

# Newsletter

Spring Term: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



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

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

## Dear Parents,

It has been yet another productive week in school this week with some welcome sunshine too! Thank you to those that were able to join us for our Benediction service yesterday - it was a special moment of calm prayer for the children and we were all incredibly proud of all of them for demonstrating The Oratory Way throughout. As well as in RE lessons, we have been focusing on the Holy Spirit in assemblies this week and the children have demonstrated wonderful ways in which they can use the fruits of the spirit to guide them. Hopefully the children will be inspired by the London Marathon this weekend, as we will be taking part in our own 'mini marathon' in school next week – read on for more details!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

## Upcoming dates

### 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

### 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

### June (cont.)

- 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

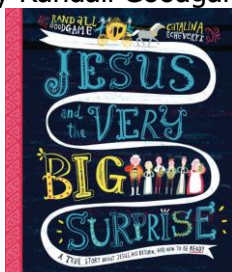
*Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements*

## This week's theme: Holy Spirit

This week in assemblies we have been focusing on the theme of the Holy Spirit. First of all we read our story of the week – Jesus and the very big surprise - a story that shows us that Jesus wasn't the sort of king people expected. Instead of power, riches, or defeating enemies, Jesus came with humility, love, and a mission to save people by giving His life. We then used a deflated balloon and a balloon full of air to demonstrate the power of the Holy Spirit and how we can use it to help us make good choices.

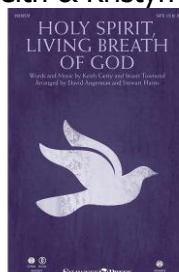
### Story of the Week

*Jesus & the Very Big Surprise*  
By Randall Goodgame



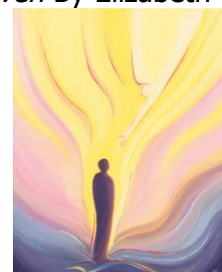
### Music of the Week

*Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*  
By Keith & Kristyn Getty



### Art of the Week

*The Holy Spirit is like fire from Heaven*  
By Elizabeth Wang



## Fabulous Flight Assembly by Year 2

Year 2 put on a fantastic performance this morning, packed with fascinating facts about flight. Their enthusiasm and confidence shone through as they shared what they had learned, as well as demonstrating their creativity with an impressive collection of handmade flying machines, including a spectacular hot air balloon that certainly rivals any other! They even showed off their rockstar skills - well done, Year 2!



## Mary's Month of May

We will be doing a number of special things with the children throughout Mary's month of May.

### Rosary Club



Father James will be running Rosary Club every Monday lunchtime throughout the month of May for any Junior children that would like to go. Children are welcome to bring in their own rosaries if they would like to.

### Feast of Ascension Mass

We will be celebrating with a whole school Mass in school on the Feast of Ascension.



### May Procession

Father James will lead us in our May Procession on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, where all of the children will make a special flower for Mary and then process around the outside of the school as we say the Rosary.

### Mary Garden Rosary

Father James will also be leading the Rosary for all of the children on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May around our very special Mary Garden.

# Magnificent Movie Night!

What wonderful fun everyone who attended our Movie Night last weekend had! The children thoroughly enjoyed their movie with pizza and popcorn galore! Meanwhile, the parents were treated to their own exclusive 'VIP area' in the side playground, where they relaxed in the sunshine with drinks and delicious nibbles. It was a wonderful afternoon of fun for our superb Oratory community. As ever, huge thanks to the PTA and our dedicated team of parents whose hard work and enthusiasm made the event such a success.



# Brilliant Portraits by Art Club



## Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

The 23rd April is the Feast of St George, Patron and Protector of England. Interestingly, St George was not an Englishman by birth. He was a Roman soldier of Cappadocian Greek origin. The fact that he is patron of England reminds us that while love of country is a virtue to be cultivated, our true homeland is not this world, or our country, but rather the Kingdom of Heaven, where Christ calls us each day through the grace He gives us in the Sacraments and in prayer. Let us ask St George to pray for England's spiritual and temporal wellbeing.

## Wednesday Word

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

[Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026](#)

## 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.



## Statutory Assessments

### Year 6 SATs

The week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, our Year 6 pupils will be completing their SATs. We are all so proud of you already for your hard work, each one of you has given your personal best.

