

Newsletter

Summer Term: 3rd July 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see many of you in school this week, both for our Coffee Morning and of course for Parents' Evenings. No doubt you read your children's reports with pride; I certainly enjoyed reading about all of the excellent progress they have all made when I wrote my comments on them.

Well done to every member of our School Council who have led the week in their usual exemplary manner, organising brilliant activities for everyone to enjoy together. The children looked fantastic in their summer mufti day outfits today and we spent the afternoon being wowed by the array of terrific talents in Oratory's Got Talent. Well done to everyone that took part so brilliantly!

The children continue with their MapQuest learning next week before taking part in their end of topic quiz on Thursday.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

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
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: Summer School Council Week

This week in assembly our theme has been Summer School Council Week and school council certainly have done a wonderful job of leading the school!

Story of the Week

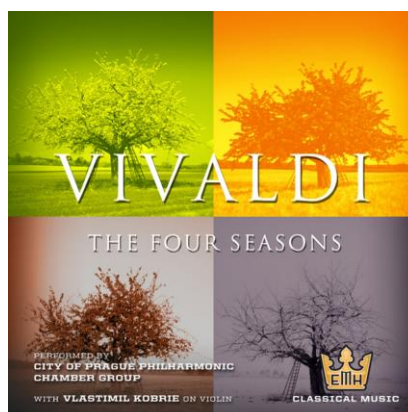
School Council Week
By School Council

Music of the Week

Four Seasons: Summer
By Antonio Vivaldi

Art of the Week

The Splash
By David Hockney



School Council Week

A huge well done to our fantastic School Council for all their hard work in organising and leading School Council Week! They have shown incredible teamwork, responsibility and enthusiasm throughout the week, planning a range of fun activities for everyone to enjoy. One of the biggest highlights was undoubtedly Sponge the School Council, where our brave councillors spent over an hour being cheerfully soaked by their classmates - all with big smiles on their faces! Thank you to the School Council for making the week such a success and for helping to raise funds while creating lots of wonderful memories.

If you haven't already done so, please log onto your [Parent Pay](#) account to make your much appreciated donations for Sponge School Council for their chosen charity – War Child. Thank you!



Oratory Definitely Has Got Talent!

Our School Council Talent Show was a fantastic celebration of the incredible talents within our school community. From music and dance to comedy and other amazing performances, every act showcased confidence, creativity and dedication. The event was brilliantly hosted by our School Council, who kept the audience entertained throughout. We certainly didn't envy our judges, as the standard was exceptionally high and choosing the winners was no easy task! Well done to every brave contestant for taking to the stage, and congratulations to our deserving winners on their fantastic performances.



Year 6 Active Outdoor Algebra Learning!

Year 6 enjoyed an Active Algebra challenge, working collaboratively to decode the values of letter variables before adding them together to solve equations, demonstrating excellent problem-solving and teamwork skills.



Map Quest Fortnight

The children are really enjoying our Map Quest fortnight for which they 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

Parent Reps

As we are now approaching the time of year when we start to finalise arrangements for Parent Reps for next academic year, then please do let me know if you are interested in becoming a parent rep for your child's class and of course if current reps are happy to continue. Many thanks!

House News!

There was great excitement in assembly this morning as not only did we discover our usual house of the week – well done **YELLOW HOUSE!**

We also found out our house of the summer term – well done **YELLOW HOUSE!**

But the most anticipated news of all was of course to find out who was house of the year –
A huge congratulations to

YELLOW HOUSE

for winning House of the Year! A clean sweep with all three! All children in Yellow House will be able to come to school in their own clothes next Friday, 10th July...as YELLOW as they like!

They will enjoy a house party which they are suitably excited about!

Thank you to all of the parents that are helping to organise the party and make it so special for the children.

Well done Yellow House!



Year 5 at The National Gallery

Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the National Gallery to study portraits and learn how artists use colour, expression and composition to tell stories about people. During their visit, they explored a variety of famous paintings, including The Ambassadors, where they discovered hidden details and symbols within the artwork!



