

# Newsletter

Spring Term: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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

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

## Dear Parents,

Firstly, I'd like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The summer term is always a particularly special one, where the children make huge strides in their learning and with many exciting events planned, so please do take note of the important dates below. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for making the Pupil Chaplaincy Team's Easter Bake Sale this afternoon such a spectacular success. The brilliant baking, hard-working helpers and of course all of the funds donated was a wonderful example of our brilliant school community coming together in The Oratory Way. Thank you also for ensuring the children were so well presented for our very successful website photos on Thursday.

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

## Upcoming dates

### April

- 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
- 24 April** House of the term mufti day

### 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

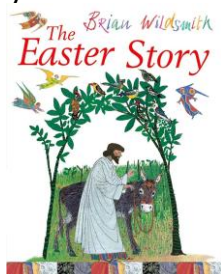
- 1 June** Children return
  - 1 June** Sports Week
  - 5 June** Junior Sports Day (afternoon)
  - 8-12 June** Y6 School Journey Week
  - 8 June** Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
  - 13 June** Y3 First Holy Communion 11am
  - 15 June** Y3 FHC lunch & assembly
  - 19 June** Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am
 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

This week in assemblies we have been focusing on the Resurrection as well as the season of Spring. We have also spent some special time reflecting on the amazing life of Pope Francis and saying special prayers together. We used our artwork of the week by South Korean artist, Yongsung Kim, to reflect on how Jesus brings God's light into the world, revealing God's presence and glory through his words, actions, and ultimately, through his death and resurrection. We also listened to the story of Jesus' Resurrection from the Gospel of Matthew.

### Story of the Week

The Easter Story  
By Brian Wildsmith



### Music of the Week

Alleluia 11  
by Taize



### Art of the Week

Rejoice in His Light,  
Painting by Yongsung Kim



## He is Risen Artwork

Each class has been taking part in a special whole school 'He is Risen' art project this week. Here are some of the wonderful results which are now going to be displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy.



## Resurrection Reporters Live at Oratory!

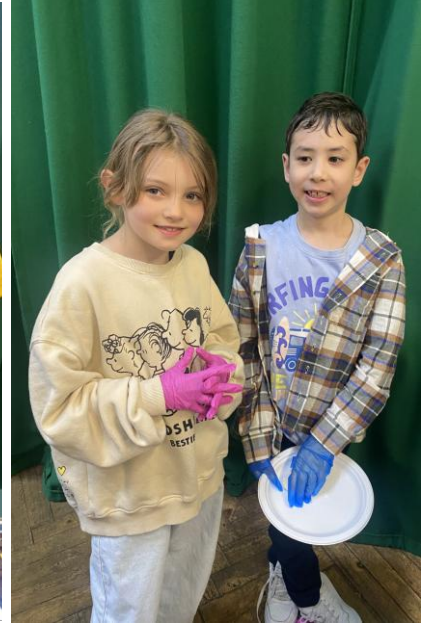
A special thank you to those members of Year 6 who did such a wonderful job performing in assembly this morning. Oratory Primary News (with the help of a hot cross bun-loving Detective, a Roman Soldier and Peter) reported on the true meaning of Easter and had their audience hooked from beginning to end.



# Pupil Chaplaincy News

## Our Egg-cellent Easter Bake Sale!

Well done to our Pupil Chaplaincy Team for organising such a wonderfully successful Easter Cake Sale, which will be able to go towards important RE resources across the school. What an egg-cellent success! Thank you to everyone for your brilliant baking skills, help and most of all to our fabulous Pupil Chaplaincy Team!



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

**We were also completely amazed by the wonderful entries for our Easter 'Light from the Empty Tomb' competition. The standard was so high that we decided that every entry should receive a very well-deserved prize which were awarded in assembly this morning.**

**Photos to follow next week!**

## Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal Boxes

Please bring your Lenten Appeal collection boxes back to school if you haven't done so already. Thank you!

## Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

The 16th April is the Dedication of the Oratory Church, the day on which the church was consecrated for sacred worship. During the ceremony, which took place in 1884, the bishop anointed the church with sacred chrism, which recalls our own anointing with chrism at Baptism and Confirmation. We too are anointed, like churches, because we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, just as we treat our churches with reverence and respect, so much more should we be mindful of the sacredness of our person, fostering personal holiness through prayer and regular reception of the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. While churches are material buildings and therefore come and go, we have immortal souls and have been purchased by the Precious Blood of Christ for eternal glory in both body and soul in Heaven. For this reason we are infinitely more valuable than a sacred building, which is just a faint image of the preciousness of the human person.

