

Newsletter

Autumn Term: 9th October 2026



The
ORATORY
RC PRIMARY
School

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

Dear Parents,

We have very much enjoyed our week focusing on autumn and the Rosary, and it has been lovely to see the many thoughtful, creative and prayerful ways the children have engaged with these themes. Next week marks the start of our Poetry Fortnight, which we are really looking forward to. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to enjoy, perform and create poetry, so do read on for more details.

We also hope to see many of you at the PTA Social in the hall on Thursday evening. It will be a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community, and we look forward to seeing you there. A final reminder that children need to come to school dressed in their winter uniform from Monday please – including caps and berets! Have a lovely weekend!

With my very best wishes, Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

October

- 11 Oct** Children's Mass at Little Oratory
- 12 Oct** Poetry Fortnight begins
- 13 Oct** Parent Prayer Group with Fr James 9.15am
- 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

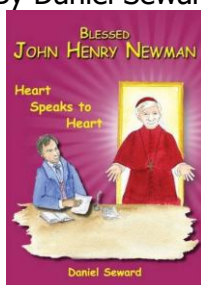
Please note: these dates do not include school trips. Please check on classlist, and in your child's bag, for other letters and announcements

This week's theme: The Rosary & Autumn

This week, our assemblies focused on the themes of The Rosary and Autumn. We reflected on the beauty of the changing season, giving thanks to God for creation, while our Artwork of the Week was 'The Virgin of the Rosary' by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo and our Music of the Week was Vivaldi's 'Autumn' from *The Four Seasons*. We also celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman, our Year 6 Class Saint, learning about his motto, "*Heart speaks unto heart*," and thinking about how we can listen to God, seek truth, follow the light of Jesus and use our gifts for good.

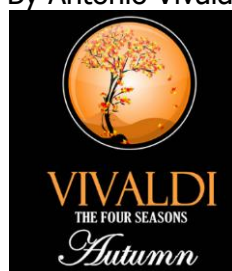
Story of the Week

Heart Speaks to Heart
By Daniel Seward



Music of the Week

Autumn from The Four Seasons
By Antonio Vivaldi

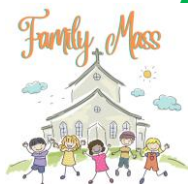


Art of the Week

'The Virgin of the Rosary'
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo



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!

Poetry Workshops

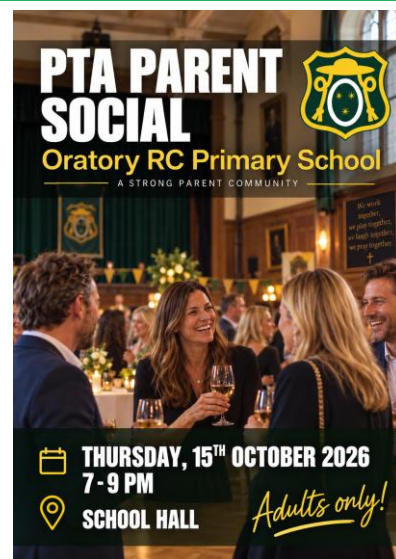
As our Poetry Fortnight will be starting next week, all classes will be taking part in some fantastic poetry workshops on Monday based on this year's National Poetry Day theme: The Wonder of Poetry.

The day will culminate in a whole school assembly where every class will perform their poems together. No doubt it will be a wonderful day of poetry for the children!

Please log onto your [ParentPay](#) account to contribute towards the cost of the workshops.
Many thanks!

