

# Newsletter

Spring Term: 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026



The  
**ORATORY**  
**RC PRIMARY**  
School

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

## Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week of celebrating reading and books with the children it has been. Read on to see the many different activities that the children have been immersed in, including being transported to the magical world of Shakespeare and his many characters (aka the teachers!) who acted out a Shakespearean Magical Mix Up for the children as part of our Book Day Parade on Thursday. The children all looked fabulous in their costumes yesterday bringing so many of their favourite stories to life.

More to look forward to next week where the children will continue their excellent usual endeavour in all of their learning, as well as celebrating British Science Week with some very exciting slime workshops on Monday! Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Steinart

## Upcoming dates

### March

**16 March** Coffee Morning & uniform sale in hall 8.30am

**17 & 18 March** Spring Parents' Evenings

**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

### 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

**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

*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: Book Week

In assemblies this week we have celebrated our unending love of BOOKS! First of all, the children used their amazing imaginations to open Mrs Steinart's book - a magical book that would only open when it was filled with their fantastic ideas and storytelling. Then we enjoyed a book-filled quiz in which the children managed to crack every clue! As ever, we very much enjoyed discussing our favourite books and the magical, inspiring and endless adventures stories take us on. Happy Oratorian reading one and all!

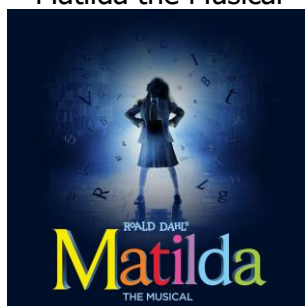
### Story of the Week

*Shakespeare's Magical Mix Up at  
The Oratory* By the Staff



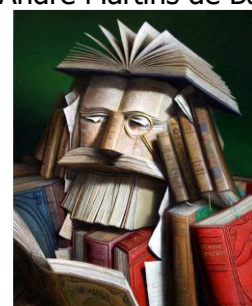
### Music of the Week

*When I Grow Up  
Matilda the Musical*



### Art of the Week

*Fantastic Work  
By Andre Martins de Barros*



# ORATORY BOOK WEEK

The children had a wonderful time taking part in exciting Shakespeare workshops. Each class focused on a different Shakespeare play and explored the characters and stories in a fun and engaging way. Through role play, drama activities, and group performances, the children brought the plays to life and showed great creativity and enthusiasm! Well done Oratorian players! Please ensure you have made your payment for these workshops on [Parent Pay](#).

Reception: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Year 1: *As You Like It*

Year 2: *The Winter's Tale*

Year 3: *Romeo and Juliet*

Year 4: *The Tempest*

Year 5: *Hamlet*

Year 6: *Macbeth*



Our Year 6 children did an excellent job of performing monologues to every class in the school based on their chosen book character. The children were enthralled as they encountered the many different characters performing with such conviction. Well done, Year 6, our very worthy class of the week!



# Shakespeare's Magical Mix Up at The Oratory

The brilliant Oratory staff delighted the children yesterday with a lively production of Shakespeare's Magical Mix Up at The Oratory. The Bard himself appeared as the narrator, guiding the audience through a whirlwind of scenes as teachers transformed into famous characters from across Shakespeare's plays. We travelled from A Midsummer Night's Dream to The Tempest, on to The Winter's Tale and Romeo and Juliet, and even met figures from Hamlet and Macbeth...all with mischievous Puck gleefully muddling the stories together and leaving everyone wonderfully confused - until Prospero reminded us that there is no magic quite so powerful as teamwork to set things right again. Most importantly, teaching us that Shakespeare's stories are still very much alive today – helping us learn, laugh and imagine!

Good gentles all, give hearty cheer to these most noble players of the Oratory, whose wit and spirit did charm our hearts and raise great merriment among the company. Well played, say we, and long may such revels grace our hall!



