

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 2nd October 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

Firstly, thank you for all of your generous donations for our Harvest Assembly this morning which was a great success – read on for more details! Particular thanks to the brilliant parents that gave up their time to pack and transport all the donations to the foodbank who were incredibly grateful to receive it all. Next week will be our Autumn Week, culminating in our Autumn mufti day next Friday. Just a reminder that the nursing team will also be visiting next Friday for the flu immunisations so don't forget to complete the consent form (that will be sent to you by the NHS schools team early next week) if you would like your child to receive it. Have a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

October

- 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: **HARVEST**

This week, our assemblies have focused on Harvest, reminding us that everything we have is a gift from God and that we have a responsibility to share those gifts with others. Reflecting on the words of Psalm 24:1, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,"* we reflected on the importance of gratitude, generosity and looking after those who have less than us. Through our Catholic Social Teaching focus on the Dignity of the Human Person, we considered how we can put our faith into action through our Harvest food bank collection and CAFOD Family Fast Day. We also reflected on Jean-François Millet's painting *The Gleaners*, listened to *Canticle of the Sun* in celebration of St Francis of Assisi, and learned about St Thérèse of Lisieux and her 'Little Way', reminding us that even the smallest acts of kindness and love can make a big difference. Our message this week has been simple:

Be grateful for God's gifts, share generously and show God's love through the little things we do each day.

Story of the Week

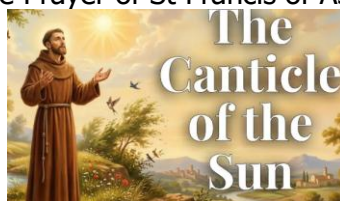
Psalm 24:1



Music of the Week

Canticle of the Sun –

The Prayer of St Francis of Assisi



Art of the Week

The Gleaners (1857)

By Jean-François Millet



Harvest Assembly

We enjoyed our Harvest Assembly this morning in which the children learnt about foodbanks and why they are so important. They learnt about the huge variety of people they will be helping with their generosity this morning. Father James then blessed the food, before a team of kind parent volunteers left for the food banks in laden cars! A special thank you to our Heads and Deputies for their help and to our brilliant Pupil Chaplaincy Team who packed the many goods received up very efficiently...Living out their Catholic Social Teaching principles and putting their faith into action. Thank you everyone!



Y1 & Y5 Family Mass



We are looking forward to celebrating our first Family Mass of the year on **Monday 19th October** at **2.15pm** in the school hall. We warmly invite all families of children in Year 1 and Year 5 to celebrate this special mass with us. The children will be leading the liturgy, including choosing their favourite hymns!

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.

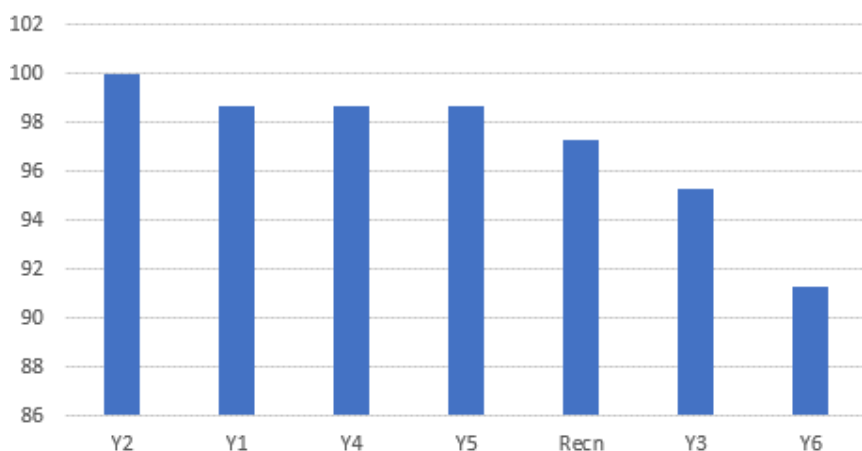
We can't wait to see you there!



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 2**



Class	% Atten
Y2	100
Y1	98.7
Y4	98.7
Y5	98.7
Recn	97.3
Y3	95.3
Y6	91.3
Totals	97.1

Well done to everyone in YEAR 2 for such a fantastic week with 100% 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.

