

Newsletter

Summer Term: 10th July 2026



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

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the final week of the academic year! This week has been filled with the joy and celebration of music, with our wonderful music concerts on Wednesday, which showcased the talent and enthusiasm of our Oratorian musicians. As well as very special celebrations for our Lydia Lang Award assembly - an event that has become such an integral part of our school community. Finished off with a spectacular celebration for Yellow House today who couldn't have looked happier! And the celebrations and special events of course continue into next week. We are especially looking forward to the Year 6 play on Wednesday evening and our Leavers' Mass for Year 5 and Year 6 on Thursday, where we will welcome our Year 5 children as our new leaders of the school and of course celebrate our very special Year 6 leavers as they prepare for the next chapter of their journey. On top of all this, the children have enjoyed their MapQuest learning and certainly showed off their knowledge for the final quiz this week – well done Oratorian Geographers! Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

July

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*

September

1 & 2 Sept Inset days (school closed to pupils)
3 Sept Children return
7 Sept Reception Group 1 start 9.15am
9 Sept Reception Group 2 start 9.15am
14 Sept Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
15 Sept Start of year Mass at Brompton Oratory 10am
17 Sept Meet the teachers evening 6.30pm (school hall)
21 Sept Languages Week
22 Sept Secondary Transfer Meeting Y5&Y6 3.45pm
25 Sept Y6 Cake Sale

This week's theme: MapQuest

In our assemblies this week, we focused on MapQuest, and I was thoroughly impressed by the children's knowledge as they confidently shared three things they had learned about their focus topic. We also built on our learning from last year by revisiting our Artist of the Week, Matthew Cusick, whose intrinsic artwork is created using maps. Finally, we reflected on Pope Francis' message in 'Laudato Si', considering how we can put our Catholic Social Teaching into action by caring for God's creation. The children shared thoughtful ideas about the small but meaningful ways we can all protect and cherish the world that God has entrusted to us.

Story of the Week

Laudato Si

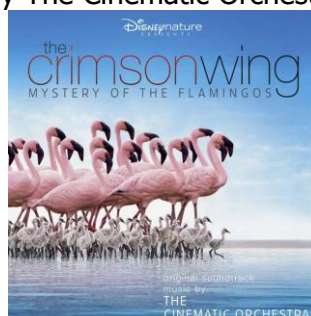
By Pope Francis



Music of the Week

Arrival of the Birds

By The Cinematic Orchestra



Art of the Week

Three Horses

By Matthew Cusick



Thank you for the Music!

What an afternoon of musical magic we were treated to for our music concerts on Wednesday. The children all performed brilliantly and demonstrated the excellent progress they have made with their musical skills in their lessons with Miss Buller – from learning chords on the ukulele, to playing full songs on the clarinet and all with beautiful singing to go with it. It is particularly wonderful to see how many children are now so keen to perform solo pieces on their instruments too – the children should feel very proud of themselves.

Well done, children and of course a big thank you to Miss Buller!



Lydia Lang Award

The Lydia Lang Memorial Award is for pupils who have excelled in the school's mission over the past year:

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

We celebrated all of our wonderful nominees with their families and the Lang family in a very special assembly on Tuesday and then they all enjoyed a very well-deserved 'ice cream parlour' treat too! Congratulations to them all and especially to our very worthy Lydia Lang Award winner for this year.

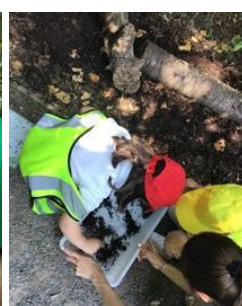


Yellow House Party!

What an amazing treat our Yellow House children had today! A thoroughly well-deserved celebration after all those brilliant house points. From bolognaise to yellow candy floss and brilliant games, a fantastic afternoon was had by all. Huge thanks of course to all of the generous parents who made it such a memorable and special event for the children.



Reception on a Minibeast Hunt at the Natural History Museum



Oratory Thespians Shine in Shrek the Musical!