PTA Parent Social Thursday 15th October

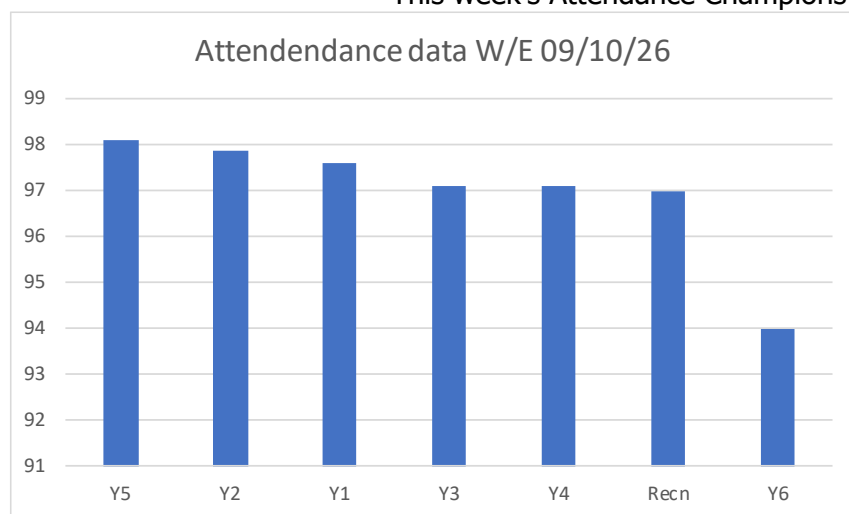
We are very much looking forward to our first PTA Social gathering of the year, taking place on Thursday 15th October in the school hall. It will be a lovely opportunity for our Oratory community to come together, meet one another and enjoy a relaxed evening. Drinks and canapés will be kindly provided 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 5**



Year	%Attend
Y5	98.1
Y2	97.9
Y1	97.6
Y3	97.1
Y4	97.1
Recn	97
Y6	94

Well done to everyone in YEAR 5 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.

Year 1's Autumn Adventure!

Our Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Holland Park Ecology Centre, where they took part in an Autumn Forest School session. The children had a fantastic time exploring and learning more about the season of autumn, and returned to school proudly wearing the beautiful autumn crowns they had made.

Miss Ruiz, Mrs Reber, Ms Fyers and Ms Luci were especially impressed by the way the children demonstrated The Oratory Way throughout the trip. Well done, Year 1!



Chaplain's Corner – Father James

On 9th October we celebrate the feast of St John Henry Newman. He is a very important saint for us as he founded the London Oratory along with his fellow convert to Catholicism Fr Wilfrid Faber. Newman was recently declared a Doctor of the Church, an honorary title which recognises his writings as normative expressions of the Catholic faith. We ask him to pray for our school, that we may follow in his footsteps, seeking the Truth of Christ each day.

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.

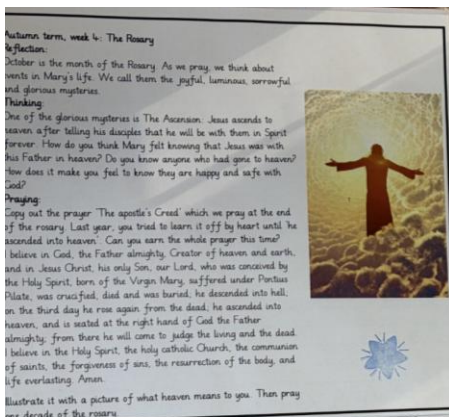
Feast of St John Henry Newman



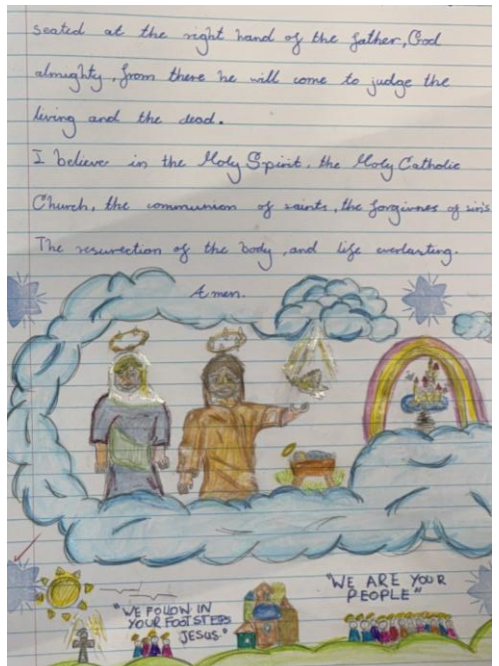
In assembly this morning we celebrated the Feast of St John Henry Newman. We explored his motto, "Heart speaks unto heart," and reflected on the importance of speaking to God from the heart and making time to listen to Him. We learnt how he valued prayer, friendship, learning and truth, and thought about how we can follow his example by asking good questions, listening to God, choosing what is true and good, and using our gifts to serve others. He is a wonderful Oratorian example for us all.



