

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 25th September 2026



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

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of September and what a productive month it has been. The children are all now well established with the routines of their new classes and already making great strides with their learning as they endeavour across the curriculum.

Next week will be our Harvest Week, with our Harvest assembly on Friday – please read on for important details about this. As well of course as the start of the month of the Holy Rosary which we will be marking in special ways with the children. Huge thanks to all our Year 6 parents for a fantastic first cake sale of the year this afternoon which was enjoyed by all. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

October

- 2 Oct** Foodbank donations for Harvest Assembly
- 9 Oct** Optional Flu immunisations for children
- 9 Oct** Autumn Mufti Day
- 11 Oct** Children's Mass at Little Oratory
- 12 Oct** Poetry Fortnight begins
- 15 Oct** PTA Drinks in the hall 7pm
- 19 Oct** Y1 & Y5 Class Family Mass 2.15pm
- 21 Oct** Parent Forum 10am
- 23 Oct** Half Term 3.30pm

November

- 2 Nov** Inset Day (no children)
- 3 Nov** Children return
- 6 Nov** Y6 Class Remembrance Assembly 9.15am
- 6 Nov** Y5 Cake Sale
- 8 Nov** Children's Mass at Little Oratory
- 9 Nov** Friendship Week

November (cont.)

- 9 Nov** Odd Socks Day!
- 12 Nov** Spirituality Day
- 16 Nov** Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale 8.30am
- 16 Nov** Y6 & Reception Class Family Mass 2.15pm
- 18 & 19 Nov** Parents' Evening
- 20 Nov** Glass Door pyjama & hot choc fundraising day

December

- 1 Dec** Christmas Fair in hall 3.30pm
- 10 & 11 Dec** Infant Nativity 2pm
- 13 Dec** Children's Mass at Little Oratory
- 16 Dec** Junior Carol Service 7pm
- 17 Dec** Children's Day (Christmas party)
- 18 Dec** 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: Many Languages, One Family

This week in assemblies we have focused on the theme of 'Many Languages, One Family', beginning with the story of the Tower of Babel in Genesis and Pieter Bruegel the Elder's striking painting. We discussed the wonderful variety of languages spoken across the world and remembered Jesus' call to "make disciples of all nations", reflecting on how His message of love is for everyone, whatever language they speak. The children were given a simple mission for the week: to learn one new phrase in another language and, through our words and actions, to help everyone know: "You are welcome. You are valued. You belong." And what a wonderful job they did, with our brave volunteers receiving very well-deserved Super Steinart's in assembly this morning.

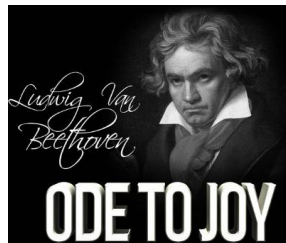
Story of the Week

The Tower of Babel
Genesis 11



Music of the Week

Ode to Joy
By Beethoven



Art of the Week

The Tower of Babel
By Pieter Bruegel the Elder



Celebrating the gift of Languages

A huge thank you to the many parents (too many to picture here!) who have come into school to share stories with our classes in their home languages. It has been such a wonderful experience for us all, giving the children the opportunity to hear different languages, enjoy stories from a range of cultures and celebrate the rich diversity within our school community. Having these moments of home-school links are incredibly special and a wonderful demonstration of The Oratory Way. Thank you!



PTA Parent Social Thursday 15th October

We are very much looking forward to our first PTA Social gathering of the year, taking place on Thursday 15th October in the school hall. It will be a lovely opportunity for our Oratory community to come together, meet one another and enjoy a relaxed evening. Drinks and canapés will be kindly provided by our wonderful PTA, and we are incredibly grateful for all they do to bring families together and support the school.

We can't wait to see you there!

PTA PARENT SOCIAL



Oratory RC Primary School

A STRONG PARENT COMMUNITY



 **THURSDAY, 15th OCTOBER 2026**
7-9 PM

 **SCHOOL HALL**

Adults only!

Harvest Collection for 'The Trussell trust'

The Trussell Trust support a nationwide network of food banks and provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK. In the UK, more than 14 million people are living in poverty – including 4.5 million children. They support more than 1,200 food bank centres in the UK to provide a minimum of three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food to people who have been referred in crisis, as well as support to help people resolve the crises they face.

Next Friday 2nd October we will be holding a special harvest assembly with Fr James, and we are asking each child to bring a donation to the Trussell Trust. We will then need some kind parent helpers to take the food along to the collection centre after the assembly – so please do let Mrs Steinart know if you are able to help. Please look at the list below to find out which item of food your child should bring.