We cannot stress how important it is for them to get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast; attendance and punctuality will be particularly vital that week.

We will also remind the other classes to be extra quiet, to allow Year 6 to concentrate well.

[KS2 SATs Information for Parents](#)

### Year 2 Assessments

Although now optional, our Year 2 children will still complete the KS1 SATs papers as a measure of progress and to address any areas of consolidation needed. These tests are far less formal than the Year 6 SATs, and the children will complete them in small groups with Mrs Halls & Mrs Reber the week before and week after half term. Please use the following link for more information for parents about the end of KS1 and KS2 assessments:

[KS1 Optional Tests Information for Parents](#)

### Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check:

At the beginning of June, Year 4 will be completing their Multiplication Tables check.

Please use the following link for more information:

[Year 4 Multiplications Check Information for Parents](#)

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check:

In the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Year 1 will have their Phonics Screening Check. This is not a formal test, but a way for teachers to ensure that children are making sufficient progress with their phonics skills to read words and that they are on track to become fluent readers who can enjoy reading for pleasure and for learning. Please click on the link below for more information:

[Phonics Screening Check Information for Parents](#)

# International Week

Our school is very fortunate to be made up of families from a variety of countries, each bringing a unique culture, heritage and language. We will be holding our wonderful International week from 18-22 May to celebrate this and to learn about parts of the world we might not know so well.

Each class will focus on a particular country for the week:

**Reception:** India

**Year 1:** Kenya

**Year 2:** China

**Year 3:** Morocco

**Year 4:** Ireland

**Year 5:** Australia

**Year 6:** Mexico

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May will be International Costume Day. All children are encouraged to wear some sort of national dress. Costumes can be simple, even a special t-shirt or colours of their national flag.

## International Evening for Year 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May is also our **International Evening** for children and families of children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The children in these classes should be picked up at their usual time on Thursday and then arrive back at school from 6pm and no later than 6.15pm. They then make their way up to their classroom where their teacher will be waiting for them. Parents congregate in the hall ready for the children's performance which will begin at 6.30pm. This will begin with an International Parade with the children introducing their countries, followed by a short performance by the children. We will then enjoy an International Banquet and so it would be lovely if you could bring a national dish along to share afterwards. We are thoroughly looking forward to fantastic cultural celebration!

## Parents' Involvement

Parents are invited to participate in our International Week. Our parent body has such a wealth of experience to share, and it would enrich our international week greatly if some of you would consider coming into school to share some of your knowledge with the children.

Parents may wish to:

- Read a traditional story from their own country
- Cook a national dish with small groups (check allergies beforehand)
- Give a talk about when they are from
- Do a language or craft activity

Please liaise with your child's class teacher to agree a suitable time and activity.

You are more than welcome to go into another class if their country focus is linked to your own heritage.



## Some Very Chirpy Visitors in Reception!

What a busy week it's been for our Reception children...as well as all of their usual brilliant learning, they have also welcomed some very special visitors with the excitement of chicks hatching in their classroom! On top of all this, they also have some very hungry caterpillars who they've been taking great care of too!

Reception are very excited for next week when they will have the opportunity to hold the chicks!



## TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools

Having been inspired by our own marathon runners, Mrs Watkins and Miss Wood, the children will be taking part in our own mini marathon in school next week. On the day that they usually have PE, each class will take part in a two-mile run, jog or walk. This is a great opportunity for the children to feel the benefits of being active and develop healthy habits for life – and maybe even become marathon stars of the future! Please use this link for more details: [TCS Mini London Marathon in Schools](#)

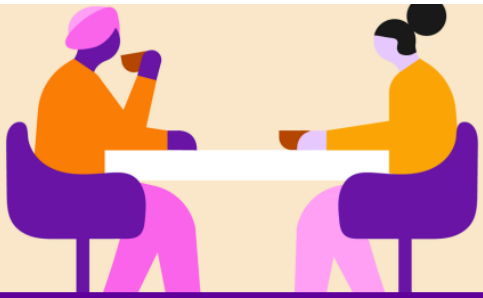


## Auction Prize Art Masterclass with Mrs Bailey & Mrs Halls

These lucky children enjoyed a wonderful art masterclass with Mrs Bailey and Mrs Halls as part of our Auction winning prizes. They created beautiful seascapes and even went home laden with arty party bags and treats – lots of fun was had by all! Thank you to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Halls!