**WELL DONE TO THESE BRILLIANT BOOK PARADE WINNERS!**



# BOOK DAY PARADE!





**Buddy Reading with Owls & Owlets and Year 5 with Year 1:**



# Music Concerts



We are very happy to invite parents of children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** to a music performance in the hall on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.**

We will then be inviting parents of children in **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6** to a music performance in the hall on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

This will be an opportunity for you to see what the children have been learning in their music lessons. They are looking forward to performing for you!

## Owl & Owlet Play in the Sunshine!



## Chaplain's Corner – Fr James

IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD,  
YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED HIM,  
AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN  
YOU LIVING WATER.  
JOHN 4:10

The living waters Our Lord promises the Samaritan woman (John 4:10) are a reference to the Sacrament of Baptism. It is through this Sacrament that we are made children of God, united to Him in Faith, Hope, and Charity. The living waters of Baptism quench our thirst for true happiness, because they orient us toward Heaven, where alone true happiness is found.

**Wednesday Word –**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Children's Mass at the Little Oratory**  
**this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Don't forget to put your name and year group on!**  
**Put your finished entry into the tray in the hall!**



**WE LOVE  
READING**



Please send a photo of you reading in your favourite place to read to Mrs Reber. We will be making a new display in the library with all of your photos of where you love to read ...

We can't wait to see them all!

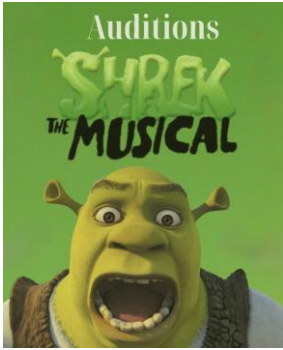
Mrs Reber's email: [georgina.reber@oratory.rbkc.sch.uk](mailto:georgina.reber@oratory.rbkc.sch.uk)

## British Science Week Workshops

To celebrate 'British Science Week' next week, the children will be taking part in exciting science workshops on Monday. These will be run by Mother Nature Science, who will be delivering their popular Super Slime Workshop in which the children will explore the fascinating science behind slime, learning about polymers and chemical reactions while creating their own colourful slime to take home. No doubt it will be a very fun, hands-on experience that will inspire the children's curiosity and love of science. Please log onto ParentPay to cover the cost of these excellent workshops – thank you in advance!



# TLC Community Play Auditions



Dear Parents,

Each year, our long-standing partner, TLC Estate Agents (with whom we team up for our open-air cinema evenings and garden parties), stages a community production. This year's play, Shrek – The Musical, will be performed at the Beatrix Potter Globe in Chelsea from 22 to 28 June 2026.

The production team is looking to cast approximately 60 children and adult performers. They are also seeking volunteers to assist with stage building, backstage support, and other practical roles during the production week.

Our school has been invited to take part in the auditions, which will take place from 17 to 20 March. This is an excellent opportunity for our children (and interested parents) to experience performing on stage in front of a friendly and supportive audience.

No prior experience is needed. A wide range of roles is available, including speaking-only parts, singing roles, dancing roles, and, most importantly, smaller parts suitable for younger children.

If your child (or you) would like to be involved, please follow the link below for full details on available roles, audition requirements, and venue information:

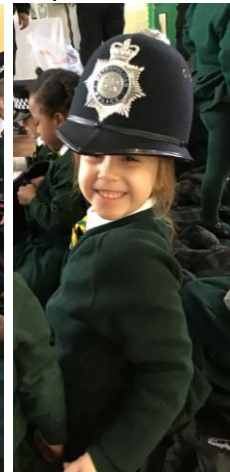
<https://earlscourtcommunitytrust.com/shrekthemusical>

We had about 10 members of our school involved in last year's play - I am sure we can beat that number this year!

Happy auditioning! Markus

## A Visit from the Police!

Reception very much enjoyed meeting some of our local police officers to support their learning on People Who Help Us. They even got to try on all their amazing uniform and sit in the police van (with sirens, flashing lights and all!). What an exciting day for our reception children!