### Wednesday Word

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

[Easter Holidays Wednesday Word](#)

## 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](mailto: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!

## House Points for Hats!

Well done to the many children that have been earning their houses lots of points for arriving at school every morning in their caps and boaters. Please ensure that your child has their cap or boater on when they arrive at school so that they are not only representing the school smartly in their full summer uniform, but are also earning those all-important points for their house.

Just a reminder too that longer hair should always be tied back.



## SUMMER TERM CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Please refer to our latest brochure and timetable for all extracurricular activities/clubs for the Summer term. New clubs have been added so do please take a look. There are also still spaces across some clubs including our morning sports clubs so please register directly.

<https://www.oratory.rbkc.sch.uk/after-school-activities/>

## Mental Health Support Update!

Dear parents/carers,

We wanted to share a quick update about West Central London Mind, the organisation that provides Mental Health support within your child's school.

On 1st April 2026, West Central London Mind relaunched under a new brand and name. We are now named Allkind.

This is a very exciting change for the organisation, and we want to reassure you that nothing about your support will change as a result.

What this means for you:

- Your service will stay the same
- The staff you work with will stay the same
- How you access support will stay the same

The only change will be the organisation's name and branding. However, if you have any questions, please speak to the DMHL in your school.



# Allkind

### Your Wellbeing Support

Hi, I'm Annabelle, and I'm here to support children and their families through early prevention, early intervention and education as part of the Mental Health Support Team (MHST).

We believe early intervention is key to improve wellbeing and decrease the number of mental health difficulties in children.



### Who Am I?

I'm an Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), working in your school to promote good emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

I work collaboratively with parents to develop coping strategies to manage your child's distressing thoughts and increase resilience to future problems.

### What Do I Do?

- 1:1 work with parents providing guided self-help to support challenging behaviour or anxiety.
- Leading group workshops to raise awareness about mental health and equip students with tools to manage stress and anxiety.

*I'm here to listen and support you.*

### How to Reach Me?

Speak to your child's teacher or Mr. Alton and they will be able to assist you. Once the referral is made I will contact you for more information and schedule the first session.

Where to find us:

**Allkind.org.uk**



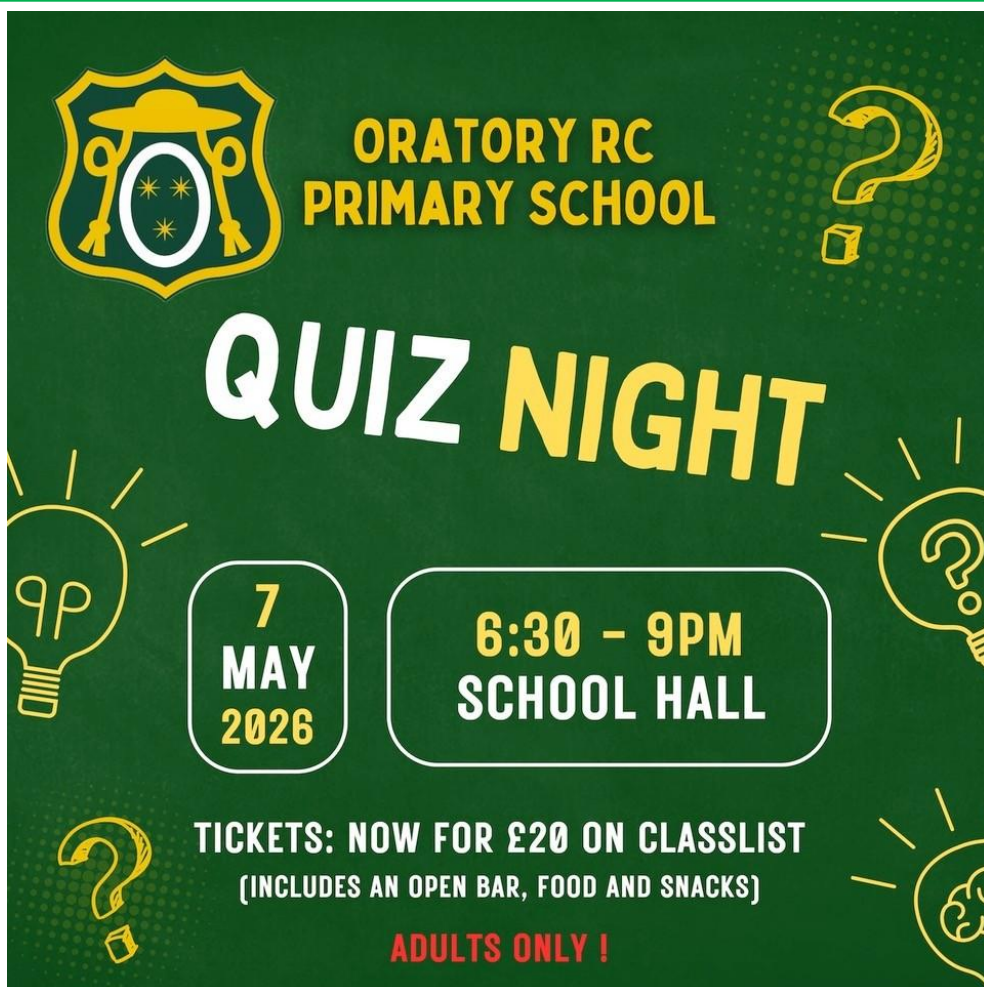
We are so looking forward to our very exciting Movie Night tomorrow. Please come to the double doors at the back of the hall at 5pm – don't forget your beanbags and rugs so you can get comfy and cosy!

