

Newsletter

Summer Term: 17th July 2026



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

Dear Parents,

It has been an incredibly special final week of the year. One full of happy memories, emotional farewells and one that has certainly filled me with pride as I have witnessed every single child fulfil our school motto of togetherness and unity in such a wonderful way. We celebrated our tremendous Year 6 children in assembly this morning – our brilliant Owls who are more than ready to spread their wings and fly onto their exciting new adventures. We also celebrated and gave huge thanks to Miss Cornes, Miss Oswald, Miss Carmody, Miss Gina and Miss Linney who are all off on adventures new! As we always say, once an Oratorian, always an Oratorian and we know that every child, staff member or parent leaving our school today, will always keep the Oratory in their hearts. You are always very welcome here as members of our Oratory family.

I would also like to thank each and every member of staff who are a hugely dedicated and remarkable team and place the children at the very centre of everything that they do. I know that they'd all like to join me in thanking you all for your very kind cards, gifts and words – it is hugely appreciated. Thank you all for your wonderful continued support of our very wonderful school and have a superb summer!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

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

*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: Giving Thanks & Moving On

This week we have focused on what we are thankful for and thinking about the next chapter, whether that is a new class, a new school or even a new country! We particularly celebrated our wonderful Year 6 children as they embark on their exciting adventures of secondary school. Aim high and fly, wise Owls!



Rapunzel & the Barbershop Bros: A Show to Remember!

From a tangled adventure to harmony in perfect trim, Year 6's production was a real cut above! Their confidence, teamwork and enthusiasm shone through every scene, making it a show to remember. A wonderful finale to their last few days – well done to the entire Year 6 team!



Fond Farewells

Our final assembly of the year this morning was a wonderful celebration of gratitude, reflection and hope for the future. Together, we reflected on our school vision and the many ripples we have created throughout the year such as, acts of kindness, helping hands, shared laughter, words of encouragement and moments of courage that have made our Oratory community such a special place to be.

As we celebrated our amazing Year 6 children, we enjoyed looking at adorable photos of when they were in Reception and we also looked ahead to the ripples they will continue to create as they begin exciting new chapters at secondary school. We know they will carry The Oratory Way with them wherever they go: spreading kindness, compassion, resilience and joy, and making a positive difference to the lives of others.

The children also gave wonderful tributes to our much-loved members of staff who are moving on to new adventures. Their thoughtful words and messages were a beautiful reminder of the lasting impact these special teachers have had on our school - and yes, there were certainly a few tears shed by the teachers! Thank you to our brilliant Miss Cornes, Miss Oswald, Miss Carmody, Miss Gina and Miss Linney. We are so grateful for everything you have given to our Oratory family and wish you every happiness in the adventures that lie ahead. You will always be part of our Oratory Family.



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

Wishing all the pupils, families, and staff a restful summer, and look forward to seeing everyone again soon in September. With the assurance of my prayers for you all. Fr James

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word: [Summer Holiday Edition](#)

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

Parent Reps

First of all, I know you will all want to join me in showing our appreciation and huge thanks to this year's parent reps. Your support to the school has been so valuable and I am incredibly grateful to you all – thank you!

I am pleased to let you know the parent reps for next academic year.

Thank you so much to everyone that offered their help.

Reception: Maria Cristina Angeloni (mother of Chiara) and Carlo Carello (father of Allegra)

Year 1: Marta Gonzalez Ruiz (mother of Maria R) and Victoria Onate (mother of Matilda)

Year 2: Richard Evans (father of Isabella) and Lisa Bajardi Ambrosini (mother of Renzo)

Year 3: Anna Dzieciolowska (mother of Anna & Ellis), Begona Marti (mother of Isidro) & Sirio Quintavalle (father of Ludovica)

Year 4: Marion Pritchard (mother of Hayden & Xander) and Evangeline Ledesma (mother of Mattea)

Year 5: Markus Kiraly (father of Maximilian) and Consuelo Pacchioli-Boppe (mother of Philippe)

Year 6: May HOUNG Tran (mother of Alex N) and Ignacia Simonetti (mother of Baltazar)

Thank you all and I look forward to working with you all in September!

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](#).



Farewell Year 6!

Our Year 6 children have had a truly special final morning at The Oratory. Following their farewell assembly, they spent time signing autograph books, sharing memories and joy with their friends and saying an emotional farewell to their much-loved Owlets - a moment that perfectly captured the love, care and friendships that have grown throughout their time with us. Good luck to our wonderful Year 6 as they spread their wings and embark on their next adventure.



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

What a final week for our brilliant Year 6s! All of their hard work and dedication paid off as they performed magnificently in our productions of Rapunzel & The Barbershop Brothers. On Monday and Tuesday, the children's focus was on final preparations and then on Tuesday afternoon they put on a brilliant dress rehearsal for the rest of the school! The younger children (and staff) enjoyed the impressive acting, brilliant singing and amazing choreography. With a few tweaks, the children were ready for Wednesday evening's big show for parents and families. They did not disappoint! What a West End worthy performance they put on!

In addition to their performances, the children had some final special opportunities and goodbyes! They loved their South American dance workshop (a special prize for our Lydia Lang Award winner) where they learned the samba and the cha cha! They also enjoyed their final Singing Assembly - leading the school through some last songs and wiping away a few tears. On Thursday, they were rightly celebrated during our Leavers' Mass and then on Friday enjoyed signing each other's Year 6 Autograph Books and school uniforms!