## Allkind Parent Workshop



### Allkind Parents Workshop: Managing Tantrums & Frustrations

We are happy to announce that we are organising an online psychoeducational workshop for parents and carers which is going to be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) from Allkind.

The workshop topic will be Managing tantrums and frustrations. It will be an opportunity to understand the science behind tantrums and meltdowns, learn strategies based on a Cognitive Behavioural Approach to support communication with children around their frustrations, and provide tips to improve challenging behaviour.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026, 9:30am to 10:30am**

Microsoft Teams:  
[Join the meeting now](#)

[Meeting ID: 379 290 075 601 90](#)  
[Passcode: Wd9Yz38B](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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## 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!

**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!**

## Green Orators Sustainability Project

A few weeks ago, we made an application for a fully-funded sustainability project that Chelsea Foundation are running and were successful in gaining a place. Today, our Green Orators Eco Team had a wonderful day at Stamford Bridge for the launch event. Throughout the student-led programme, our Green Orators will be learning and thinking creatively about recycling, waste reduction and environmental responsibility which they will then be able to apply to our lucky school. Ms Mark was very impressed with our Green Orators today who showed The Green Oratory Way all day!

Well done, Green Orators and we can't wait to see where the project takes you!



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

## Year 6

The Year 6s have had another wonderful week! They have been working so diligently on their preparations for the SATs and have continued to reach new personal heights. In the classroom, we have focussed on the following:

**Maths:** Statistics: Pie Charts, The Mean; Geometry: Measuring Angles; Calculating Angles, Angles in a Triangle. Arithmetic Review practice.

**English:** Reading Focus: The Journey by Francesca Sanna . Reading objectives: To retrieve information from a text; to retrieve vocabulary and discuss in its meaning. Writing objectives: To punctuate dialogue. To use dialogue to express a character's thoughts. Grammar & Punctuation focus: whole curricular review - individualised revision focus

**RE:** Jesus the Messiah: To know about the Holy Week ceremonies in church and reflect on their importance for us. The Transforming Spirit: To know about the Ascension and to reflect on what it was like for the disciples.

**Science:** Living Things & Their Habitats: : To group animals and plants based on their features.

**PE:** Cricket & Gymnastics

**History:** To create a topic page to encapsulate learning on the Victorians.

**PSHE:** Emotional Well-Being: Considering strategies to navigate interpersonal issues by reframing thoughts and feelings.

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



## Year 5

Year 5 continues to settle well into their Summer Term! Here is what they have been up to:

**In English,** we have begun our new class novel, Tom's Midnight Garden by Edith. We have been thinking about the features of a graphic novel and exploring character.

**In Maths,** we completed our 'Measurement' unit by looking at the perimeter of 2D and the area of 3D shapes. We have now begun our 'Statistics' unit, looking at line graphs and how to interpret the data.

**In RE,** we have been reflecting on Jesus rising from the dead and have been thinking about what the Resurrection means for us. We also reflected on the Holy Spirit, and used scripture to support us.

**In PE,** Year 5 has been focusing on head-eye co-ordination to support their unit of Tennis this term. They also continue to work hard to practice their different strokes during their swimming lessons.

**In Art,** we continue to study portraits of Elizabeth I and reflected on how they were used to create a positive public image.

Have a wonderful weekend!



## Year 4:

Year 4 have worked very well this week across all subjects.

English: We looked at illustrations critically and used this combined with text to make inferences about characters in our story. We created a role on the wall of Arthur and also wrote letters to the mysterious Professor.

Maths: We practised comparing decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number.

R.E: We discussed the links between Peter's denials and Jesus' restoration of Peter. We reflected on this experience and what this shows us about Jesus.

PSHE: We learned how our teeth grow and change from childhood into adulthood.

P.E: We practised passing and pivoting during different netball games.

French: We used our new vocabulary to ask and answer questions about our favourite hobbies during pair work.

Art: Year 4 completed some beautiful portraits in the stained-glass style of Georges Rouault.