Thank you so much to Arman and Baltazar in Year 6 who shared their beautiful prayer journal entries with the school in assembly this morning. Year 6 reflected on the Resurrection and the mystery of Heaven, using the Rosary to think about what Christians believe happens after death. They then illustrated their reflections with their own image of what Heaven might be like.



I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Parents Prayer Group

Tuesday 13 October
9:15 am

THE ORATORY HOUSE
(BROMPTON ORATORY CHURCH)

A monthly gathering for parents, where Fr James gives a talk on a specific theme.

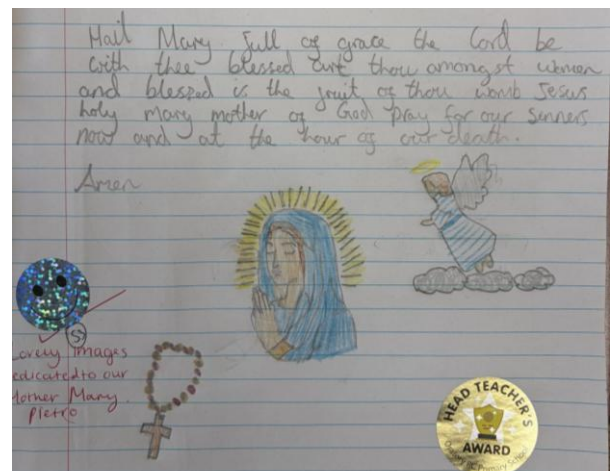
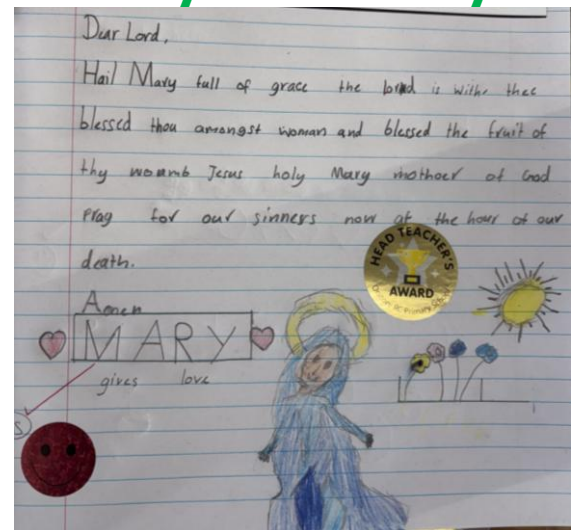
In October, the talk will be on
The Rosary

After, there will be time for questions and coffee and tea.

Approx. 30-45 min.

A beautiful opportunity to come together as parents and help our children to grow in the faith.

Prayers for Mary



Honouring Mary

This week, the children have been finding lots of beautiful ways to honour Mary, with a particular focus on the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary during Class Acts of Worship. Some classes created lovely paper-linked class rosaries, with each link carrying a special prayer to Mary.

It has also been wonderful to see the thoughtful reflections in the children's prayer journals, as well as some of the beautiful contributions being added to our Oratory Family Rosary books.



October Art Competition



Our brilliant Year 6 Art Prefects, Baltazar and Yana, have organised an October art competition on the theme of Mary and the Rosary. Children can create their entry in any medium they choose - drawing, painting, collage, sculpture or something completely different!

Entries should be handed in by **Wednesday 21st October** and placed in the tray in the hall. Don't forget to include your name and year group on your entry. Good luck!



By Yana, Y6 Art Prefect

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!