All food and drinks will be provided by our wonderful PTA.

### **IMPORTANT!**

Please note that NO children should leave the hall unaccompanied. There will be access to the basement toilets (for junior girls) and the Infant toilets (on the first floor) for all infant girls and boys and junior boys. You must accompany your child if they need to go to the toilet.

Many thanks and we can't wait to see you there!



### **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 first week of the Summer term - it is hard to believe that it will be their final term here at Oratory! We have a busy and exciting term ahead and the children started it off excellently. In the classroom, the children have focused on:

**Maths:** Algebra: One -step equations; Finding pairs of values; Finding two unknowns; Statistics: Line graphs; Dual Bar Charts. Arithmetic Review practice.

**English:** Reading Focus: The Journey by Francesca Sanna & The Raven by Edgar Allan Poe. Reading objectives: Making predictions based on inferences about a text; Discussing the affect of language choices; Reading and discussing a wide range of fiction and poetry; Discussing and evaluating how authors use language and considering the impact on the reader. Writing objectives: Making choices about vocabulary to inform mood. Grammar & Punctuation focus: Subject/Verb Agreement; Pronouns; Modal Verbs

**RE:** Jesus the Messiah: Assessment task on understanding of the Resurrection; Creating 'He is Risen' inspired artwork.

**Science:** Living Things & Their Habitats: To understand explore requirements for life and the differences between living and non-living things.

**PE:** Cricket & Gymnastics

**Art:** To understand the life and work of Mildred Thompson. Make an A3 abstract art work.

**Latin:** To understand that the subject and object must agree in case and number.

**PSHE:** Emotional Well-Being: Considering healthy ways to engage with the idea of body image.

Next week, we will continue gearing up for the SATs with revision and hard work. Enjoy the weekend!



## Year 5

What a wonderful week back after our Easter break. Here is a summary of our learning this week:

- In English, as part of our book study of 'Shackleton's Journey', we have been planning and writing news reports about the safe return of crew members on Shackleton's expedition.
- In Maths, we have been finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We have also be finding the area of rectangles and compound shapes.
- In RE, we have reflected on the meaning of the resurrection. We also designed some beautiful and symbolic 'He Has Risen' art.
- In PSHE, we have looked at money and how to budget our money - and why this is important.
- In Science, we studied the life of Copernicus.
- In Art, we looked at portraits of Elizabeth I.
- In PE, we continue to enjoy swimming and we practiced our hand eye co-ordination in our PE lesson.

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



## Year 4:

Year 4 have had a wonderful week to set us up for the summer term!

English: In English, we started our new text 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. We made predictions and looked at persuasive writing techniques. We also planned our own advertisements persuading people to visit Iceland.

Maths: We continued our work on fractions and decimals and learned how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100 using decimals.

R.E: We learned about the events after Jesus' resurrection and the empty tomb. We sequenced these events and reflected on Peter's thoughts after what he witness in the tomb.