Owl and Owlet Teddy Bear Picnic

Our Owls and Owlets enjoyed a lovely afternoon together today at their special Teddy Bear Picnic! A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and parents who prepared and set everything up so beautifully for the children. It was a perfect example of our school community coming together and living out The Oratory Way!



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!

ICT Prefect



Hello! I am one of the ICT prefects and I am really looking forward to helping in assemblies and taking care of my Owlet.

Fun Fact: I love drawing!

Art Prefect



Hi! I am one of the Art Prefects and I am really looking forward to looking after the younger children in Reception.

Fun Fact: I enter art competitions and have won 2 so far!

Deputy House Captain



Hi! I am Deputy Head of Blue House and am really looking forward to helping my house and being a responsible prefect.

Fun Fact: I have lots of great friends!

Deputy House Captain



I am Deputy Head of Green House. I am looking forward to showing my Owlet the Oratory Way and taking care of them,

Fun Fact: I love to skateboard!

Sports Captain



Hi! I am Yellow House Sports Prefect and I look forward to the responsibilities of being Sports Captain such as helping at playtimes,

Fun Fact: I like to play games on my computer.

Wellbeing Prefect



Hello! I am one of the wellbeing prefects. I am excited to have an Owlet to take care of.

Fun Fact: I have been to 5 football matches and loved it!

Chaplain's Corner – Father James

On Tuesday we kept the Feast of the three Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, and 2nd October is the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. Unfortunately, our faith in the existence and power of the angels has been somewhat obscured by the overly saccharine depictions of these celestial creatures which we encounter in picture books and prayer cards. The angels are very powerful spirits, made up of pure intellect and will, who operate in the unseen reality that surrounds us, and intervene to assist us on the path of salvation. They can operate in our minds by causing good propositions and thoughts to arise, which lead us away from sin and encourage us to grow in virtue. May the Holy Angels assist us each day and help us grow closer to Christ.

Oratory Pupil Chaplaincy Team

Our Pupil Chaplaincy team enjoyed a wonderful first session with Mrs Steinart this week as they began their important new role in leading the spiritual life of our Catholic school. The children received their Pupil Chaplaincy training, exploring what it means to serve others, lead by example and help our school grow in faith. They also made their Pupil Chaplaincy Promise, committing themselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus through their words and actions.

They then spent time creating beautiful prayer pebbles for each class altar, which are now proudly adorning each classroom.

What a lovely way to begin their journey as Pupil Chaplains - already putting their faith into action, sharing God's love and following Jesus' example of kindness, service and care for others. We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing all the wonderful things they will do this year!



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.

**Wednesday
Word:**

**30th
September
2026**

Autumn Mufti Day



As our theme next week will be Autumn, we will be having our Autumn mufti day next Friday 9th October.