A huge congratulations to all of our Oratory children who took part in the recent Earls Courtiers production of Shrek the Musical at the Beatrix Potter Globe. They performed with tremendous confidence, energy and talent, and we are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school. The success of the show was the result of many weeks of commitment, dedication and rehearsals, and to then perform so brilliantly in temperatures of over 35°C - while keeping big smiles on their faces throughout - was a wonderful achievement! Hopefully many of you were able to enjoy the performance yourself.

Well done to everyone involved and especially our Oratorian thespians!



Refreshing Ice Lollies for Everyone!

Although Yellow House enjoyed the party of all parties today, the other children all enjoyed a much-needed ice lolly for all of their hard work on the many house points that they have earned for their houses over the year. There were even enough for the teachers...hooray!



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

In the month of July we venerate the Precious Blood of Jesus, the price of our salvation. In his First Letter, St John says that 'if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son cleanses us from all sin.' Every grace we receive, through which we are cleansed from sin and made children of God, is a fruit of His Precious Blood, shed for our salvation and our sanctification. Thus the Precious Blood reveals the depths of God's Love for us: by devotion to the Precious Blood, we come to know and respond to the God Who in dying for us on the Cross has loved us first.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word: [10th July 2026](#)

Outstanding Payments – Summer Term

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at the Oratory, please refer to your ParentPay account [ParentPay](#) for any outstanding dues. We are always appreciative of your generosity to the children and the school community and would be grateful if these could be settled as soon as possible before the break for the summer.

School Office

Leavers' Mass for Y5 & Y6

Families of children in Y5 and Y6, please put **Thursday 16th July at 2pm** in your diaries as we will be celebrating our very special Leavers' Mass, bidding farewell to our leavers, as well as awarding Y5 with their Prefect roles.

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.

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.

MapQuest Masters!

It has been wonderful to see the children developing their locational and map skills knowledge, as well as strengthening their wider geographical skills throughout our MapQuest project. Our Oratorian geographers hard work and perseverance paid off and they all thoroughly deserve their well-earned MapQuest certificates as well as the many Super Steinart's that have been awarded!

Congratulations also to our Oratorian geographers who represented their houses so brilliantly in our MapQuest Masters Geography Quiz in this morning's assembly. They demonstrated impressive geographical knowledge, excellent teamwork and great enthusiasm!

Particular well done to the Green House children who were the victorious team!



PTA Garden Party



Come celebrate the end of the school year with us at this year's Oratory RC Primary School PTA Garden Party!!!

♀ Stanhope Gardens, SW7 5RG

📅 Sunday, 12th July 2026

🕒 From 2PM - 5PM

Just as in previous years, this will be a wonderful school community event in one of London's most beautiful garden squares! Bring your picnic blankets, games and footballs and let the children enjoy a lovely summer afternoon with their friends!

We are still in the process to sort out logistics but we hope to have a bouncy castle for the children as well food and beverages.

🎫 Tickets are available on Classlist NOW from £5 – don't miss out!

📄 Ticket link: <https://app.classlist.com/s/XET5KO>

Let's come together, celebrate, and make this another unforgettable Oratory PTA Summer Garden Party!

PS: If you are available to help on the day, please contact Markus on 07738 399920

Healthy School Holidays

A vibrant, colorful illustration for a 'Healthy School Holidays' campaign. The central text 'HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS' is in large, bold, white letters with a yellow and pink 3D effect. Below it, the tagline 'Stay active, eat well, have fun!' is written in a playful font. The background features a large blue electric guitar on the left, a red and blue speaker on the right, and a green jump rope. Several diverse children are depicted in various active poses: one is jumping, another is running, and others are standing and waving. A green banner in the top left corner states 'FREE FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS'. At the bottom, there is a red lunchbox with a banana and a water bottle. Logos for 'OUR CITY' (Westminster & Chelsea), the City of Westminster, The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and the Department for Education are displayed in the bottom right corner.

FREE FOR FAMILIES
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEALS

HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Stay active, eat well, have fun!

**ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**
Make the most of spring, summer
and winter school holidays

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AND CHELSEA

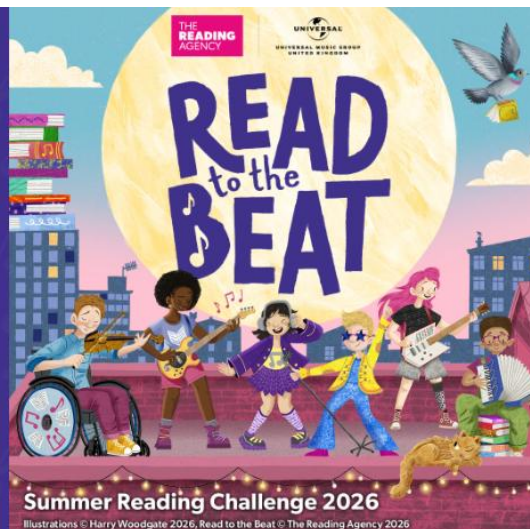
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Summer Reading Challenge

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a visit from a librarian from Chelsea Library, who spoke to the children about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge encourages children to keep reading throughout the summer holidays by borrowing books from their local library, collecting rewards and enjoying a wide range of exciting stories and non-fiction books. It's a fantastic way to maintain reading skills over the holidays while discovering new authors and developing a lifelong love of reading. We encourage all of our families to take part and find out more about the challenge here: [Summer Reading Challenge](#).

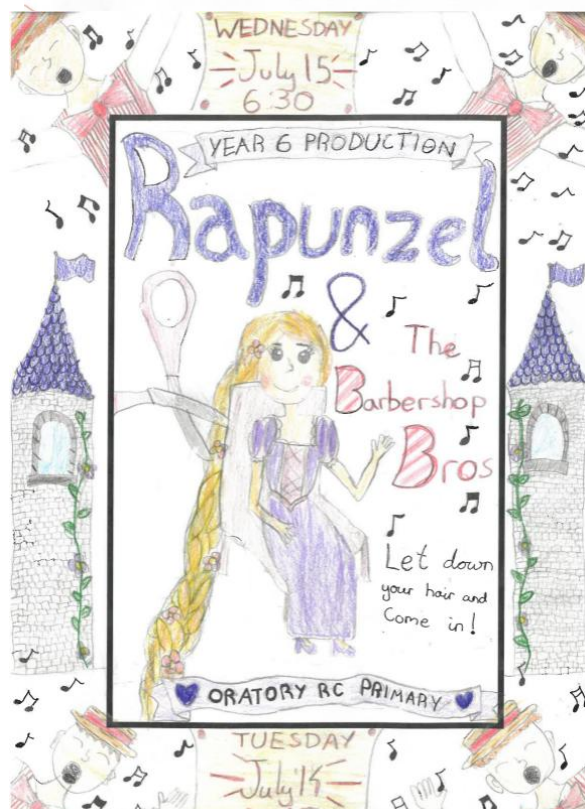
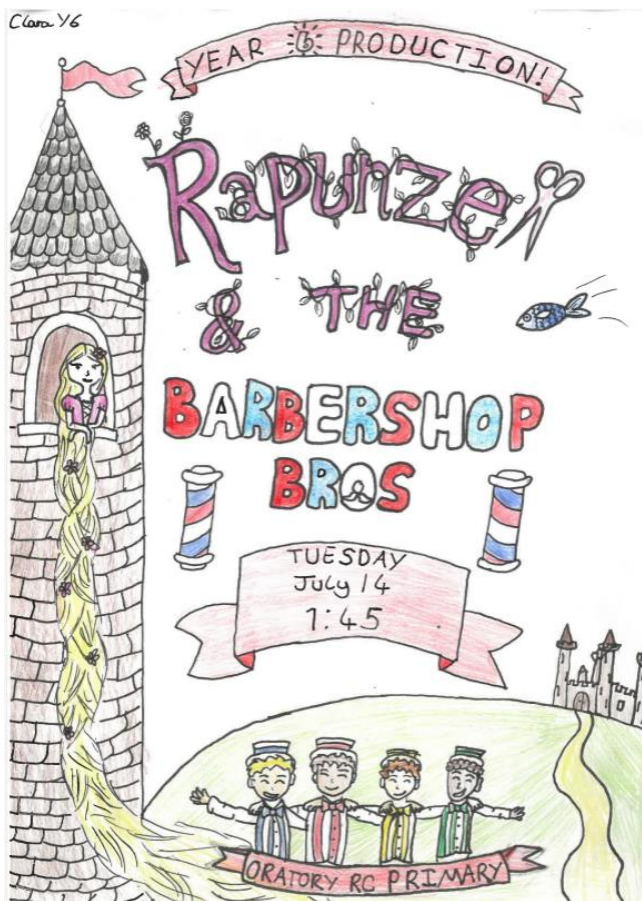
Read to the Beat!