Chaplain's Corner - Fr James

The readings at Mass this Sunday emphasise Our Lord's humility of heart, which ties back to the prophecy of Zechariah: 'Lo, your king comes to you, triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass.' In the Old Testament prophecies about Christ, we learn that He is both a King and a suffering servant, both humble and triumphant. This seeming paradox is understood in light of the Cross. It is through the humiliation of the Cross that He establishes His Kingdom and seals it with His glorious resurrection. As baptised members of His Mystical Body, the Church, we are called to enter into the Resurrection by following Him on the way of the Cross: by denying ourselves, saying 'no' to our selfish desires, and 'yes' to Him, on the path that leads to life.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word: [3rd July](#)

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.

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.

Other Staffing News

Following on from my message earlier this week on Classlist about class teachers in September, I wanted to let you know about some other fond farewells we will be making:

Firstly, we would like to thank Ms Carmody, who began her journey with us as a very reliable Learning Support Assistant before embarking on her teacher training. We are delighted that she has secured her first teaching position at a primary school in a neighbouring borough. While we are sorry to see her go, we know she will be a wonderful teacher, and we wish her every success and happiness in the next stage of her career.

We will also be saying farewell to Miss Gina, one of our wonderful Learning Support Assistants, who is leaving to begin her university degree. We thank her for all she has contributed to our school and wish her every success as she embarks on this exciting new chapter.

Finally, our Year 4 Teaching Assistant, Miss Linney, will be leaving to begin her teacher training. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her the very best for her future career.

I know you will all join me in thanking Ms Carmody, Miss Gina and Miss Linney for everything they have done for our children and school. They leave with our gratitude and very best wishes for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

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



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6 children have so enjoyed School Council Week! They loved Sponging their school councillors and were eagerly awaiting Friday's talent show! In the classroom, the children were committed and passionate in their preparations for the Year 6 end of year play!

Maths: Active Maths curriculum review: Using dice to determine the translation of triangles to make patterns. Some children opted to work on their own, while others passed theirs around to friends so they could roll the dice and translate the shapes; Teach active algebra lesson- the children decoded the variable value of letters and added them together to find the total value of the equations.

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

Science Evolution & Inheritance: To understand that animal adaptations are characteristics that improve the chance of survival in a habitat.

Geography: Map Quest: identify the names and locations of different counties across regions of England and the rest of the UK; Use index and contents page to find information in an atlas; Know and use the 8 points of a compass

PSHE: Relationships & Sex Education: recap of the learning from Year 5 on hygiene and puberty; Understanding accurate, age-appropriate information understanding of human development and reproduction

Latin: To recognise impersonal verbs

PE: Tennis & Athletics

Next week will be, hard as it is to believe, the second last week of the academic year! Enjoy the weekend, Year 6s!

Year 5

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 5! It was School Council Week, and the children had an amazing time taking part in lots of exciting activities. The highlight for many was the water balloon fun, which had everyone smiling and laughing! We also enjoyed our school Talent Show, where it was wonderful to celebrate the confidence and talents of so many children.

We also got to meet our Owlettes - which was so much fun! The Year 5 children truly showed their responsibility with nurture and care.

This week's learning:

- **In English,** we continued exploring the poem, 'The Final Year,' looking closely at how its layout and structure make it so effective. We also learnt about Mr Joshua and discussed how the poem beautifully conveys the relationship with him.
- **In Maths,** We learnt about angles and shapes, identifying and comparing different properties.
- **In PE,** We developed our tennis skills by practising rallying with a partner.
- **In PSHE,** We continue to welcome visitors from the Chelsea Football Foundation, who helped us continue our learning about equity and diversity through engaging activities and discussions.
- **In Art,** we thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves in beautiful art work at the National Gallery.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead!



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another wonderful week of learning and have really enjoyed all of our map activities as part of Mapquest!

English: We continued our reading of our novel. We wrote dialogue from different character perspectives and also practised using relative pronouns to add information to our sentences.

Maths: We practised drawing, reading and interpreting line graphs and also learned about finding sums and difference using data from graphs.

R.E: We discussed St Paul's travels as part of his mission and the impact that he had. We also read his letter to the Corinthians closely and discussed the theological virtues.

P.E: We continued to develop our tennis skills, practising serving and trying out some doubles rallies.

D.T: We completed our fabric pencil toppers and wrote about our process.

Computing: We had our most complex challenge to date and were designing blocks that could be looped to draw specific shapes and patterns.