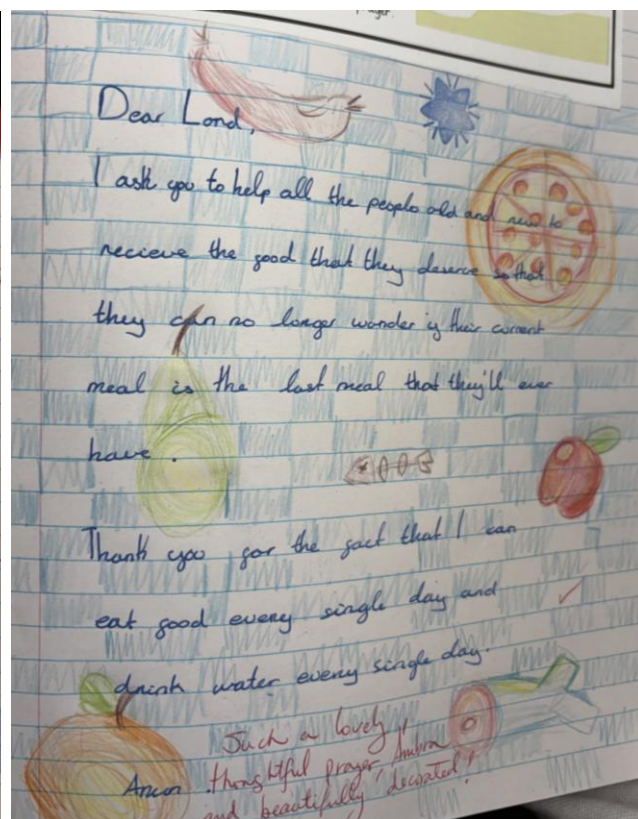
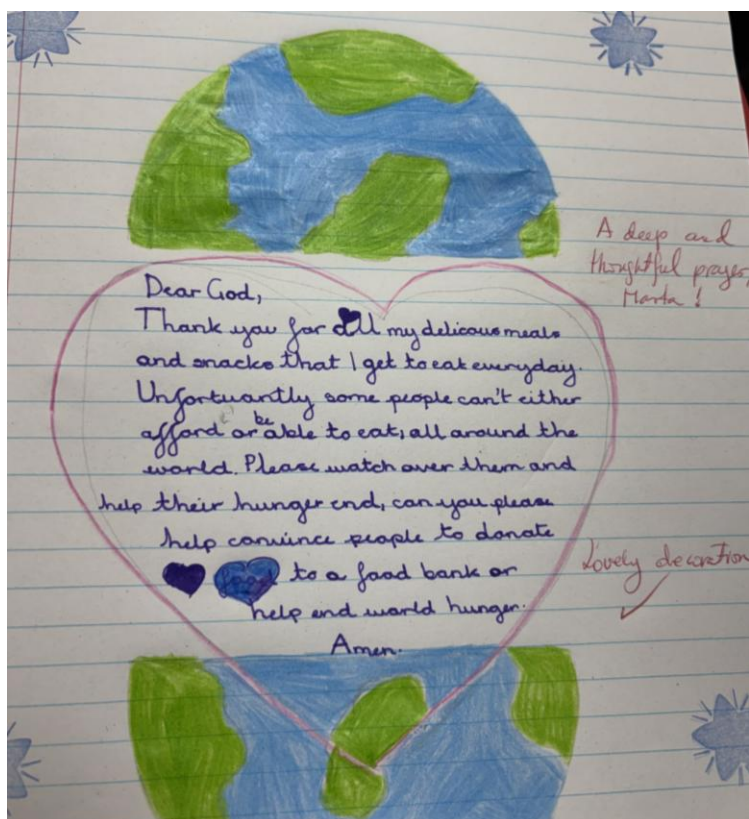
The children can dress as autumnal themed as they like. Please log onto Parent Pay to make a donation for the mufti day. All donations go towards important learning resources for the children.

Thank you!

[Parent Pay Login](#)



Thank you to Marta S and Ambra in Year 6 for sharing your beautiful prayers with us in assembly this morning. You can see the care and dedication they have put into their very thoughtful prayers.



Year 1 Class Saint St Therese of Lisieux



Year 1 had a lovely day on Thursday, celebrating their Class Saint Day. We also learnt about St Therese in assembly and thought especially about how we can follow her 'little way'.

Reception Class Saint

Sunday will mark the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, our Reception Class Saint.

Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Amen.



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!

Year 6 WWI Not Forgotten Programme

On Wednesday, Year 6 enjoyed a very informative day with Peter Daniel from Westminster Archives, as part of their WW1 *Not Forgotten* programme. The children had a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the First World War, really bringing their important history learning to life.



Oratorians Putting Their Faith into Action!

It has been wonderful to see all of our Oratorians putting their faith into action this week, living out the principles of Catholic Social Teaching through their kindness, generosity and care for others and our world.

As well as our foodbank donations, here are a few other highlights:

Year 5 have been busy working with TimeGivers, taking part in litter picking and helping to care for our local environment and they did it all in their usual excellent Oratory Way. Well done, Year 5!

Meanwhile, one of our fantastic Year 4 children took the initiative to organise yet another brilliant litter pick in Battersea Park, inspiring others to take responsibility for protecting God's beautiful creation.

We were also delighted to hear that two of our children took part in a charity race, generously giving their time and energy to support a great cause.

What wonderful examples of Stewardship of Creation, Solidarity and the Common Good in action. Our Catholic faith reminds us that we are called not simply to talk about kindness, compassion and responsibility, but to live them through our everyday actions.

We are incredibly proud of these children for following in Jesus' footsteps and living out our school mission, demonstrating that we can all make a positive difference to the world around us!



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](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you there!



