems and part-part whole bar models.

History: In History we compared things from a Victorian kitchen in the past to a modern-day kitchen. We sorted images into their sections and learnt how they washed their clothes and cook food in the past.

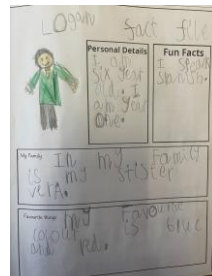
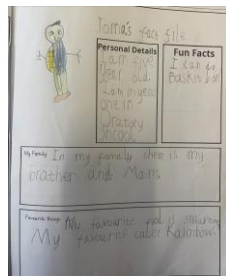
Science: This week we have been learning about the features of reptiles. We learnt about different reptiles and how to identify them.

Art: We are looking at Van Gogh's starry night and using oil pastels to make texture. We are focusing on mark making.

Phonics: This week we have been looking at the 'ie' spelling and the alternative spellings of 'igh', 'ie', 'y' and 'i_e'.

Religious Education: In preparation to our upcoming trip to the Brompton Oratory we have been learning about the different things we would find in a church. We labelled an image and spoke about what we would expect to find next week.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team.



Reception:

Reception have had another busy week of learning and have enjoyed engaging in new activities around the classroom.

Phonics: We have continued to practise reading and writing words with digraphs.

Literacy: We have been reading a new text "I am Not Sleepy and I will Not go to Bed". The children have enjoyed retelling and sequencing the text.

Maths: This week, we have focused on the concept of "altogether" and adding groups to get a bigger amount.

PSED: This week, we talked about keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

EAD: The children enjoyed using pattern and design to create pyjamas and bedroom quilts.

PD: We have continued to practise basic gymnastic skills.

UTW: The children enjoyed sharing each other's bedtime routines and noticing differences and similarities amongst their peers.



PUPIL OF THE WEEK & ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to these children who have had an extra special week and received Pupil of the Week and Act of Kindness awards. Keep up the great work!

	Pupil of the Week	Act of Kindness
Reception	Matilda	Pedro
Year 1	Troi	Matilda
Year 2	Alex	Thiago
Year 3	William	Lili
Year 4	Bella	Freddie
Year 5	Barcham	Oscar
Year 6	Camille	Oliver
Special Act of Kindness		Sofia (Y1)

House of the Week	Class of the Week
Yellow House	Year 3 (For their spectacular assembly!)