

Newsletter

Spring Term: 27th March 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

What a very special final week of term it has been with the children taking the lead brilliantly...our top Junior classes with their thought-provoking Easter assemblies and our Pupil Chaplaincy Team announcing winners from the Lenten competition, introducing the Easter competition and leading us in prayer as we journey closer towards Holy Week.

We are all incredibly proud of the children on another excellent term: making strides in their learning and demonstrating The Oratory Way, using Jesus as their guide to show kindness and forgiveness to others. I wish you all a very happy and holy Easter and look forward to a spectacular summer term!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

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
- 8 May** Y4 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 11-14 May** Y6 SATs Week
- 13 May** Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y4 & Y5 3.45pm
- 15 May** Y2 Cake Sale 3.30pm
- 18 May** International Week
- 21 May** International Evening Y4, Y5 & Y6
- 22 May** Half Term 3.30pm

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

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
- 26 June** Reception Class Assembly 9.15am
- 26 June** Y1 Cake Sale 3.30pm
- 29 June** MapQuest Fortnight begins
- 29 June** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale

July

- 1 & 2 July** Parents' Evening
- 3 July** Summer Mufti Day
- 8 July** Summer Music Concerts –Infants: 2pm Juniors: 2.30pm
- 10 July** House of the Year Party
- 15 July** Y6 Play 6.30pm
- 16 July** Leavers' Mass for Y5 & Y6 2pm
- 17 July** End of Term 1.30pm

This week's theme: HOLY WEEK

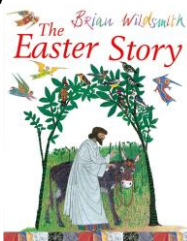
This week in assemblies we have been focusing on the meaning and importance of Holy Week. We discussed how Holy Week is Jesus showing the greatest love of all and then looked at how Holy Week is commemorated all over the world, from Spain to the Philippines and from India to Uganda – the children did a wonderful job of representing their countries.

Today we reflected on a beautiful quote from Mother Teresa and thought about how we can show our love for Jesus:

"Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the cross He gave us all of His love."

Story of the Week

The Easter Story
By Brian Wildsmith



Music of the Week

'Sing Hosannah'
By Year 4

'This is My Body'
By Year 5

'Were you there when they
crucified my Lord?'
By Year 6

Art of the Week

Entry of Christ into Jerusalem,
by Sir Anthony van Dyck, 1617





Easter Assemblies



Special thanks to our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children for their wonderfully reflective Easter assemblies this week. Year 4 started us off excellently, teaching us about Palm Sunday as we all finished proclaiming 'Sing Hosannah' together! Year 5 then re-enacted The Last Supper excellently, allowing us to reflect on how we can try to be as humble as Jesus. Finally, Year 6 finished yesterday with an incredibly moving recount of The Stations of the Cross full of beautiful prayers and singing.

The perfect way to continue our prayerful journey towards Holy Week.



Pupil Chaplaincy News

Lord,

As we continue on our Holy Week journey,

Help us to live like you did.

Help us to show care for others,

Help us to accept what you plan for us,

Help us to put all our trust in you,

Help us to stand up to unjustness,

Help us to love others as you love us.

Amen

Thank you for all that everyone has done towards our celebrations in school for Lent, especially to the many excellent entries for our Lenten competition...the judging was incredibly hard!

We are sure you all enjoyed the reflective Easter Assemblies as much as we did and that they helped you to reflect on Jesus' big sacrifice for us and how we can live just as He would have wanted us to.

Wishing you all a very happy and holy Easter celebrating with your families,

From your Pupil Chaplaincy Team

Easter Bake Sale – Friday 17th April



The Pupil Chaplaincy Team are very excited to let you know that they will be holding an Easter Bake Sale after school on Friday 17th April. This will be to raise money for the school to buy some new prayer resources for our class altars and RE learning.

So, get your mixing bowls out and please bring in your Easter creations on the morning of Friday 17th April ready to be sold at the sale.

Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal Boxes

Please bring your Lenten Appeal collection boxes back to school after the Easter holidays. Thank you!