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What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had an extremely eventful week! On Wednesday, they welcomed Peter Daniel from Westminster Archives to guide them through the Not Forgotten programme. On Friday, we were lucky enough to attend a performance of the wonderful production of Mr. Moore's Bizarre Secret Society at the Bridewell Theatre.

Maths: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division: Prime numbers to 100, Square & Cube Numbers; Multiply 4 digit by 2 digit numbers.

English: *Reading Focus:* The Sister Who Ate Her Brothers by Jen Campbell; make predictions based on what I have read, inference clues the author has given me, or my prior knowledge; *Writing Focus:* I can create atmosphere in a setting through sentence choices; To effectively describe a setting while creating atmosphere; To establish a traditional-tale world, character motivation and an effective disruption. *Grammar & Punctuation Focus:* Punctuating fronted adverbial sentences; Using modal verbs and sentence length to create atmosphere.

RE: Creation & Covenant: To give a reasoned response to the meaning of the Fall and human suffering, and reflect on how belief in dignity can transform communities; To explain key beliefs about the Sacrament of Baptism.

History: Understanding the context leading to the outbreak of World War I and how it affected local Chelsea residents (Not Forgotten programme)

Science: To plan a fair test to investigate how voltage affects the brightness of a bulb.

Latin: To understand that nouns in Latin have a gender.

PSHE: Self-Talk: To learn about how thoughts and feelings impact on actions, and develop strategies that will positively impact their actions.

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

It has been a brilliant week of learning for the Year 6s and we look forward to another excellent one after a restful weekend.

Year 5

Another fantastic week of Year 5, where we have been focusing particularly on how our actions can impact others, spreading ripples of kindness. One way we did that this week was by going litter-picking in our local area with the charity Timegivers. Well done, Year 5, for representing our school's values so well. English – We have read so much more of Rumaysa, and wish this novel would never end! In our writing, we have focused on choosing fronted adverbials to give greater detail. We also celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday by being poetry detectives, looking for poetic clues as we read The Eagle by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Maths – We have consolidated our rounding to 1 million and have been spotting number patterns in our Place Value unit.

RE – We have considered the impact of the Ten Commandments on the lives of the Israelites in the wilderness as well as on our lives today, connecting them to The Greatest Commandment given by Jesus to love God and love our neighbour.

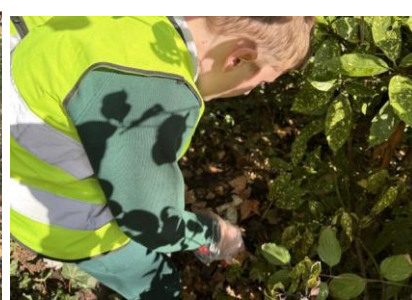
PE – We explored counterbalance poses in groups.

PSHE – We discussed the importance of not sharing personal information online.

Science – We considered a world without gravity!

French – We read texts in French and translated them.

History – We explored the polytheistic religion of Ancient Egypt.



Year 4:

Year 4 have been working hard this week as always across all subjects.

English: In English we have been learning about narrative structures and compared different versions of fairytales and the characteristics they share. We also enjoyed our drama workshop on Monday celebrating the work of Roald Dahl.

Maths: We focused on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

R.E: We reflected on the virtues of faith, hope and love and on how these virtues shaped Abraham's decisions.

P.S.H.E: We discussed the uses of the internet and how it is relevant in our lives today.

History: Through examination of different artefacts, we explored what life was like at Vindolanda and discussed the importance of Hadrian's wall during the Roman rule of Britain.

P.E: We practised making bridges and also strategies to invade, evade and capture in different games.

Art: We created our own mosaic pieces for our fruit mosaics.

Science: We looked at characteristics of different leaves and used these traits to classify trees.

French: We practised our body vocabulary and learned how to describe how they are feeling.

Well done to all on another wonderful week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend.

Miss McVeigh and Ms Mark.



Year 3:

Year 3 have worked wonderfully this week. This week Year 3 have learnt:

- In Maths, we have compared and ordered 3-digit numbers up to 1,000. We have also learnt how to count in 50s.
- In English, we have focused on the use of conjunctions in joining clauses together. We used conjunctions and paragraphs to write a persuasive letter to the Mayor of Hamelin Town.
- In RE, we described what stewardship means and recognised that Pope Francis teaches us we are called to love God, others and Creation.
- In PSHE, we thought about our emotional wellbeing. We learnt that there is a normal range of emotions and what might be an overreaction to a situation.
- In French, we used our knowledge of numbers to answer the question 'How old are you?'.
- In PE, we practised our gross motor skills when throwing and catching.
- In Science, we explored how different surfaces can affect motion through the force of friction.
- In Art, we continued our work on our pop-up cities inspired by Barbara Gilhooley's work.

