

Newsletter

Spring Term: 20th March 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to catch up with many of you in school this week for our parents' evening and of course our wonderful music concert on Wednesday.

As we continue our journey through Lent, next week we will be focusing on Holy Week with our Year 4 (Tuesday), Year 5 (Wednesday) and Year 6 (Thursday) leading us beautifully through their Easter assemblies. Read on for all the details and we look forward to welcoming our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 families to each one. It is sure to be a very special final week of term.

Just a reminder that we finish at 1.30pm on Friday and all children should be in school until then.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

March

- 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

April

- 13 April** Children return
- 16 April** House of the term mufti day
- 17 April** Spring Mufti Day
- 17 April** Pupil Chaplaincy Easter Bake Sale
- 18 April** PTA Movie Night in school
- 21 April** Parent Forum 10am
- 23 April** Whole School Benediction at the church 10am
- 24 April** Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am

May

- 4 May** Bank Holiday
- 7 May** PTA Quiz Night
- 11-14 May** Y6 SATs Week
- 13 May** Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y4 & Y5 3.45pm
- 18 May** International Week
- 21 May** International Evening Y4, Y5 & Y6
- 22 May** Half Term 3.30pm

June

- 1 June** Children return
- 1 June** Sports Week
- 5 June** Junior Sports Day (afternoon)
- 8-12 June** Y6 School Journey Week
- 8 June** Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
- 13 June** Y3 First Holy Communion 11am
- 15 June** Y3 FHC lunch & assembly
- 19 June** Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am

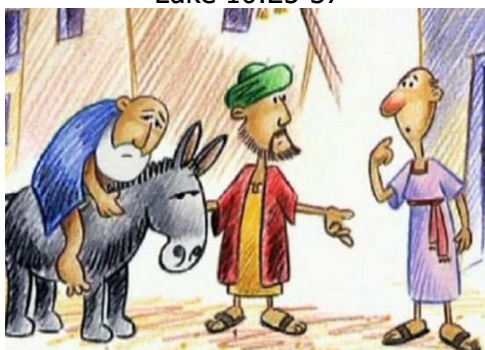
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: Serving Others

In assemblies this week we have continued our journey through Lent with the theme of Serving Others, using Jesus as our role model. We discussed how Jesus' miracles often demonstrate Jesus serving those most in need. The children all agreed that they help with tidying up, they share what they have and look out for one another – all examples of serving others. They were then set a 'Secret Service Challenge' for the week!

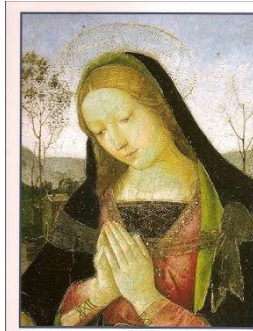
Story of the Week

The Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37



Music of the Week

Ave Maria
by Tomás Luis de Victoria



Art of the Week

Christ Healing the Blind
Painting by El Greco, circa 1570



Marvellous Music!

All of the children performed excellently for our music concerts this week, showcasing all of the fantastic musical skills that they have been learning with Miss Buller this term. Bravo everyone!



Junior Citizenship Scheme

On Tuesday, our Year 6 children went to the Natural History Museum where they took part in the TfL Junior Citizenship Scheme, learning about travel safety, the role of the police in the community and many other vital life skills. The children learnt lots and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Children's Environmental Parliament Project

This week, the Year 6 class had the culmination of their Children's Environmental Parliament project. A small group of children attended Kensington Town Hall to participate in the parliament and share our learning in the Council Chamber. We listened to other schools present on a wide range of environmental topics including healthy travel, canal ecosystems and even fast fashion! Our class research was on 'Screen Time vs Green Time' and the realisation that we must find a healthier balance of the two. At the end of the Parliament, all the children from all of the schools voted for one presentation to win the prestigious 'Children's Award'. We are very proud to say that our presentation was chosen as the winner! Well done to all Year 6s for their participation in this brilliant project!





Easter Assemblies



We are looking forward to welcoming you to the following assemblies where our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will lead us through the Easter story in the final week of term:

Year 4: Tuesday 24th March at 9.15am where the children will be teaching us about the story and meaning of Palm Sunday.