Important: Please wait until **Friday 2nd October** to send your child in with their item, as we have nowhere to store them until then. Items need to be in original packaging and be well within their 'best before' date. Thank you!

•Reception: Cereal



•Year 1: Sweet Biscuits



•Year 2: Tinned food



• Year 3: Lentils or dried pulses



• Year 4: Rice



•Year 5: Savoury biscuits/crackers



• Year 6: Dried pasta

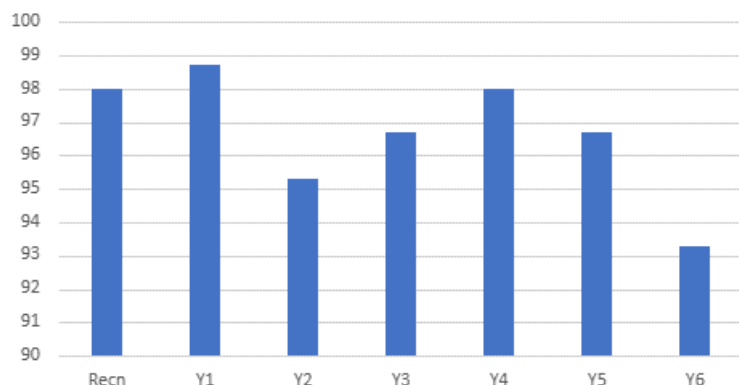


Attendance Spotlight - Growing Together in Faith and Learning

Every day in school matters, and strong attendance helps our children make the most of every learning opportunity. Each week, we will celebrate the class with the highest attendance across the school.

This week's Attendance Champions are: **YEAR 1**

Attendance data W/E 25/09/26



Class	%Attend
Y1	98.7%
Recn	98%
Y4	98%
Y3	96.7%
Y5	96.7%
Y2	95.3%
Y6	93.3%

Well done to everyone in YEAR 1 for such a fantastic week with 98.7% attendance!

Thank you to all our families for supporting regular and punctual attendance.

Every day really does count – helping the children participate fully and make the most of the gifts God has given them.

Oratory Pupil Chaplaincy Team

It was wonderful to welcome our new Pupil Chaplaincy Team in assembly this morning.

They were brilliantly chosen by our Year 6 RE Prefects, and we know they will make a wonderful contribution to the prayer and Catholic life of our school.

A huge congratulations also to every child who applied. The standard of applications was exceptional, and our RE prefects were incredibly impressed by the thought, care and enthusiasm shown by you all!



- Lead and support prayer and worship across the school, helping to plan and take part in assemblies, liturgies and special celebrations.
- Be visible role models of faith showing kindness, respect, service and compassion in everyday school life.
- Help care for the school's prayer life including prayer areas, prayer journals and opportunities for pupils to reflect and pray.
- Support charitable and social action helping to organise fundraising and projects that put faith into action.
- Listen to and represent pupil voices matters of faith, worship and the spiritual life of the school.
- Welcome and encourage others to take part helping younger pupils and classmates feel confident joining in prayer and worship.
- Promote Oratory's mission and values helping the whole community to live out The Oratory Way in practical ways.



Pupil Chaplaincy Team 2026-27



Chaplain's Corner – Father James

This Sunday's parable of the two sons (Mt 21:28-32) indicates that the love of God is shown in deeds, not words. Our Lord commends the first son who first states his refusal to work in his father's vineyard but then changes his mind and decides to go, over the second son who voices his agreement to go but then does not follow through on his promise. Through this parable we learn that It is not enough for us to profess our faith with our lips, rather it must permeate our whole lives and be evident in our deeds: in our obedience to God's Will as expressed through the moral law.

Wednesday Word: [25th September 2026](#)

Meet the Prefects!

Every year our Year 6 pupils take on the very privileged responsibility of becoming prefects – a role which equips them with important leadership skills. Each role entails different responsibilities & jobs & we thought you might like to know a little more about the pivotal role that they play in our school community.

In our Friday assemblies we have been meeting a few of our Prefects & will continue to do so until they have all had the opportunity to introduce themselves. Much like assembly, we will introduce you to a few prefects every week. They have taken to their new responsibilities excellently so far.

Well done Prefects!

Yellow House Captain



Hello! I am the Yellow House Captain and I look forward to being a kind and respectful Owl who teaches her Owllet The Oratory Way.

Fun Fact: I have a whole Waitrose bag of more than 100 wooden spoons!

Sports Captain



Hi! I am the Red House Sports Captain and I am really looking forward to leading my house and winning sports day!

Fun Fact: I love Formula 1!

