

Newsletter

Summer Term: 26th June 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

What an extraordinary week it has been! The exceptionally high temperatures have certainly presented us with conditions unlike anything we have experienced before in school. Despite the heat, I have been incredibly impressed by the resilience, perseverance and positive attitudes shown by all of the children. They have continued to work hard, stay focused and make the very best of a challenging week. My thanks also go to our wonderful staff, who have gone above and beyond to ensure that learning continued while keeping the children safe, comfortable and smiling. Thanks also to all of you for your support and cooperation throughout the week - it was greatly appreciated. With cooler temperatures forecast, we are looking forward to a return to more normal conditions next week!

We are also looking forward to welcoming many of you into school, beginning with our Coffee Morning on Monday, followed by our Parents' Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. You will be receiving your child's end of year report on Monday, ahead of these meetings. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

June

29 June MapQuest Fortnight begins

29 June Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am

July

1 & 2 July Parents' Evening

3 July Summer Mufti Day

3 July Y1 Cake Sale 3.30pm

6 July Whole School Mass at Brompton Oratory 10am

8 July Summer Music Concerts –Infants: 2pm Juniors: 2.30pm

July (cont.)

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

September

1 & 2 Sept Inset Days (school closed for pupils)

3 Sept Children return

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

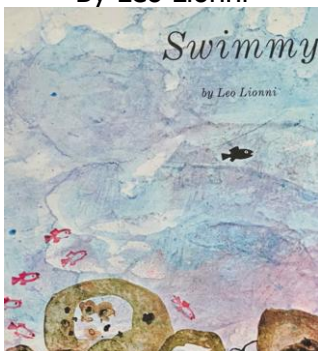
This week's theme: Solidarity & Peace

This week in assembly our theme has been focused on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity and Peace. We discussed what helps people live peacefully together and reflected on what happens when we remember that everyone belongs. We imagined a beautiful garden: peace is the garden and solidarity is the way we help each other grow in it. We looked at different artworks of The Good Samaritan as an example of solidarity and then enjoyed the story 'Swimmy' which taught us about both peace and solidarity.

Story of the Week

Swimmy

By Leo Lionni



Music of the Week

With a little help from my Friends

By The Beatles



Art of the Week

The Good Samaritan

By Eugene Delacroix



A Superworm Spectacle by Reception Class

A huge well done to our wonderful Reception children for their fantastic class assembly this morning!

They confidently retold the story of 'Superworm' and shared an important message about being grateful for our beautiful world and the responsibility we all have to look after it. We were all very proud of Reception with learning all their lines, singing their songs beautifully and performing so well for their first assembly in front of the school. Well done, Reception!



Infant Sports Day

We had a sizzling afternoon on Monday for our Infant Sports Day! Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all did a fantastic job in their races and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship skills. A particular thank you to our Year 6 children who supported the younger children in their usual caring manner in extremely hot conditions!



Beating the Heat with Ice Lollies!

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising an enormous delivery of much-needed ice lollies on Thursday. They were a very welcome surprise and helped make a very hot day that little bit cooler. As you can see, they were very much enjoyed by all!



Year 3 at the National Gallery

On Monday, we were lucky enough to visit the National Gallery to expand our learning on Myths and Legends, as represented in Art. As we walked through the gallery, we spotted Caravaggio's 'The Supper at Emmaus', which we recognised from our RE learning.

We taught our guide all that we know and she was extremely impressed!



Map Quest Fortnight

Next week, every class will be starting our Map Quest fortnight for which the children have the opportunity to learn about different areas of the world, building on their developing locational knowledge. The children will be taking part in a number of activities in class and for homework and then also complete their quiz at the end of the two weeks to achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate.

Here are the topics by year group:

Reception:	North/South Pole, Equator & locate UK and London in the world
Year 1:	7 continents and 5 oceans (equator north/south pole)
Year 2:	4 countries/ capital cities of the UK; surrounding bodies of water
Year 3:	Rivers, mountains, regions of the UK; major UK cities
Year 4:	Europe
Year 5:	The Americas
Year 6:	Counties of UK

School Council Week

Our brilliant School Council children have been so patient in waiting for their moment to take over the school for their School Council Week which will now be next week due to the heatwave.

They are in the midst of making lots of wonderful plans, including:

Wednesday 1st July: Sponge School Council! Don't miss the opportunity to sponge your school council (who willingly put themselves forward!) for their chosen charity. Well done, School Council! (Although we might all be a bit jealous of them given the forecast next week!)

Friday 3rd July: Sponsored Skip

Get practising those skipping skills as we'll be skipping our way to fundraising for School Council's chosen charity: War Child.



Thursday 2nd July



Oratory's Got Talent!

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School Council will be delighted to host our much-anticipated annual 'Oratory's Got Talent' on the afternoon of Friday 26th June. Auditions are being held at this very moment!

Most importantly, School Council have chosen the charity: War Child to raise important funds for throughout the week. It is set to be a superb School Council Week!