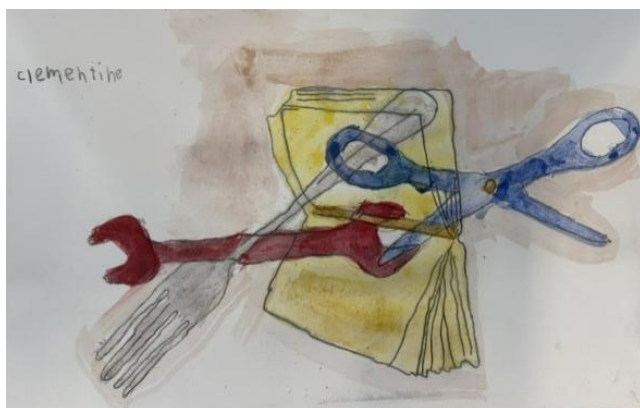
Competition dates

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

Good luck with your brilliant entries!

Lunchtime Art Club

Mrs Nuttall's Art Club have certainly been busy – having created layered tracings, they have now added a variety of beautiful colours to them - inspired by the work of Michael Craig Martin. Well done, Art Club!



Children's Mass at Little Oratory this Sunday

We hope to see as many of our Oratory families as possible at Children's Mass this Sunday. Just a quick reminder to please ensure that all of the children continue to behave respectfully while in and around the church. Our children are representing both our school and The Oratory Way within our parish community, and we are very grateful for your support in helping them to show the same respect and good manners that we expect in school. Many thanks!

Children's Mass

at the

Little Oratory



⊕
Sunday 11 Oct.
11:15 am

PTA sponsored free refreshments
for the children after Mass
in **St Joseph's Hall**,
including hot dogs, fruit juices
and biscuits.



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: 791a3cv6



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We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Winter Uniform from Monday 12th October

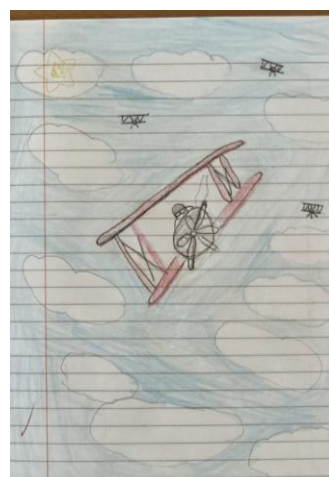
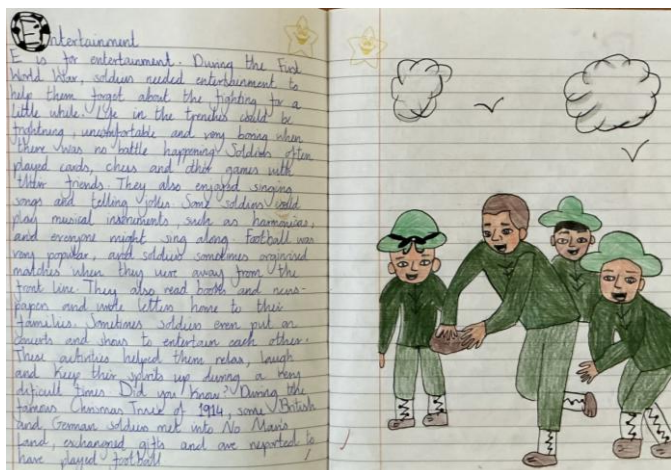
All children should be in winter uniform from this coming Monday 12th October please. This includes caps for boys and berets for girls – please ensure your child has a named hat and is wearing it when they arrive at school.

Thank you!



Brilliant A-Z History Homework by Year 6

We are very impressed with the way in which our Year 6, Year 5 and Year 4 children are endeavouring with their A-Z history projects and look forward to seeing the brilliant new entries every Monday morning. Here are a few examples of some of our Year 6 World War One projects. Well done, Oratorian historians!



What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had another brilliant week. They worked well across the curriculum and were their typically friendly, well-mannered selves as leaders of the school. In the classroom, the children have focused on the following:

Maths: Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication & Division: Multiply 4 digit by 2 digit numbers; Solve multi-step problems with multiplication; Short division method; Long division.