Science: Using mirrors, we examined the different shapes of our teeth. We discussed the teeth's role in digestion and the functions of our different teeth.

French: We started to look at sports and activities in French, and explored new vocabulary to describe our favourite hobbies.

P.E: Using our passing and communication skills, we started to work on netball through some drills and matches.

Well done Year 4 on a wonderful week. We hope you all enjoy the weekend!

Year 4 Team



## Year 3:

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

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we learnt how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator. We have looked at how to find unit fractions of a set of objects.
- In English, we started our new book, Planet Omar. We explored using similes and metaphors to write a character description.
- In RE, we started our new Branch, 'To the Ends of the Earth' exploring what happens after Jesus' resurrection. We listened to the story of the Road to Emmaus, linking it to what we do at Mass.
- In PE, we practised our throwing and catching skills, in preparation for cricket.
- In History, we looked at when in history 'Ancient Greece' took place.
- In Science, we looked at the parts of a plant and what roles they play.
- In Art, we celebrated Jesus' resurrection by creating some 'He is Risen' artwork.



## Year 2:

Year 2 has been off to a wonderful start this term! The children have settled back into school routines well after the break and have been doing some great learning. Here is what they have been up to this week:

In **English**, in preparation for the start of a new text, we have been looking at fisher men and women and have been making inferences about character from photographs.

In **Maths**, we have been measuring mass in grams and kilograms.

In **RE**, we have been focusing on the Easter story and have been reflecting on the importance of the Resurrection. We created 'He is Risen' artworks to celebrate Easter.

In **Science**, we used different materials to investigate how objects can change shape when you twist, bend, squash and stretch them.

In **Geography**, we identified the geographical features of a city, focusing on London.

In **Art**, we learnt about the life and work of Alma Thomas. We looked at how she uses colour in her abstract paintings to concentrate on beauty and happiness.



## Year 1:

This week the children represented our school beautifully on our trip to Holland Park where we learnt all about seasonal changes in Spring! This is what else we have been learning this week:

**Maths:** In Maths we have started our measurement topic. We used the language of 'longer', 'shorter', 'taller' and 'smaller' to compare length and height. We started to discuss different ways of measuring. We compared ourselves to our classmates to find out who was the tallest in the class and who was the shortest.

**Literacy:** In Literacy we started our new book 'send for a superhero' by Michael Rosen. We met our new characters 'Vacuum' and 'Filth' and used adjectives to describe them. We predicted the outcome of the story based on the illustrations and created our own villains.

**Religious Education:** In Religious Education this week we created 'He is risen' artwork using bright water coloured paints and a crayon. We also sequenced the story of Jesus and we remember that Jesus came for everyone and that we should try to act like Jesus through kindness for others. We discussed ways we could be kind like Jesus and drew pictures to show this.

**Art:** We have been looking at the illustrations used in the Beatrix Potter books.

**Phonics:** This week in Phonics we have been looking at the alternative spellings of the 'ou' sound. We have blended words spelt with 'ow' and 'ou' then sorted words on their spellings. We have also been practicing writing our days of the week.

**Science:** Through our trip to Holland park we looked at seasonal changes happening in Spring. We compared the changes in plants and flowers and discussed what happens to animals when the seasons change.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



## Reception:

Welcome back to another busy term! The children have shown great enthusiasm in their learning this week and we are excited for this to continue to grow over the next few weeks!

**Literacy:** This week, we have begun our new class text "the Very Hungry Caterpillar". The children have enjoyed retelling the story together using different story representations.

**Maths:** This week, we have focused on counting, naming and recognising number to 15.

**UTW:** This week, we discussed the lifecycle of a butterfly.

**PD:** This week, the children practised throwing and catching skills.

**EAD:** This children used collage and cutting skills to create their own Hungry Caterpillar.

**RE:** This week, we focused on the Ascension and recognising the importance of the Holy Spirit.



## 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>	Pedro	Pierpaolo
<b>Year 1</b>	Vigo	Daniella
<b>Year 2</b>	Duda	Anna
<b>Year 3</b>	Olimpia	Zixiao
<b>Year 4</b>	Tina	Athena
<b>Year 5</b>	Clara	Alex G
<b>Year 6</b>	Chelsea	Felix
<b>Special Act of Kindness</b>		Pierre (Y2)

**House of the Week**

**Green House**

**Class of the Week**

**Year 5**

(For such a superb start to the summer term!)