# What's been going on in class this week?

## Year 6

What an incredible Book Week the Year 6s have had! In their roles at the top of the school, the children have done a fantastic job setting an example of what it means to be passionate, committed readers!

Maths: Measurement: Miles & Kilometres, Imperial Measurements; Area & Perimeter: Understanding shapes with the same area.

English: Shakespeare Drama Workshop: Focus on Macbeth. Book Week Activities: Michael Rosen workshop; Creating own book cover based on favourite texts; Owl & Owlet reading time; Drop Everything And Read daily; Writing focus: Understanding features of a dramatic monologue; planning dramatic monologue; drafting and performing dramatic monologue in character on World Book Day. Grammar & Punctuation focus: general punctuation mixed practice; spelling, grammar and punctuation assessment.

RE: Jesus the Messiah: To deepen our understanding of Jesus.

Science: Circulatory System: Understanding the role and function of the heart in the circulatory system.

PSHE: Participate in Children's Environmental Parliament project

Latin: To recognise and use conjunctions in Latin.

PE: Netball

Next week, the Year 6s will be focusing on assessment across the curriculum and will surely do brilliantly!



## Year 5

Year 5 has had a brilliant, and busy, week for Book Week! It has also been Assessment Week, and the children have been very focused. Here is what else Year 5 have been up to this week:

In Maths, in addition to completing their first Maths assessment this term, we have continue looking at addition and subtraction with decimal numbers.

In English, we have shown resilience when completing our Reading and Spelling assessments. We also used our English time to immerse ourselves in books, celebrating Book Week! We designed our own books, performed poetry, read to Year 1s and created our own bookmarks to celebrate reading!

In Geography, we have been thinking about the effects of living near to a volcano. We have thought about the advantages and disadvantages of living near to a volcano and have created balanced arguments discussing the question: Should people live near to a volcano?

In Science, we learned about the formation of the solar system.

In Art, Year 5 began carving their Kenojuak Ashevak inspired fish out of soap.

In RE, we have been continuing our unit on 'Inspirational People'. We have been thinking about how the Beatitudes show us the way to live and have been thinking about ways they can help us to be true followers of Jesus.

Have a lovely weekend! Miss Cornes and Miss Ffyon



# Year 4:

Year 4 have had another brilliant and busy week of learning alongside all of our wonderful Book Week activities, including our workshop on Monday. Here's a look at what we have been working on.

**English:** We have been continuing with our novel Lob. We practised using subordinating conjunctions and picking out evidence from the text to show that Lob is either real or imaginary.

**Maths:** We plotted fractions on a numberline, converted improper fractions to mixed numbers and practiced finding equivalent fractions using a variety of strategies.

**History/Geography:** We continues our learning on the Mayan way of life.

**Art/DT:** We made our own Mayan worry dolls using pegs and wool.

**Science:** We continued our learning on electricity this week. We explored different circuit components, their functions and the symbols used to represent different components. We then created a circuit as a class.

**P.E:** We continued developing our cricket skills this week with some throwing and catching drills and putting them into practice in a game.

Well done all and I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.



# Year 3:

Year 3 have had a fun-filled Book Week, with a workshop, Romeo and Juliet masquerade crafts, costume designing, bookmark making and much reading!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

-In Maths, we used intervals to understand what fractions a number line is going up in, and placed fractions on the number line.

-In English, we used expanded noun phrases, purposeful language and conjunctions to create a moody setting description.

-In RE, we reflected on the importance of saying sorry and how it can strengthen our relationship with God and our friends.

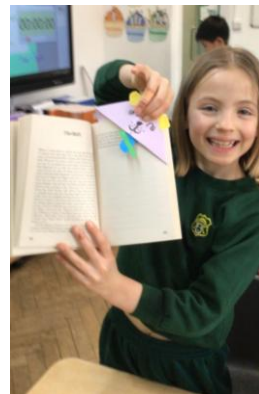
-In PE, we learnt how to throw overhead passes and how to pivot in Netball.