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate, and will launch on 20 June in Scotland and 4 July in England and Wales.



Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros comes to Oratory!

Our Year 6 children are so excited to showcase their brilliant production of Rapunzel and the Barbershop Bros to the school next week and to our Year 6 families on Wednesday evening (6.30pm). They have been working so hard in rehearsals and the school walls are now adorned with these brilliant posters that we have all been enjoying. Good luck and go for it, Year 6!



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

This week has been an incredibly productive one - the Year 6s have been incredibly diligent as geographers in the second part of our Mapquest and have put their absolute best into their preparations for the end of year play, Rapunzel & The Barbershop Bros. In the classroom, the children have focused on the following:

Maths: Using problem solving and reasoning skills to design, play and modify place value games.

RE: Called to Serve: To understand that we are all called to be disciples and give examples of our response to this invitation.

Geography: Mapquest: Identifying the 48 English counties by name and location; Use and understand the need for O.S maps – symbols and keys; Measure straight line distances between two points on a plan and translate into km (or miles) using the scale ; Measure curved line distance(Ordinance survey.co.uk); Select the most appropriate route to get from A to B and give directions; Understanding of travel, time, distance e.g. Newcastle: 3 hours (train), 6 hours (car) and 1 hour (plane)

English: Reading Focus: Poetry comprehension competition in groups; Drama Focus: rehearsing and performing Year 6 end of year production

Art: Using mixed media to create backdrops, practical props and posters for Year 6 end of year production

PE: Tennis & Athletics

Music: Singing rehearsals & choreography for end of year production; End of term recorder 'Waltz' performance
It is hard to believe that next week will be our final one in Year 6. It will be a week filled with performance, accomplishment, reflection and fun!



Year 5

What a fantastic week we have had! The children have continued exploring The Americas as part of our Map Quest topic and have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their final quiz. We also enjoyed our music concert, where the children performed three pieces on the clarinet with great confidence. We are so proud of their efforts!

Here's what else we have been learning this week:

- Maths: We explored the properties of 3D shapes and investigated nets by constructing different 3D shapes.
- English: We continued our poetry unit, revisiting a range of poetic techniques and considering how poets use language to create different effects.
- PE: We enjoyed cooling down with a variety of fun games, including water games!
- Art: We created negative space drawings, experimenting with shape, contrast and composition.
- Science: We learned about animal and human development, focusing on the growth of a foetus and the different stages of life.
- PSHE: We welcomed a member of the NHS, who spoke to us about the importance of good hygiene and how it helps us stay healthy, as well as discussing puberty.

Well done to everyone for another week of hard work and enthusiasm. Have a wonderful weekend!



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another wonderful week of learning and have excelled during our Mapquest challenges!

English: We practised summarising texts and worked on identifying and using proper nouns in our writing.

Maths: We started to consolidate our learning on rounding, multiplication and fractions

R.E: We learned about the liturgical rite and the different Catholic liturgies.

Geography: We continued our Mapquest learning on Europe. We also learned about the EU and its role.

Science: We discussed the impact of deforestation on habitats.

Computing: We researched popular destinations in Europe. We collated this information and presented it in our groups.

P.E: We enjoyed some water games in the sun.