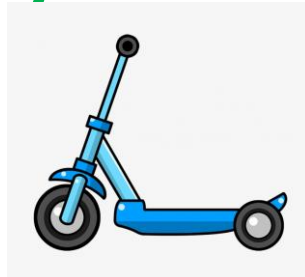
Thank you, Year 1!



A huge thank you to these two incredibly thoughtful children in Year 1 who, instead of receiving birthday presents at their party, they asked their classmates to make donations to the Newman Fund.

Thanks to their kindness, and the generosity of all the children and families in Year 1, an amazing £440 was raised! No wonder these two received my Act of Kindness in assembly this morning! Thank you to our Year 1 families - we are incredibly proud of our wonderfully thoughtful Oratory community.

Save your Scooters!



We have noticed that a large number of scooters are being left in the playground on a permanent basis. As a result, there is often very little space available on the scooter racks for children arriving at school each morning.

We kindly ask all parents to ensure that their child's scooter is taken home at the end of each school day where possible, rather than being left in the playground for prolonged periods of time.

Please note that any scooters remaining in the playground at the end of term will be considered unclaimed and will be donated to charity.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep the scooter storage area tidy and available for everyone.

Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

Alongside the Nativity of Christ, two other 'birthdays' are celebrated in the liturgical calendar: that of Our Lady (8th September), and that of St John the Baptist (24th June). This is because both of these saints were born without sin: Mary was conceived immaculately, and St John was freed from original sin at his encounter with Our Lord in the womb of his mother, when he 'leaped for joy' before the presence of Christ. The birth of St John the Baptist takes place exactly six months before Christmas. By his birth, he points us to the birth of the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word: [26th June 2026](#)

Music Concerts



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

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 8th July at 2pm.**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

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 at **2.30pm.**

This will be an opportunity for you to see just how much brilliant learning the children have been doing in their music lessons with Miss Buller.

Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale



We will be having a coffee morning and uniform sale on **Monday 29th June** from 8.30am

in the school hall to which we have also invited any new families who will be joining us in September.

Weather and Uniform Update

Given that next week returns to more normal temperatures (hurrah!) we will return to normal summer uniform expectations please – many thanks!



Children should still bring a bottle of water and their house-coloured caps for playtimes. Please also ensure you apply sun cream on your child in the morning.

Reminder: Holiday dates

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that term ends on **Friday 17th July at 1.30pm.** Families **should not** book holidays before this date. Sickness absence at the beginning and end of term requires a doctor's certificate. The end of the school year is a vital time in a pupil's academic and social development. Children are being taught particular skills and curriculum content in preparation for the next year group and transitions are important. Pupils who miss time in these last few days are at a disadvantage at the beginning of the next year group. Not only this, low attendance figures reflect badly on the school and cause significantly more administrative work for the school's leaders and office staff. Thank you.

AllKind Parent Workshop



Allkind Parent Workshop: Helping Your Young Child Sleep

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

The workshop topic will be on Helping Your Young Child Sleep. This workshop will be a presentation and opportunities for discussion around the strategies to support young children's sleep, including bedtime routines, tips on sleep hygiene, and relaxation techniques.

The workshop is going to take place at online on the date and time shown below.

Friday 3rd July, 9:30am to 10:30am

Microsoft Teams:

[Join the meeting now](#)

[Meeting ID: 357 976 824 123 783](#)

[Passcode: vf9YS2TP](#)



We are looking forward to seeing you there!

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have coped remarkably well with the challenges of the heat this week. They have worked hard and managed the changes to routine with their usual maturity. This week we have done the following:

Maths: Curricular review activities: Factors & Common factors; Multiplying fractions; Rounding to nearest millions, hundred thousands and thousands; algebra - substitution; dividing to decimal places.

Science: Evolution & Inheritance: To understand that offspring inherit characteristics from their parents.

English: Writing focus: Planning, drafting, editing and publishing personal letters for the Year 6 Yearbook;

Drama Focus: rehearsing reading with intonation and character for Year 6 play rehearsals.

Music: Rehearsing songs for Year 6 production

PE: Tennis & Leading Infant Sports Day

Art: Tessellation- Explore environmental and made patterns (Islamic art and design) ; Guided drawing- Create tone and texture and different forms and shapes, patterns and colours.

Computing: How to stay Safe online.

Next week we will be truly focusing in on our end of year production - lots of acting, singing and dancing to come! Enjoy the weekend and stay cool!



Year 5

Despite the hot weather this week, the children have shown fantastic resilience, remaining positive, focused and enthusiastic in their learning.

In English, we continued developing our understanding and use of poetic performance, exploring how poets convey the emotions, thoughts and motives of different characters.

In History, we continued our Tudor topic, focusing on the impact of trade on British life and how it helped shape society during the Tudor period.

In Maths, we continued our Shapes unit, developing our skills in measuring, estimating and drawing angles accurately.

In Art, we continued our Tudor embroidery project, demonstrating increasing creativity and attention to detail.