Year 5: Wednesday 25th March at 9.15am where the children will be teaching us about The Last Supper.

Year 6: Thursday 26th March at 9.15am where the children will be recounting The Stations of the Cross.

Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, the statues and images in church are veiled. This deprives us of these visual aids to prayer as we move to the contemplation of Our Lord's coming Passion, and in so doing helps us taste something of His desolation at his hour of trial. During this time we should spend more time meditating on the Cross, especially through such devotions as the Stations of the Cross, and penitential practices such as fasting and almsgiving.

Wednesday Word – Wednesday 18th March

Pupil Chaplaincy Team Lent Competition

- With the theme 'Little Deeds, Big Difference', Pope Leo is urging us to do just the smallest acts of kindness to make a big difference. Whatever you choose, you can then create your own entry for the competition in whatever format you like around the theme of acts of kindness
- Your creations can range from a poster, illustrating how small acts can make a big impact; or perhaps create a kindness comic strip; or even a Lenten photo challenge where you take photos showing "small deeds" in action, such as helping, caring and sharing to special prayers or a poem and everything in between. Be as creative as you like!
- By taking part in the competition, you are already being an agent of change - working together for justice, love and peace, both locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

Deadline: Monday 23rd March

Don't forget to put your name and year group on!

Put your finished entry into the tray in the hall!

Punctuality

An increasing number of children are arriving late each morning.

Punctuality is an important life skill and children who arrive late also disrupt the learning of the other pupils in the class when they arrive.

Please note that **school starts each day at 8.55am** but the doors to the playground open at 8.30 if you wish to take your child to school early. We also now have a breakfast club from 8am to assist families.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SAFE & RESPECTFUL PARKING

We would like to remind all families about the importance of parking safely and respectfully during the morning drop-off period. Our school is part of a wider community, and it is essential that we remain considerate of them and help keep the area safe and accessible for everyone. Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of parents parking on zig-zag markings, double yellow lines, and cycle lanes, or blocking through-ways during drop-off. These restrictions are in place to protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users, and ignoring them can create unsafe situations for children and the community. We kindly ask all families to work together to ensure that parking is done safely, legally, and respectfully. By taking a few extra moments to park responsibly, we can help keep our children safe and maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and the wider community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - DEADLINE EXTENDED

Dear Parents / Carers

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Your Free Delivery Period is Ending on 25/3/2026

You can still order after 25/3/2026, but a delivery charge will apply.

To View and Purchase your Images

1. Login/Create your account - <https://www.imagophotography.co.uk/account/login>
2. Add your images in the Add Gallery Tab, using the gallery details on your contact sheet
3. View, select your favourites and Order your images by selecting your shoot from My Library tab.
4. Press Create Order to order

Gallery Logins Details

Your gallery details will be on your contact sheet.

Best wishes

School Office

Summer School Uniform

Don't forget that after the Easter holidays, children should return to school wearing full summer uniform.

While the weather is still changeable, girls may wear white tights and boys may wear long socks.

Sun caps in the children's house colours are available at the uniform shop. These caps can be worn for break times and lunch play only when the weather is hot. Caps and boaters must still be worn to and from school. The children should leave their sun caps in their tray for easy access each day. These caps are an optional item of uniform but please note that non-uniform sun hats may not be worn at school.

Please can we remind you that jewellery is not allowed, and hair should either be tied back or cut short, otherwise it falls in the children's faces while they are working and also encourages the spread of head lice.

Please make sure any items of summer uniform needed for your child are obtained from Sogans over the holidays.

Our uniform is an important part of the school's identity and something that we like the children to wear with important pride.

For a full list of our school uniform, please see the '[Uniform](#)' section on our website.

As always, for any enquiries about second hand uniform, please email Agata and Ignacia on:

pa.uniform.sale@gmail.com

Playful Learning in the Sunshine for Reception!



PTA Movie Night!

Saturday
18th April
5pm-7.30pm

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

AT SCHOOL

GET YOUR TICKETS* ON CLASSLIST
TODAY FROM £15

*TICKETS
(LIMITED)
INCLUDE FOOD,
DRINKS,
AND POPCORN
FOR ALL CHILDREN

+ CASH BAR FOR ADULTS



Quiz Night!