Well done all on a wonderful week of learning. I hope you all enjoy the weekend! Miss McVeigh

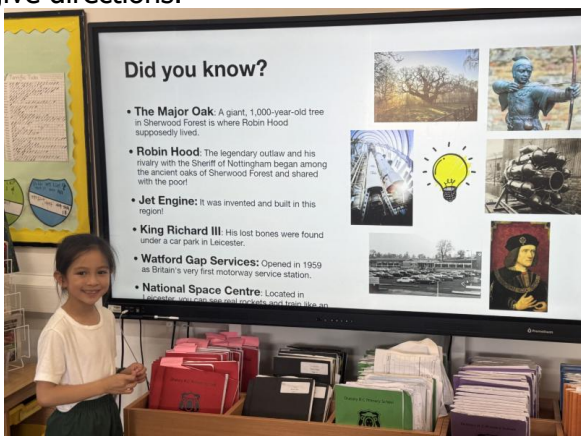


Year 3:

Year 3 have worked extremely hard during Map Quest fortnight, learning all about the UK. Well done!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we solved one-step and two-step questions using information presented in scaled bar charts and pictograms and tables.
- In English, we used our imagination to create advertisement posters for the Undercity of London.
- In RE, we described key Islamic beliefs and identified how they shape Muslim life.
- In Science, we investigated fossils and how they are formed.
- In Art, we looked at interior design.
- In PE, we practised keeping up a rally when playing in pairs.
- In Map Quest, we explored the regions of the UK, key features of the UK and used compass points to give directions.



Year 2:

We have had a great week in Year 2! The children have enjoyed the second week of Map Quest and they performed beautifully in their Music Concert. Here is what we have been up to:

In **English**, we wrote diary entries from the perspective of Bird, reflecting on her experience of painting with Bear. We thought about how Bird might be feeling and used conjunctions in our writing.

In **Maths**, we have been consolidating our understanding of adding two 2-digit numbers and have been problem-solving.

In **RE**, we have been thinking about how Jewish people live today. We focused on the Sabbath and thought about the importance of Shabbat and why it is so special.

In **Art**, we made abstract sculptures using cardboard and the slot and join method. We also created still life paintings of oranges and lemons using watercolour, inspired by the work of Edouard Manet.

In **Geography**, we continued with our Map Quest focus on the countries of the United Kingdom. We chose a country and created information posters about them.



Year 1:

Year 1 have had a very exciting week, this is what we have been learning:

MapQuest: In our MapQuest lessons the children have been learning about the continents North America, South America and Antarctica. They learnt about the USA and Brazil. We finished our topic with a quiz and the children made fact files about the different continents to share their learning with their parents.

Maths: In Maths, we have been learning about days of the week, months of the year and the mathematical language of 'before' and 'after' when explaining our routine.

English: In English the children have been using commands, using conjunctions and writing compound sentences to write a letter of advice. The children wrote a postcard from the Little Red Bird to her mummy to describe the Himalayas.

History: The children learnt about Malala and why she is significant.

Music: The children performed beautifully in their music concert showing the adults what they have been learning.

Phonics: We have been practicing our tricky words.

Art: The children have been planning, making and printing their relief prints inspired by Elizabeth Catlet. Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



Reception:

Reception have been continuing to persevere with their learning through the heat! We were very proud of them for showing the Oratory way on their school trip this week.

Phonics: We have been continuing to revise by reading and writing words with consonant blends and digraphs.

Literacy: The children have enjoyed illustrating the story and sequencing the story of "Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain".

Maths: We have focused on directional language including right and left. We also practised drawing maps of known areas.

C&L: The children have enjoyed writing postcards about their holidays and posting them in the post office!

UTW: This week, we have focused on locating the United Kingdom and London on a map.

PD: This week, we focused on aiming at a target to kick a ball accurately.

RE: We talked about how people around the community help others and how we are all connected by love and kindness.

PSED: We talked about Year 1 and the changes and similarities that we might discover.



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	Lucas	Pierpaolo
Year 1	Daniella	Giulio
Year 2	Antoine	Adele
Year 3	Vincent	Aryan
Year 4	George	Max
Year 5	Barcham	Leo K
Year 6	Every member of Year 6!	
Special Act of Kindness		Duda (Y2) & Giulio (Y4)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Yellow House	Year 6 (For being such wonderful leaders of our school)