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



## Year 3:

Year 3 have had a wonderful week. This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we learnt how to find unit and non-unit fractions of a set of an amount. We have also used our fractions learning with reasoning questions.
- In English, inspired by our novel's poetic language, we used figurative language to plan, draft and publish poems based on emotions.
- In RE, we made connections with the Early Church and Mass. We also learnt more about St Paul, how he continued Jesus' work and his letters to the Corinthians.
- In PE, we practised our bowling to hit wickets.
- In History, we explored some of the key events that occurred within the time of Ancient Greece.
- In Science, we explored what a plant needs to survive and grow. We thought how we could help support a plant that wasn't thriving.
- In Art, we were inspired by the Ancient Greeks to start creating our own drawings of Greek pottery. We created the base layer today and look forward to adding to it next week.
- In PSHE, we discussed the harmful effects of smoking and passive smoking.



## Year 2:

Year 2 have had a brilliant week this week and Mrs Harris and I are so proud of everyone. The children put so much effort into rehearsing for their assembly today and delivered a wonderful performance! Well done Year 2! Here is what else we have been up to this week:

In **English**, we revealed the name of our new story – 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We wrote setting descriptions, describing the rock both above and beneath the water. We used expanded noun phrases and a range of suffixes in our writing.

In **Maths**, we have been measuring volume using litres and millilitres. We have also been measuring temperature in degrees Celsius.

In **RE**, we sequenced the events from the Resurrection to the Pentecost. We thought about how the apostles felt at these events.

In **Science**, we started a new unit – 'Plants'. We learnt about seeds and made close observations of seeds and bulbs.

In **Geography**, we looked at the geographical features of a small area of the UK – Tobermory.



## Year 1:

This is what we have been learning this week:

**Science:** This week we started our topic about trees. We learnt about deciduous and evergreen trees and took a walk to St Luke's gardens to identify different types of trees. We also had the chance to draw all the different trees, flowers and trees that we could identify.

**History:** In History we are learning about significant people. This week we learnt about Mary Seacole and sorted the key events in her life in order. We also identified key reasons why she was significant.

**Religious Education:** This week we retold the story of the road to Emmaus and discussed how the Holy Spirit has been represented in art and music. The children then drew their own artwork about how they think the Holy Spirit is represented.

**English:** In Literacy we are reading Send for a superhero by Michael Rosen. This week the children used s/es to create lists containing plural words. They created their own superheroes and used adjectives and words containing the suffixes -ful and -les to describe them. We also drew pictures and labelled our superheroes. We wrote a letter to ask them for help.

**Maths:** In Maths we have been starting our topic of measurement focusing on weight. We have been using rulers and learning about CM. We have been using the language of longer, shorter and taller to compare. We have also been using scales to measure and compare a range of objects.

**Art:** In Art we have been using watercolours to create our own Beatrix Potter inspired paintings.

**Phonics:** This week we have been recapping the sounds ie, ea, ey and e\_e. We have been focusing on the tricky words could, would and should.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team.



## Reception:

Reception have had a very exciting week of learning with the arrival of some very special visitors!

**Literacy:** The children have been practising writing sentences using their knowledge of the class text "The Very Hungry caterpillar".

**Maths:** This week, we have continued to explore the number pattern beyond 20.

**Phonics:** We have been learning about the sound "y" as "ee" when it appears at the end of the word, for example "happy"

**PSED:** This week, we talked about the rules of the road and the importance of following the signs and instructions when crossing the road.

**EAD:** The children created pieces of work which reflect the work of Romero Britto. They also created 3D models of flowers and minibeasts using different resources.

**PD:** The children practised dribbling the ball and keeping it in one area.

**RE:** This week, we discussed how the Church is a special place and talked about different features we might see in a church.



## 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>	Alessia	Jaime
<b>Year 1</b>	Constanca	Matthias
<b>Year 2</b>	Roque	Sienna
<b>Year 3</b>	Aryan	Sofia
<b>Year 4</b>	Carmen	Sebastian
<b>Year 5</b>	Taliya	Ava Grace
<b>Year 6</b>	Genesis	Maria Sole
<b>Special Act of Kindness</b>		William (Y6)

<b>House of the Week</b>	<b>Class of the Week</b>
<b>Yellow House</b>	<b>Year 2</b> (For their wonderful assembly!)