Lenten Competition

Thank you to all of the children that entered our Lenten competition. We had a huge variety of creative entries and really enjoyed looking through them all. After much deliberation, we have selected the worthy winners which you can see below! All entries also received a Super Steinart and will be displayed in the hall for everyone to enjoy. With thanks from your Pupil Chaplaincy Team



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, at which the crowds enthusiastically welcome Our Lord into Jerusalem. He knows that their cheers will morph into reproaches, taunts, and insults within a handful of days. This exemplifies the fallen human condition, which often makes us vacillate between faithfulness to our baptismal calling, and sin. The recognition of our weakness should lead us to place our trust in the Cross, from which flows the Grace that enables us to overcome our weakness and be strong in Faith, Hope, and Charity, to inherit the promise of the Resurrection.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below:

[Easter Holidays Wednesday Word](#)



**WE LOVE
READING**



The Easter holidays are a perfect time to enjoy lots of lovely reading so don't forget to send a photo of where you love to read to Mrs Reber (if you haven't already!). Then they will be added to the new display in the library with all of your photos of where you love to read ...
We can't wait to see them all!

Mrs Reber's email: georgina.reber@oratory.rbkc.sch.uk

New Life Photography Display

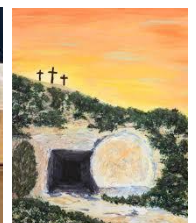
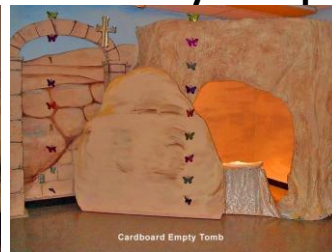


As part of our 'He is Risen' Resurrection celebrations, we will have a 'New Life Photography Display' in school. The children can take a photo over the holidays of something that they think symbolises new life and hope e.g. flowers, a sunrise, nature etc. and then email it to info@oratory.rbkc.sch.uk with the subject: New Life Photography. We can't wait to see the many wonderful signs of new life that the children find!

Pupil Chaplaincy Team Easter Competition 'Light from the Empty Tomb'

As explained in assembly this morning, the Pupil Chaplaincy Team have now launched their Easter competition: 'From Darkness to Light – He is Risen'. All children are invited to create an artwork showing light, hope, and new life coming from the empty tomb after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The focus is on hope replacing darkness. You can get as creative as you like, using any format or style that you wish. Some examples could be: the empty tomb with light shining out, sunrise with the cross silhouette, symbols of new life, a pathway leading from darkness to light. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your artistic talents and express your understanding of the Easter story. Feel free to use any materials you choose, whether it's paint, fabric, beads, or even natural elements. The sky's the limit – so let your imagination run wild as you create a beautiful and meaningful piece of art showing how the world changed when Jesus rose from the dead. We can't wait to see them! From your Pupil Chaplaincy Team

Deadline to bring your designs back to school: Thursday 16th April 2026



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

Magnificent Mosaics!

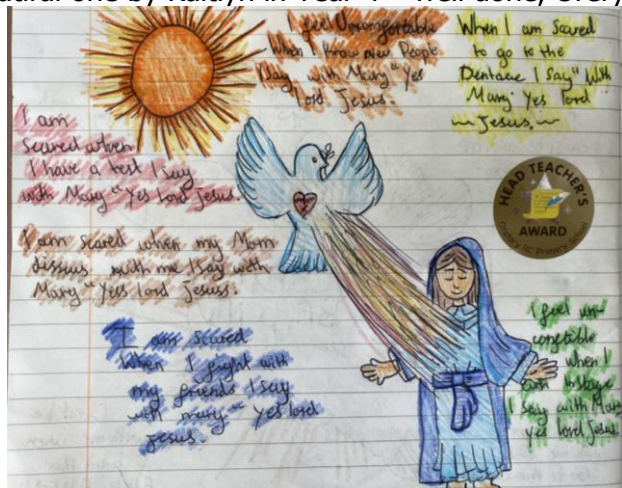


I am thrilled to let you know that our brilliant mosaic artist, Adam Stanley, will be returning to school next term to work on two new mosaics to display in the school.

The first will be based on the Catholic Social Teaching principle, 'Care for Creation', for which our Year 5 and Year 6 children have created some brilliant design ideas for Adam to create the final design with. The children are very much looking forward to working with Adam again!

Feast of the Annunciation

The children created wonderful pages in their prayer journals this week to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, including this beautiful one by Kaitlyn in Year 4 – well done, everyone!



Spring Mufti Day



The first week of next term will be our 'Spring Week' and so we will be celebrating our Spring mufti day on **Friday 17th April**

(children may come dressed as 'springy' as they like!). That will also be the day of the Easter Bake Sale!