-In Science, we finished our Sun Safety posters and created our own topic pages to revise our light knowledge before next week's assessment.

-In History, we found out about Stone Henge from a true historian in our class who went to visit the sight.

-In PSHE, we reflected on how we can't always trust people online as we do in our offline lives.

-In Art, we sculpted models of Stone Henge out of clay.



## Year 2:

Year 2 have had a brilliant Book Week! They have been taking part in some lovely activities and it was wonderful to see everyone's costumes in celebration of World Book Day! The children have also worked hard for their first week of assessments. Here is what Year 2 have been up to:

For **Book Week**, we took part in a lovely workshop with a focus on Shakespeare's 'A Winter's Tale', designed our own Shakespearean costumes for a character, wrote character profiles for our World Book Day characters, created 'story jars' inspired by our favourite books and made bookmarks!

In **Maths**, we have been learning the five and ten-times tables. We have also been introduced to division through grouping objects.

In **RE**, we learnt about the Catholic Social Teaching Principle, Community and Participation. We created invitations, inviting people from our communities to an Oratory Picnic.

In **History**, we studied the life and work of the Wright Brothers in their lead up to the invention of the world's first powered airplane.



## Year 1:

We have had lots of fun celebrating book week! This is what we have been up to:

**World Book Week:** We started off the week with a very fun workshop learning about our class book, 'As you like it'. We created costumes for our Shakespearean characters and learned how colours and fabrics represented different emotions in book. We swapped classes with Year 2 and Mrs Halls made book jars with the children celebrating their favourite books. With Miss Wood they enjoyed a book quiz. We made character fact files and on Friday went to Year 5 to share our favourite stories.

**Maths:** This week we consolidated our learning of near doubles. We started our subtraction topic with numbers up to 20. We learnt how to subtract using a number line and answered some written word problems.

**Art/DT:** In DT this week we constructed and decorated our boxes.

**Phonics:** This week we have been learning about the 'er' (ir/er/ur) spellings and the tricky words 'upon' and 'always'.

**Religious Education:** This week we have been learning about the story of the Widow's mite. We discussed why her gift was special. We thought about our own Lenten prayers and thought how we could be like the widow and give more. In our Catholic Social Teaching lessons, we thought about how we were part of different communities. We wrote down our different communities and thought about how we could participate in helping within it.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



## Reception:

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**English:** We have been continuing with our novel Lob. We practiced using subordinating conjunctions and picking out evidence from the text to show that Lob is either real or imaginary.

**Maths:** We plotted fractions on a numberline, converted improper fractions to mixed numbers and practiced finding equivalent fractions using a variety of strategies.

**P.S.H.E:** We discussed scenarios where we could apply some of our Brain Buddies skills, and what regulation zones some skills are best suited for.

**History/Geography:** We learned about the Maya number system and had a go at notating and representing numbers using the different symbols!

**Science:** We continued our learning on electricity this week. We explored different circuit components, their functions and the symbols used to represent different components. We then created a circuit as a class.

**D.T:** Tying in with our learning on Mexico and procedural writing, we made our own delicious quesadillas in class this week.

**P.E:** We continued developing our cricket skills this week with some throwing and catching drills and putting them into practice in a game.

Well done all and I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.



## 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
<b>Reception</b>	Luna	Demi-Eleni
<b>Year 1</b>	Matilda	Victoria
<b>Year 2</b>	Ellie	Louis
<b>Year 3</b>	Vincent	Myles
<b>Year 4</b>	Max	Romy
<b>Year 5</b>	Sveva	Yana
<b>Year 6</b>	Zelia	Isabella
<b>Special Act of Kindness</b>	Mrs Bailey, Ms Fyers & Chelsea Jade	

<b>House of the Week</b>	<b>Class of the Week</b>
<b>Yellow House</b>	<b>Year 6</b> (For their fantastic monologue performances!)