THE ORATORY
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QUIZ NIGHT

7th
May

6:30 - 9PM
SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: NOW FOR £20 ON CLASSLIST
(INCLUDES AN OPEN BAR, FOOD AND SNACKS)

ADULTS ONLY!

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had an incredibly busy and fulfilling week! On Monday, there was the culmination of their Children's Environmental Parliament project as they presented at Kensington Town Hall; on Tuesday, they visited the Natural History Museum to join in the Junior Citizenship Scheme; and on Wednesday they visited Shakespeare's Globe Theatre for a tour and a Macbeth drama workshop. In the classroom, the children have focused on:

Maths: Area, Perimeter & Volume: Calculating area of a triangle; Calculating area of a parallelogram; Calculating Volume. Algebra: Solve 1 step equations. Arithmetic Review practice.

English: Reading Focus: Macbeth by William Shakespeare. Writing Focus: Using drama and close reading to plan, draft and edit monologues chosen from a Macbeth scene. Grammar and Punctuation Focus: Active & Passive Voice; Perfect and Progressive Tenses.

RE: Jesus the Messiah: L.O: To understand and reflect on the events of Holy Thursday

Science: Circulatory System: To understand how oxygen circulates around the body.

PE: Netball

PSHE: Presenting at Children's Environmental Parliament; Participating in Junior Citizenship Scheme workshops.

Latin: To recognise numbers in Latin.

Next week is a special week as we will be marking Easter with our solemn assembly on Friday where we present the Stations of the Cross.



Year 5

We have had a wonderful week, and the children thoroughly enjoyed their Music concert. It has been fantastic to see how much they have learned!

Here is a snapshot of our learning this week:

In English, We have continued exploring *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill, focusing on the incredible Antarctic expedition. The children used effective language and vivid imagery to describe the vastness of the pack ice.

In Maths, Year 5 have been developing their skills in adding and subtracting decimals, with a strong focus on place value and using efficient methods.

In RE, We have reflected on the sacrament of reconciliation and its importance.

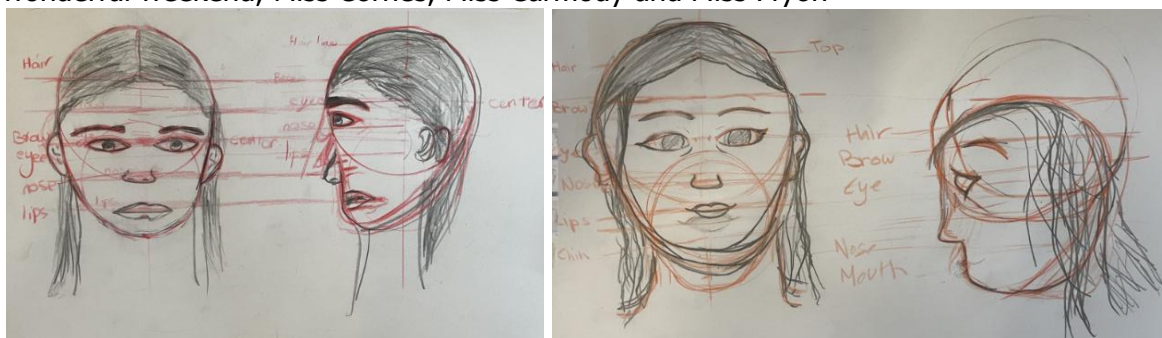
In Science, The children explored why the Earth and Moon are curved, deepening their understanding of space and shape.

In Art, We completed self-portraits, concentrating on the proportions of the face.

In French, The class learned about prepositions, using them to describe where shops are located.

In PSHE, We reflected on kindness, discussing how important it is to use our words in a positive and thoughtful way.

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Cornes, Miss Carmody and Miss Ffyon



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another exciting week of learning and have been working hard across all subjects, as well as rehearsing for our special Easter assembly on Tuesday.

English: In English, we used our plans to write a newspaper report. We also practised combining sentences using subordinating conjunctions. We continued reading our class novel 'Lob'.

Maths: We started to look at decimals this week. We worked with tenths and hundredths and discussed how these can be represented and partitioned.

R.E: We learned about the events of Good Friday this week. We discussed how Jesus suffered and reflected on what Jesus' death means for us.