We ask parents to please make a donation (which goes towards important learning resources for the children) for the Mufti Day on Parent Pay.

[Parent Pay link here!](#)

House of the Term



Congratulations to **Blue House** who were our House of the Term! All children in Blue House will be allowed to wear their own clothes (as blue as they like!) on **Thursday 16th April.**

Children's Stations of the Cross



There will be Stations of the Cross for children taking place at The Oratory Church on Good Friday at noon.

All are welcome!

Year 5 at The Natural History Museum

Year 5 enjoyed their school trip to the Natural History Museum. We explored the Volcanoes and Earthquakes exhibition, where we learned how volcanoes erupt and what causes earthquakes. The highlight was the earthquake simulator, which made us feel what a real tremor is like!



Debating – The Oratory Way!

Three of our Year 5 pupils represented the school superbly at a debating competition this week, and we could not be more proud of them. They demonstrated excellent debating skills, presenting their ideas clearly, listening carefully to others, and responding thoughtfully. On top of that, they embodied The Oratory Way throughout the event. During a debate on whether it is better to have a firm or a kind leader, they chose to use Jesus as their example, reflecting both depth of thought and confidence in sharing their faith. Their teamwork, confidence, and respectful manner certainly stood out. They won all three of their debates and achieved third place overall out of 12 other schools. A fantastic achievement - well done Oratorian Debaters!



PUPIL CHAPLAINCY
EASTER
BAKE SALE



FRIDAY, 17th APRIL 2026
3:30PM | SCHOOL HALL



PTA FAMILY

MOVIE
NIGHT



SATURDAY, 18th APRIL 2026
5PM TO 7:30PM

Oratory RC Primary School Hall

TICKETS ON CLASSLIST NOW !!!



ORATORY RC
PRIMARY SCHOOL



QUIZ NIGHT



7
MAY
2026

6:30 - 9PM
SCHOOL HALL



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

ADULTS ONLY !

**A Quiz Night
not to be
missed!**

Our annual Quiz Night is always a highlight of the year. Come and join your class and have a wonderful evening with delicious food, drinks and a touch of magic!

No special quiz knowledge needed ... unless of course you think you can beat the teachers!

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had a brilliant final week of the Spring term. They led a wonderfully solemn and reflective assembly on the Stations of the Cross and helped the school as a whole appreciate Holy Week. In the classroom, the children have focused on:

Maths: Algebra: Solve 1 step equations; Solve 2 step equations; Form Expressions; Use substitution to solve expressions; Understanding and creating formulae to solve problems. Arithmetic Review practice.

English: Reading Focus: Macbeth by William Shakespeare; Practice SATs reading assessment. 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 Good Friday; To understand and reflect on the events of the Resurrection

Science: Circulatory System: Dissection of a heart to further understand its function. Assessment of circulatory system learning.

PE: Netball

History: Victorians: To use maps and atlases to name and locate the countries in the British Empire.

Latin: To recognise how subjects and objects are used in Latin.

The Year 6 children have earned a wonderful Easter break - well done and enjoy!



Year 5

It has been a wonderfully busy week in Year 5! We began with an exciting trip to the Natural History Museum, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were also incredible in their 'Last Supper' Easter Assembly - acting, speaking and singing beautifully. We are so proud of their confidence and teamwork.

Across the week, the children have worked hard in all subjects and produced some fantastic work. Here's a snapshot of their learning:

In English, as part of our study of *Shackleton's Journey*, the children planned and wrote letters in role as crew members from Shackleton's expedition. They focused particularly on using emotive and figurative language to bring their writing to life.

In Maths, we concluded our decimals unit, with a focus on multiplying and dividing decimals.

In RE, we reflected on the importance of the Easter story, making meaningful links to our roles in the assembly.

In Science, we explored the formation of the solar system.

In Art, the children investigated human body proportions and used this knowledge to create more accurate figure drawings.

In PE, Year 5 have continued to enjoy their handball sessions, focusing on throwing skills, teamwork and communication.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break.



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a busy week to finish off our Spring term. Well done to all of Year 4 on their assembly performance on Tuesday, where we reflected on the events of Palm Sunday and Jesus' entry to Jerusalem. Along with our rehearsals and assemblies, here's what we have been up to.

English: We worked on persuasive writing features and wrote a persuasive letter to a character from our novel, convincing him to set Lob free.

Maths: We worked on partitioning decimals and also comparing and ordering decimals.