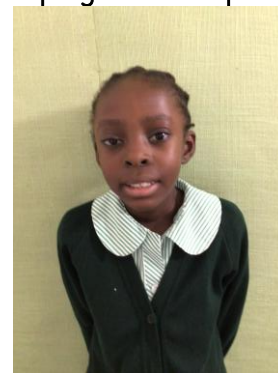
ICT Prefect



Hi! I am one of the ICT prefects and I am really looking forward to helping organise the internet based competitions.

Fun Fact: I love to dance, swim and draw.

Deputy House Captain



I am Deputy Head of Red House. I am so excited to be at the top of the school and being a role-model.

Fun Fact: I have been to two different countries.

Librarian Prefect



Hello, I am one of the Librarian Prefects and I am looking forward to sorting the books and helping Mrs Reber on World Book Day.

Fun Fact: I have 5 dogs and 3 fish and I had 4 fish!

RE Prefect



Hi! I am the RE Prefect and I am looking forward to leading our Pupil Chaplaincy team and being at the top of the school.

Fun Fact: I love tennis and singing.

House Captain



I am the Green House Captain and I am looking forward to helping my house get lots of points!

Fun Fact: I am really good at football.

House Point Prefect



Hi! I am one of the house point prefects. I am looking forward to helping to look after the younger children.

Fun Fact: I am good at maths which helps me count the points!

Year 5 at Tate Britain

Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting the Whistler exhibition at the Tate Britain this week, where they saw some paintings by both Whistler and Greaves of Victorian Chelsea. They loved making connections from their class session with Peter Daniel last week when he taught them about these special artists. Every member of Year 5 demonstrated The Oratory Way in an impeccable manner and are our very worthy class of the week – well done, Year 5!



OCTOBER ROSARY CLUB



As October is the Month of the Holy Rosary, Fr James will be running a Rosary club every Monday lunchtime during October.

This will be a time when children that would like to, can come together and spend some reflective time praying the Rosary together.

Children can bring their own rosaries if they would like to, though we will have rosaries available for the children in school.



Thank you to one of our brilliant Year 6 RE prefects who read his prayer journal prayer for this week so beautifully in assembly this morning. Here is his incredibly reflective prayer:

Dear God,

I come before You with an open heart. I know that I cannot control everything, and sometimes I hold on too tightly to my worries, my plans, and my fears.

Lord, help me to let go. Teach me to surrender the things I cannot change and to trust that You are with me through every situation. Take away my need to have everything figured out, and give me faith to follow You one step at a time.

When I feel anxious, remind me that I'm not alone. When I am afraid of what the future holds, help me place my future in Your hands. Give me the strength to release my desire for control and the courage to trust Your timing and Your plan.

Lord, lead me, shape me, and help me trust You with a peaceful heart. Amen.

(By one of our Year 6 RE Prefects)

We Play Together - Fun in the Sun!



Eco-Movers: Mission Earth - Cool Ways to Move! Competition

This is a creative competition encouraging you to explore sustainable travel through art and design.

ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

Pupils are invited to create an amazing sculpture, artwork or collage using clean, safe, recycled materials that celebrates sustainable travel and helps inspire a greener future.

Primary School Theme: *Community Action*

Think about what you could do with your friends, family and neighbours to make your streets happier, cleaner and safer. How can your artwork inspire your whole school or community to choose walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or other sustainable ways to travel?

Prizes

There are fantastic prizes to be won, including scooters, exhibition and IMAX tickets for the Science Museum and Natural History Museum, and reusable water bottles from Chilly's and Owala. The overall winning entries from both the Primary and Secondary categories will have the opportunity **to switch on the Portobello Christmas Lights** this November.

Winning entries will also be exhibited at libraries across the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

How to enter

To enter, just bring your completed sculpture, artwork or collage, together with a short explanation of the idea behind it, into school by Thursday 22nd October so that we can photograph it and send it in. Don't forget to put your name and year group on too!

Competition dates

The competition opens on Monday 14 September 2026 and closes on Friday 23 October 2026.

Good luck with your brilliant entries!

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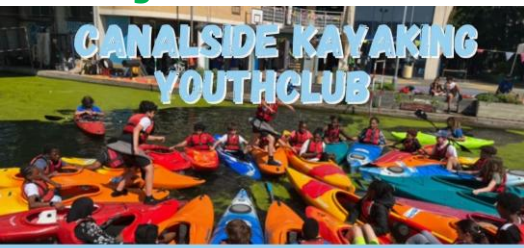
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AllKind Online Parent Workshop – Understanding Children's Behaviour



Allkind Parent Workshop: Understanding Children's Behaviour

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 Understanding Children's Behaviour. This workshop will offer a Cognitive Behavioural lens on understanding the mindset and factors that can contribute to challenging behaviour in children, and provide suggested strategies on how to begin managing difficult moments in a more effective manner.