Science: We experimented with different materials as conductors and insulators of electricity. Using our knowledge of circuits from last week, we explored how different materials can be used to complete a circuit.

French: We learned some new food vocabulary and also how to order food items in French.

P.E: We learned some different batting techniques in cricket and applied our skills in some games. We also created sequences of movements in pairs as part of our indoor P.E.



Year 3:

Year 3 have had a fantastic week! We were lucky enough to be invited to a GlenSpark STEM workshop where we learnt all about light refraction through bubbles and electrical conductivity, even through our own skin!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we learnt how to measure mass in kilograms and grams, find equivalent masses and compare mass.
- In English, we planned, drafted and wrote our own story retellings.
- In RE, we explored the importance of The Offertory and The Consecration during Mass.
- In PE, we put our netball skills into a full-sized game. We focused on pivoting, getting into space and quick passes.
- In Science, we explored our sustainability topic of 'biodiversity'.
- In History, we investigated how the use of iron impacted agriculture in Britain during the Iron Age.
- In PSHE, we looked at where in the world our food comes from, and how far some items travel.
- In Computing, we looked at making transitions on a PowerPoint.
- In French, we practised using determiners to politely ask for food items.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week! The children all performed beautifully in their Music Concert and they have been working hard with their learning. Here is what we have been up to:

In **English**, we have been continuing to explore the story 'The Robot and the Bluebird'. We debated two sides of an argument – should the Robot continue on his journey to save the bluebird or not? We have planned letters of encouragement to the Robot, encouraging him to continue on with his journey. We focused on trying to include words with the suffixes -ful and -less in our writing.

In **Maths**, we have been focusing on dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

In **RE**, we have thought about why it is important to listen to the Readings in Mass. We have reflected on how the Readings can help us.

In **Science**, we tested the property of transparency. We tested different materials to investigate which would be best to be used for a windscreen.

In **History**, we learnt about aerial maps. We looked at Leonardo Da Vinci's map of Idola and compared it with a modern day map of Chelsea.

In **Computing**, we learnt the meaning of the basic computing terms - 'algorithm' and 'debug'. We used trial and error to produce and improve a simple set of instructions.



Year 1:

We have had a wonderful week. It was a pleasure speaking to you all at Parent's Evening and seeing the children's wonderful musical performance! This is what we have been learning this week:

Phonics: This week we have focused on the alternative spellings of the 'air' sound. We have read and sorted the 'are', 'air' and 'ear' spellings of the 'air' sound. We enjoyed ending the week playing Phonics bingo!

Maths: In Maths this week we have been counting in 10's. We have also been learning about place value of numbers up to 50. Using our different representations of 10 we made numbers up to 50 breaking them into their tens and ones.

Literacy: In Literacy we have started a new book called 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. We have been using our conjunction 'but' to compare the personality of the dark at the beginning and at the end of the story. We have also written a letter to the character Laszlo to give him advice on how not to be scared of the dark.

Geography: We went on a local area walk to see which different types of houses we could identify.

Art: We drew our cherry blossom trees using watercolours.

Religious Education: This week in RE we have been learning about the events in Holy Week. We acted out and sequenced the events.

Science: This week we have continued to track our weather forecasts.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



Reception:

Reception were glad to see the sunshine as they played collaboratively to enhance their learning.

Phonics: This week, we have been revising words with the sounds x,y,ch and sh.

Literacy: The children have been practising writing captions to pictures using known vocabulary and characters from the text.

Maths: We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, naming them and identifying shapes with curved and flat faces.

UTW: This week, we learnt how people adapt their home around the world and talked about materials used to make homes.

PD: The children enjoyed exploring different movements of characters in the text.

PSED: This week, we focused on working together to achieve a goal.

EAD: The children made beautiful pieces of artwork to reflect our learning in RE.

RE: This week, we discussed Good Friday and how Jesus died on the cross.



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 | Leah | Maria R |
| Year 1 | Savannah | William |
| Year 2 | Caterina | Lily |
| Year 3 | Matteo | Florence |
| Year 4 | Attila | George |
| Year 5 | Ambra | Marcelo |
| Year 6 | Ariel | Kamira |

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| House of the Week | Class of the Week |
| Red House | Year 3 (For their excellent endeavour!) |