R.E: Along with our discussion of the events of Holy Week, we discussed Jesus' appearance to Mary of Magdala and to the disciples.

History/Geography: To conclude our study of Mexico and the Maya civilization, we reviewed and summarized all of our information into an informative leaflet.

Art: We finished our brilliant Rainforest Dioramas.

P.E: We reviewed our cricket skills with some drills and enjoyed a few matches.

P.S.H.E: We discussed what it means to be a global citizen and a citizen of our local area. We came up with different ways we can be good citizens in our local environment and at school.

Well done everyone on another great term of learning. I hope you all have a fantastic Easter holiday!



Year 3:

Year 3 have had a great last week of term. Well done!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we learnt how to measure, compare, add and subtract capacity and volume.
- In English, we planned, drafted and published thank you letters to the Tree Man.
- In RE, we explored the importance of Holy Communion and reflected on how it is Jesus that we receive.
- In PE, we put our netball skills into a full-sized game.
- In History, we showed off all our Prehistoric knowledge in a topic page.
- In PSHE, we looked at Fair Trade and how the choices we make can make a huge difference.
- In Computing, we looked at adding text and imagery on a PowerPoint.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great final week of the term! They have been putting lots of effort into their learning and they now deserve a well-earned break! Here is what Year 2 have been up to this week:

In **English**, we have been retelling the story of the Robot and the Bluebird. We have been focusing on trying to include apostrophes for possession in our writing. We also made bird cakes using the recipes we wrote in our English work!

In **Maths**, we have started a new unit on Measurement. We have been measuring length in centimetres and metres.

In **RE**, we have looked at the Offertory in Mass, during which we give gifts to God. We thought about all the invisible gifts we could give to God in our day to day lives such as helping with chores, being kind to our friends and helping those in need. We have also been learning about the Easter story.

In **Science**, we investigated which material would be the most suitable for a tea bag. We thought about the properties of different materials and tested them using loose tea leaves and water.

In **DT**, we learnt about Newton's Colour Theory. We made Newton Spinners to explore his theory that white light is made up of all colours.



Year 1:

This is what we have been learning this week:

English: This week we have been learning about non-fiction fact files. The children researched, planned and wrote about nocturnal animals and then published them.

Maths: In Maths we have been focusing on place value and tens and ones for numbers up to 50. We have been using number lines to identify, estimate and find one more and one less of a given number. The children played snakes and ladders to solidify their knowledge of one more and one less.

Religious Education: In Religious Education we have been learning about how the angels represented God's messengers. We retold the story of Mary finding the angel at Jesus's tomb and acted out the events of Holy Week.

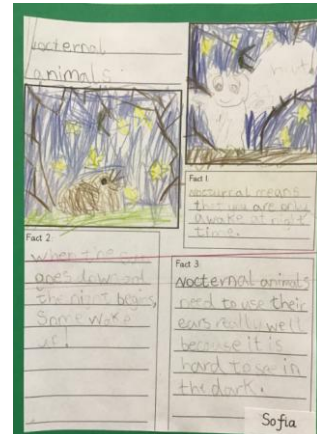
Phonics: This week we have been focusing on the soft g and soft c sound. We sort words into soft c and hard c words.

Science: This week we have been learning about weather patterns in the spring.

Art: we created Easter themed cards.

Handwriting: This week we focused on forming capital letters

Have a lovely Easter. Year 1 team.



Reception:

Reception have enjoyed another wonderful week of learning to bring an end to a busy term!

Phonics: We have been practising reading and writing words and sentences which include words with digraphs.

Literacy: The children have enjoyed retelling the story of The Gigantic Turnip.

Maths: We have been exploring creating and continuing complex patterns.

UTW: The children enjoyed learning about the production of food on farms.

EAD: The children have created self-portraits to reflect the artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They also used their craft skills to create farm animals.

C&L: The children enjoyed using new vocabulary about farming and food in their play.

RE: This week, we discussed the events which occur leading up to Easter Sunday.



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	Claudia	Chika
Year 1	Renzo	Maximilian
Year 2	Isidro	Jorge
Year 3	Amelia	Vitti
Year 4	Tiao	Sienna
Year 5	Adrian	Sophia
Year 6	Agustin	William
Special Act of Kindness		Isabella (Y1)

House of the Week	Class of the Week
Blue House	Year 6 (For their incredibly reflective and moving Easter assembly)