In Science, we compared the work and contributions of Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein, considering how their ideas changed our understanding of the world.

In PSHE, we took part in the Chelsea Foundation Equality and Diversity Programme, where the children explored stereotypes, equality and equity through engaging rap workshops. They reflected thoughtfully on the importance of inclusion, respect and celebrating differences.

In RE, we learned about how we can take inspiration from the Bible, the teachings of the Church and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives, helping us to make positive choices and live out our faith.

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



Year 4:

Year 4 have worked hard and have been doing their very best across our learning this week.

English: We have been using conjunctions to join clauses. We used different adverbials wrote our own explanatory texts based on the rainbows in our novel.

Maths: We have been learning about statistics and interpreting data from line graphs and bar charts. We collected class data and represented this in different ways.

R.E: We discussed the conversion of Paul and the importance of Christ in this encounter. We looked at different artwork depicting this event and reflected on the meaning of how light is used and the different depictions of Christ.

Science: We learned about primary, secondary and tertiary consumers within food chains. We also created food webs, incorporating different predators and prey.

DT: We designed and created handheld fans.

Computing: We identified errors in action sequences and debugged them in pairs.

PSHE: We explored different stereotypes in careers and the different reasons which influence a person's career choice. We discussed and ranked the reasons we felt were important and thought about potential jobs which matched these values.

Well done Year 4 on a wonderful week of learning and great perseverance in class! Year 4 Team



Year 3:

Year 3 had done very well at working so hard in spite of the heat, well done Year 3!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

-In Maths, we have started our topic of 'Statistics' and learnt how to interpret pictograms.

-In English, we drafted, published and presented weather reports using time adverbials, the present perfect tense and a formal tone to describe the unusual weather occurring in our class novel.

-In RE, we explained how Christians link the Passover sacrifice with Jesus' death. We recognised why Jesus is often called 'The Paschal Lamb'.

-In Art, we looked at the architecture of the Parthenon and compared it to modern architecture that has been influenced by the Ancient Greeks.

-In PE, we practised using tennis rackets and developed our hand-eye coordination.

-In French, we learnt how to say where we live and answer questions about where someone else lives.

-In PSHE, we recognised positive things about ourselves and our achievements. We set goals to help achieve personal outcomes.



Year 2:

We have had a busy week in Year 2 and the children have persevered through the heat brilliantly! The children enjoyed their Sports Day at the beginning of the week. They tried their best in their races and supported each other wonderfully! Here is what they have been up to:

In **English**, we have been debating. We have been thinking about reasons that Bear should or should not be honest with Bird about his white lie. We have been writing persuasive letters to Bear to convince him why he should be honest with Bird.

In **Maths**, we have started a new focus on 'Position and Direction'. We have been describing the position of different objects in relation to each other and we have been describing movement.

In **RE**, we have been reflecting upon how we can act as Good Samaritans in our own lives and community. We looked at artworks portraying the parable of 'The Good Samaritan' and explored the work of the charity 'Cafod'.

In **Art**, we used weaving to make African Kente clothes. We have also explored the work of Henri Matisse and have created our own cutouts.

In **Computing**, we used trial and error to produce an accurate set of instructions to control an on-screen object.



Year 1:

Well done Year 1 for your brilliant perseverance in the heat! This is what we have been learning this week:

Maths: This week in Maths we have been learning about money. The children have been identifying coins and notes. They have been ordering them from the smallest value to the largest value. They have also been grouping coins based on their value and have started to answer written word problems for money.

Computing: This week in Computing the children have been learning about algorithms, computer literacy and how to stay safe online. They started off by following instructional language by creating an image from my instructions. We then programmed the Beebots to follow a set of instructions and wrote them down. We also pretended we were the Beebots by giving instructions to our friends. We also learnt about the importance of staying safe online and using our typing skills we made online posters.

Literacy: In Literacy we shared our favourite books to the class and read lots of stories.

Geography: In preparation for MapQuest fortnight, we started to look at flags and identify the countries on a world map.

PE: On Monday we held our Infant Sports Day. The children participated beautifully and showed the Oratory Way by trying hard in all areas.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team.



Reception:

The children have had a very busy week! We are very proud of them for completing their first sports day and class assembly this week. They have shown great resilience and determination!

Phonics: This week, we have practised reading words and sentences with all known sounds. We have also revised tricky words.

Literacy: The children enjoyed writing a letter to a character in the story. We focused on asking a question and using seaside vocabulary.

Maths: This week, we focused on using positional language.

UTW: The children enjoyed learning about ocean pollution and the things we can do to protect our seas and oceans.

RE: This week, we talked about how Jesus is loved all over the world.



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	Otto	Begona
Year 1	Charlotte	Annabella
Year 2	Louis	Conor
Year 3	Marcus	William
Year 4	Liam	Giulio
Year 5	Marcelo	Adrian
Year 6	Chelsea Jade	Camille
Special Act of Kindness		Constanca & Isabella (Y1)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Blue House	Reception (For their superb Superworm Assembly!)