Geography: We looked at the map of Europe and used compass directions to describe and find countries.

We also looked at the different seas in Europe and their importance to the countries that border them.

Well done to Year 4 on all your hard work this week, we hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 4 Team



Year 3:

Year 3 were lucky enough to start the week with a trip to Chelsea Physic Garden where we enhanced our understanding of seed dispersal and planted our own lemon balm seeds!

This week Year 3 have learnt:

-In Maths, we interpreted and made bar charts. We have enjoyed learning about how data can be represented in different formats.

-In English, we worked on our descriptive language and used the technique of 'show don't tell'. We wrote a setting description to describe the incredible underwater city of London in our book.

-In RE, we explored Jewish families celebrate Passover today. We looked at the symbolism of the food items on a Seder plate that represent the Exodus story.

-In Science, we investigated the porosity of rocks through an experiment and recorded our results.

-In Art, we looked at architectural drawings of buildings and designed our own houses.

-In History, we learnt about the myth of the Trojan War, creating a comic strip about it.

-In PE, we worked on hitting a tennis ball with a racket and started to work on rallying.



Year 2:

We have had a lovely week in Year 2! The children have been working hard and have been putting wonderful effort into their learning. Here is what the children have been up to:

In **English**, we wrote short letters of advice to Bird to help him decide how to respond to Bear's actions. We started a new short story following the adventures of Bear and Bird called 'The Painting'. In order to understand how Bear and Bird might be feeling, we put ourselves in their shoes and painted outside!

In **Maths**, we have continued with our focus on 'Position and Direction'. We have been describing movement and turns and have been looking at patterns.

In **RE**, we have been learning how Christians collaborate to serve others locally and globally. We have also been reflecting on how communities could be transformed if everyone acted as good neighbours.

In **Science**, we have been focusing on 'Sustainability'. We have been thinking about how plastic can be both helpful and harmful.

In **Geography**, we created fact-files about Ghana. For **MapQuest**, we have been focusing on the countries of the United Kingdom.

In **Art**, we used weaving to make African Kente clothes. We also started looking at the work of Edouard Manet, focusing on his still life paintings.

In **PSHE**, we thought about how our needs change and grow as we develop.



Year 1:

This week Year 1 have had a wonderful treat to Holland Park as part of their last part of their seasonal changes topic. This is what else we have been learning about:

Maths: In Maths, we have started our topic about time. The children started to learn about 'O'clock' and recognising this time on a clock. They have also been using time language to describe their daily routine. We have used 'before' and 'after'.

English: The children have started their new book of 'The Yeti And The Bird' by Nadia Shireen. Using commands, the children wrote a letter of advice to tell the Yeti how to make friends. They have also used adjectives to describe the Yeti and have used the suffix -est. They have been comparing two locations using the conjunction 'but'.

Science: We have been learning about seasonal changes and habitats during Summer at Holland Park.

Geography: This week we have started our first week of MapQuest. We have been learning about the seven continents. We have been researching France, China, Kenya, USA and Australia. The children have been labelling a map with the continents and learning a catchy song to help them remember.

PE: In PE we have been continuing our topic of learning about Cricket by practising hitting the ball.

Phonics: This week we have been focusing on the 'ey' sound and our tricky words.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 1 team



Reception:

Reception have enjoyed their learning this week and have been busy using all their new learning in their play!

Phonics: We have been reading and writing sentences with consonant blends.

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

Maths: We have been looking at mapping and spatial reasoning this week in our maths lessons.

UTW: This week, the children enjoyed learning about the water cycle as well as engaging in MapQuest lessons.

PD: This week, we focused on using gross motor skills to use and manoeuvre equipment in different directions and speeds.

EAD: The children used chalk to create lovely pictures of the Northern Lights to reflect our learning on the poles.



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	Begona	Demi-Eleni
Year 1	Tomas	Antonio
Year 2	Ellie	Gabriella
Year 3	Sofia	Xander
Year 4	Carmen	Alvaro B
Year 5	Leo K	Leo M
Year 6	Liam	Isabella & Maria
Special Act of Kindness		Sofia (Y3)

 **House of the Week** 

Yellow House



Class of the Week



School Council

(For organising such a wonderful week!)