A quote the Year 6s reflected on today was from Winnie the Pooh:

'How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.'

Good luck and farewell Year 6!!



Year 5

What a fantastic week we've had! This week, the children celebrated their Leavers' Mass, a special opportunity to reflect on their time at primary school and look ahead to the future. They also received their prefect roles, and we are incredibly proud of the responsibility, leadership and enthusiasm they have already shown.

English: The children created their own *Final Year Poems*, reflecting on their memories, achievements and hopes for the future. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful and creative writing, with each poem capturing their unique experiences.

Mathematics: We put all of the mathematical skills we have learned throughout the year into practice by solving a range of exciting maths mysteries. The children worked collaboratively, using reasoning, problem-solving and calculation skills to crack each challenge!

Science: In Science, the children analysed data relating to child development and used their findings to create graphs. They interpreted the data carefully, identifying patterns and trends while developing their skills in presenting and analysing scientific information.

Art: In Art, the children investigated two-point perspective, exploring how artists create the illusion of depth and space. They practised drawing using two vanishing points, producing impressive pieces that demonstrated their growing understanding of perspective and technical drawing skills.

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to thank you for all of your support, kindness and encouragement throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to teach your children and watch them grow in confidence, resilience and independence.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break. Thank you once again for all of your support.
Miss Cornes, Miss Carmody and Miss Ffyon

Year 4:

What a wonderful final week of learning we have had to round out Year 4!

English: We did lots of comprehension consolidation and wrote our own 'survival guides' for Year 4.

Maths: We practised multiplication and division, fractions and also lots of word problems. We put our skills to the test supporting Year 3 in some active maths lessons.

R.E: We compared the Roman Catholic and Byzantine liturgical rites. We also learned about Islam in an informative workshop.

PSHE: We discussed what it means to be financially responsible and practised budgeting by planning a birthday party.

Geography: We explored different types of maps and discussed the population, altitude, and temperature of different countries.

P.E: We played some wonderful tennis matches to practise our skills.

Art: We completed wonderful sketches of our eyes.

Well done Year 4 on a wonderful week and an incredible year. It has been a joy to teach you all and we wish you a wonderful summer holiday!

Year 4 Team

Miss McVeigh, Miss Linney and Mrs. Bailey



Year 3:

I am incredibly proud of how hard Year 3 have worked this year, all the way up to the end. Well done, Year 3!

This week we have learnt:

- In Maths, we consolidated our year's learning through maths mysteries and active lessons in which we worked collaboratively with the Year 4s to show off our fraction skills and addition and subtraction skills.
- In English, we finished our class novel and practised using inverted commas. We also used our writing skills that we have learnt over the year to create 'How to Survive Year 3' guides.
- In RE, we thought about the importance of prayer. We wrote our own prayers to thank God for the school year we have had.
- In Art, we looked at drawing with perspective. We were able to sketch a house in perspective.
- In PE, we practised serving and developed more accurate rallying.
- In History, we created topic pages to show off all we have learnt about Ancient Greece.



Year 2:

We have had a wonderful final week of term! The children have worked and played beautifully together and we have been enjoying some fun activities in the classroom to celebrate the end of a wonderful year. Here is what we have been up to:

In **English**, we read 'The Blanket' from the Bear and Bird series. We thought about how the characters might be feeling and asked questions to Bear to help him consider the feelings of Bird. We also wrote book reviews reflecting on our favourite stories.

In **Maths**, we have been consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction with problem solving.

In **RE**, we have been thinking about how Jewish people live today. We focused on the synagogue and the Torah and we explored Hebrew writing.

In **Science**, we have continued our focus on 'Sustainability'. We continued to learn how plastic can be both helpful and harmful and we thought about ways that we can reduce, reuse and recycle plastic.

In **Art**, we evaluated our abstract sculptures and made paintings of them. We also created still life paintings of flowers, inspired by the work of Edouard Manet and Paul Cezanne.

In **Computing**, we created animations of a seed developing into a plant, using our Science learning to help us.



Year 1:

It has been a wonderful last week of Year 1. We will miss the children and hope you all have a restful summer! This is what we have been up to this week:

Maths: This week we have been learning about time. We have been finding o'clock and half past. We have been drawing different times on empty clocks and answering written time problems.

Literacy: in Literacy this week we have been writing descriptive settings. We have also been practising our sentences.

Religious Education: this week we wrote prayers to give thanks to the adults who have helped us to learn this year.

History: we learnt about why Malala is significant.

PE: We played some attack based games.

PSHE: We discussed our worries and things we were looking forward to in Year 2 and wrote a letter to our new teacher to let her know about us.

Phonics: We have been recapping all the sounds and our tricky words.

Have a wonderful Summer. From the Year 1 team



Reception:

Reception have had a lovely final week! They have had a wonderful final term and we are very proud of the friendships and progress they have made this year. I have no doubt this will continue in Year 1!

Phonics: We have been consolidating reading and writing our phonics learning.

Maths: We have been looking at problem solving and reasoning questions.

Literacy: We have been helping the pirates find the treasure in "The Night Pirates". The children have been making maps and plans to help find the treasure.

PSED: We talked about things we are grateful for in Reception.

EAD: The children enjoyed creating pirate hats for the role play area.

PD: The children enjoyed working as a team in throwing and catching games.



Goodbye and Good Luck to our wonderful Year 6 Leavers!
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*Behind you, all your memories. Before you, all your dreams.
Around you, all who love you. Within you, all you need.*