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

Friday 16th October, 9:30am to 10:30am

Microsoft Teams:

[Join the meeting now](#)

[Meeting ID: 339 259 826 340 4](#)

[Passcode: 79Lo3cv6](#)



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We are looking forward to seeing you there!

What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had another brilliant week. They enjoyed a special assembly with our friends at TimeGivers charity and in lessons have continued their focused learning. They made a brilliant start on their World War I A-Zs and in the classroom, the children have focused on the following:

Maths: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division: Adding & Subtracting; Common Factors; Common Multiples; Rules of divisibility

English: *Reading Focus:* The Sister Who Ate Her Brothers by Jen Campbell; identify how language, structure and presentation contribute to meaning ; *Writing Focus:* To use relative clauses to describe a character; To use character action and reaction to describe a character; To describe a character in a narrative; To use fronted adverbials in a setting description. *Grammar & Punctuation Focus:* Using and punctuating relative clauses; Using apostrophes for possession; Punctuating fronted adverbial sentences.

RE: Creation & Covenant: To make links between the story of the Fall and the concept of original sin and to show understanding of 'original sin', linking to the second Creation story; To use theological vocabulary to explain how sin damages relationships and to explain how sin damages the relationship with God, others and the created world.

History: To understand the chronology of events that led to WW1.

Latin: To introduce myself and others in Latin using the present tense of the verb 'to be'.

Science: To compare and give reasons for variations in how components function.

PSHE: How to recognise pressure from others to do something that is unsafe, or that feels unsafe or uncomfortable, and strategies for managing this (including online)

PE: Fair, Share & Dare; Evade, Invade & Capture

Next week will be another busy one and on Wednesday the class will be joined by our History expert, Peter Daniel, to begin their enrichment project on World War I!



Year 5

With both Languages Week and our trip to the Tate Britain, Year 5 have had a busy, exciting week! English – We explored personification to give impact as well as modal verbs to give advice as we continued reading Rumaysa.

Maths – We have continued consolidating our knowledge of Place Value to 1,000,000.

RE – We looked at and acted out the story of God and Moses establishing the Sinai covenant, and reflected on the role of the Ten Commandments.

French – We have heard some fantastic stories read to us in French during Language Week, as well as in German, Spanish, and Portuguese! Thank you to those parents who came in – what a treat!

History – We studied what ancient Egyptians believed about Creation.

PE – We experimented with different ways to hold our balance, both by ourselves and with partners.

History/Art – We had a fantastic time visiting the Whistler exhibition at the Tate Britain, to see some paintings by both Whistler and Greaves of Victorian Chelsea. We loved making connections from our class session last week with Peter Daniel when he taught us about these special artists.



Year 4:

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning! A special thank you as well to all our parent visitors this week who helped us learn about and celebrate the different languages in our classroom!

English: We explored the use of rhyme in our story. We wrote a persuasive letter and read and annotated different poems about food, coming up with our own wonderful food poems!

Maths: We practised identifying numbers on a number line and estimating their position.

R.E: We discussed God's test of Abraham and explored Abraham's importance in different religions.

French: We labelled different parts of the body using new vocabulary.

Science: We looked at different plants in our environment to sort them into groups.

History: We learned about Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans. We also examined different primary and secondary sources and drew our own conclusions on whether Boudicca was good or bad.

Art: We created backgrounds for our mosaics using complimentary shades.

P.E: We continued to develop strategic skills when evading and invading in games.

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

Miss McVeigh and Ms. Mark.



Year 3:

We have had a wonderful week celebrating all the different languages in our class. Thank you to the parents who taught us stories in French, Spanish, German and Polish! This is what we have been learning this week:

Science: We have been experimenting with forces to test if an object uses the push or pull force.

Maths: In Maths we have found 1, 10 and 100 more and less than 3-digit numbers. We have also marked and estimated numbers on number lines up to 1000.

English: In English, we have written a non-chronological report about rats, using paragraphs and subheadings.