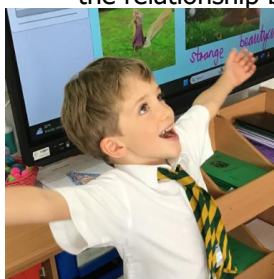
Have a lovely weekend, Year 3 Team.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week this week and have been putting lots of effort into their learning. We started the week with a great Roald Dahl drama workshop and it was lovely to see the children finish the week sharing their items at the Harvest assembly this morning. Here is what the children have been up to:

- In **English**, we have been thinking about Rapunzel's emotions and actions as she escapes from the tower. We created freeze frames to track Rapunzel's thoughts and planned diary entries from Rapunzel's point of view, writing about her experience. We also celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday and the children wrote some lovely poems inspired by things they observed in our local area.
- In **Maths**, we have been continuing to focus on place value. We have been placing and estimating numbers on a number line and comparing objects.
- In **RE**, we have been learning about the term 'stewardship' and what this means for caring for God's world. We have been linking this with our understanding that a covenant is a promise with God to protect the world. We created rainbow collages linking to God's promise, representing the world we have been entrusted to protect.
- In **Science**, we learnt about microhabitats and minibeasts. We went into St. Luke's Garden to spot and identify minibeasts.
- In **History**, we continued to explore the differences and similarities between Stuart London and Modern London.
- In **Computing**, we discussed internet safety when searching for information and we researched objects from the Great Fire of London.
- In **Art**, we continued to look at the work of Josef Albers. We used watercolours to mix paint and investigated the relationship between colours.



Year 1:

This week Year 1 have been focussing on doing small acts of kindness inspired by our class saint St. Therese of Lisieux who's feast day we celebrated on Thursday!

Maths: In Maths we have been finding numbers that are greater and less than a given number. We have also been recognising number words and have been comparing numbers.

English: We have created freeze frames to recreate events in the story and we have been thinking about what the characters might have been feeling. We also had a very exciting Roald Dahl drama workshop where we retold 'The Enormous Crocodile' story, it was a lot of fun!

Science: In Science this week we focused on the sense of Sight. We completed an experiment where we tried throwing at a target using both eyes, one eye and both eyes closed.

Religious Education: In Religious Education this week we were learning how to be aware of our responsibility to look after God's world. We learnt about Pope Francis' letter the Laudato Si' and thought about how we could help look after on our planet.

PSHE: In PSHE we learnt about consequences and discussed different actions and what their consequences might be.

Art: In Art we have been making drawings of rainforest leaves and jungle animals after being introduced to Rousseau's 'Surprised!' painting.

Phonics: In Phonics we learnt about long vowel sounds and the magic 'e'.



Reception:

Reception have had a wonderful week of learning! They have been brilliant at showing the Oratory Way in all that they do!

Phonics: This week, we have learnt the sounds **h,r,m,d**.

Literacy: This week, we have been reading the class text "Dogger". The children have enjoyed becoming familiar with the characters and sequencing events of the story.

Maths: This week, we have focused on basic measure. We have focused on the language of heavier, lighter, bigger and smaller.

UTW: This week, we talked about the seasons and focused on the season of Autumn.

PSED: The children enjoyed talking about members of their family and celebrations which they enjoy together.

EAD: The children continued to make crafts to represent their phonics sounds using cutting and sticking skills. They also created beautiful Autumn pictures using different tools and techniques.

PD: This week, we practised rolling and controlling a ball, using our hands.

RE: This week, we began discussing God's creation. We talked about how all that was made for us, was made with love.



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	Petra	Elio
Year 1	Maria R	Pierpaolo
Year 2	Isabella	Victoria
Year 3	Louis	Caterina
Year 4	Daniel	Darin
Year 5	Noah	Valentina
Year 6	Sophia	Genevieve
Special Act of Kindness		Lili (Y4)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Green House	Reception Class (For settling into The Oratory Way so brilliantly!)