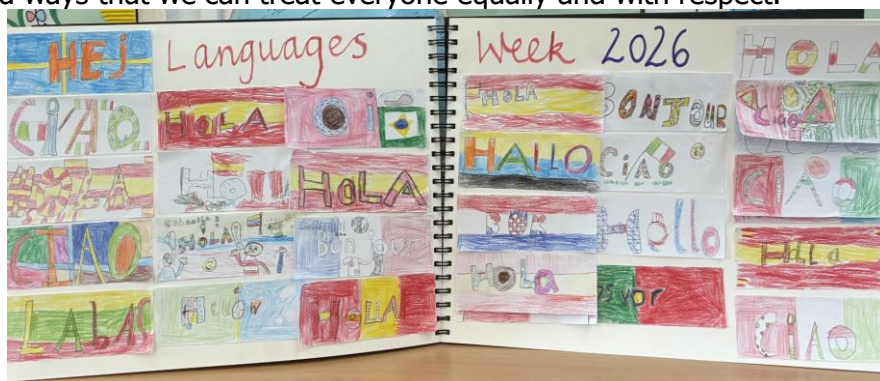
French: We have been learning our numbers to 10 in French and using these skills to play Bingo.

PSHE: In PSHE, we discussed our wellbeing. We made emotional, mental and physical wellbeing goals to work towards.

PE: In PE we continued to develop our communication and leadership skills. We also used our evading skills to play a range of games.

Art: In Art, we were inspired by Barbara Gilhooley's work to start our own pop-up city

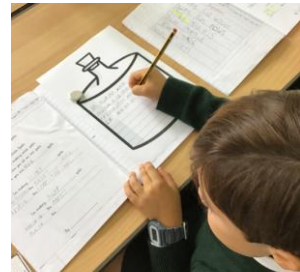
RE: In RE we have been looking at the Catholic value of dignity. We spoke about how we are all made in the image of God and ways that we can treat everyone equally and with respect.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week this week and have been putting lots of effort into their learning. Thank you to the parents who kindly came in to share stories in different languages this week - the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to them! Here is what we have been up to this week:

- In **English**, we have written and published our own potion poems, with a focus on using exciting adjectives to describe nouns.
- In **Maths**, we have been continuing to focus on place value. We have been partitioning numbers into tens and ones as well as flexibly. We have also been placing numbers on a number line.
- In **RE**, we have been exploring the symbols in the story of Noah. We explored paintings which depict the story and we created our own drawings to show these. We also learnt about the meaning of sin and we reflected on actions that can separate us from God.
- In **Science**, we discussed what the term 'habitat' means. We thought about the kind of habitats we have within London and what animals we can find in each of these habitats.
- In **Computing**, we logged into Google Classroom and learnt how to send a message.
- In **DT**, we baked bread! We chose our favourite flavours and then worked together to follow the steps required to bake bread rolls.
- In **PSHE**, we thought about the different feelings and emotions we have. We used the book 'Guess How Much I Love You' to discuss how we can express our emotions in different ways and thought about the importance of communicating our emotions.



Year 1:

Languages week! We were very lucky to be joined by some of our wonderful parents who read us stories in different languages! This is what we have also learnt this week:

Maths: We have been learning to compare groups and numbers, finding more, less and the same of an amount.

English: This week we have started a new story in our fairy tale topic called 'The Last Wolf'. We have been detectives looking for clues to make predictions about the story.

Phonics: This week we have been learning about the y making the ee sound and short vowel sounds.

Religious Education: We have been appreciating the Creation story and all the beautiful things that God created. We worked together to create collaborative creation art.

Handwriting: We have been practising writing words with double l.

Art: This week we created our own Picasso inspired bird drawings using oil pastels.

Geography: We have been learning about the different seasons and how the weather changes.

Science: This week we have been drawing and labelling facial features.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Reception:

Reception have had a busy week of learning! I am sure they will be happy to have a well-deserved, restful weekend.

Phonics: We have been learning the sounds **i, e, c,k, ck and n.**

Literacy: The children have enjoyed reading the text "Super Milly". They have continued to practise name writing and letter formation.

Maths: We have been sorting objects into groups and discussed which group has more/fewer.

UTW: This week, we discussed and observed different weather patterns that happen in the world around us.

EAD: The children continued using skills such as cutting, sticking and designing to create crafts which reflect our phonics learning.

PD: The children enjoyed working in different teams to take part in some walking games for listening and attention. They also used their cutting skills to create a superhero picture.

C&L: The children enjoyed taking it in turns and listening to each other's' ideas about their dream superpower.

RE: This week, we talked about how The Bible is a special book and what it teaches us.



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	Genevieve	Allegra
Year 1	Maria A	Richard
Year 2	Tomas	Antonio
Year 3	Harrison	Antoine
Year 4	William	Omair
Year 5	Giulio	Alba
Year 6	Charlie	Marta S
Special Act of Kindness		Duda (Y3)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Yellow House	Year 5 (For showing The Oratory Way so brilliantly on their trip to Tate Britain)