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 the structure and conventions of a traditional tale to plan an original narrative; To establish a traditional-tale world, character motivation and an effective disruption; To develop a traditional tale through repetition, escalation and purposeful pacing; To draft a climax to a traditional narrative. 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. To vary sentence structure for impact. *Grammar & Punctuation Focus:* Using and punctuating relative clauses; Using apostrophes for possession; Using apostrophes for contraction.

RE: Creation & Covenant: To show understanding of Christian belief in Jesus as restorer of the relationship with God. ; To describe how the Church expresses faith through the Nicene Creed.

History: To understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources like propaganda.

Latin: To understand that adjectives agree with nouns in number and gender.

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

PSHE: To learn about how thoughts and feelings impact on actions, and develop strategies that will positively impact our actions

Art: To create a propaganda poster using visual techniques to communicate a message.

Computing: Play, Like, Share - Use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly; recognise acceptable/unacceptable behaviour; identify a range of ways to report concerns about content and contact.

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

Next week will be a very exciting one - our first Poetry Week. Year 6 will be diving into the evocative writing of World War 1 poetry.

Year 5

A fantastic week in Year 5! The class have been so calm and focused in their learning. This is what we've been up to:

English – We wrote prequels to *Rumaysa* about the wicked witch Cordelia's backstory, playing with the idea that maybe she wasn't so wicked all along.

Maths – We finished our Place Value unit, with a highlight being a game of Rounding Rabbits to help us consolidate our rounding knowledge.

RE – We have studied the concept of sin and how it is a deliberate choice to not love God and not love our neighbour. We also reflected on grace and reconciliation, noting how there is always space for hope and forgiveness.

Science – We used Force/Newton Meters to determine the amount of force acting upon an object.

French – We practiced our clothing vocabulary to answer the question "What are you wearing?" in French.

PE – We refined our evasion and escape skills.

PSHE – We discussed personal safety and the Rights of the Child, particularly in regard to keeping physically safe from harm.

History – We studied the importance of the River Nile to the ancient Egyptians and the many gifts this river gave them.



Year 4:

Year 4 have had another wonderful week.

English: In English we have been developing our own characters and writing our tales with a twist.

Maths: We practised rounding and learned different mental strategies with adding ones, tens, hundreds and thousands.

R.E: We looked at the aspects of prayer that Abraham models for us and how prayer is like an honest conversation with God. We identified where Abraham lived out different prayers and the virtues he embodied in each one.

P.S.H.E: We discussed how the internet can be used and how to stay safe when using the web.

History: We learned about the structure of the Roman army and the differences between legionaries and auxiliaries.

P.E: We developed our invading, evading and capture strategies.

Art: We completed our Roman mosaics.

Science: Building on our work on living things, we learned about the work and impact of our key scientist, Jane Goodall.

French: We learned how to describe our physical features like hair and eye colour.

Well done to all on another wonderful week and enjoy the weekend. Miss McVeigh and Ms Mark



Year 3:

This is what we have been learning this week:

- In Maths, we have begun our topic of addition and subtraction. We have focused on our number bonds within 10 to support us with adding and subtracting 1s and 10s from 3-digit numbers.
 - In English, we have focused on using our reading skills of inference to learn more about the characters in the Pied Piper of Hamelin. We then used paragraphs and fronted adverbials in a retelling of the story
 - In French, we learnt the colours in French and used these to say what our favourite colours are.
 - In Art, we finished our work on our pop-up cities inspired by Barbara Gilhooly's work.
 - In PSHE, we thought about our emotional wellbeing and the actions we take when our feelings are heightened.
 - In PE, we focused on our sportsmanship and team building games.
 - In Science, we explored how different surfaces can affect motion through the force of friction. We also we explored how different surfaces can affect motion through the force of friction.
 - In RE we learned about stewardship and how we have a responsibility to look after the planet. We came up with care challenges for how we can look after our world daily.
- Have a lovely weekend, Year 3 team.



Year 2:

Year 2 have had a great week this week! We started the week with a fun drama workshop with Perform and the children have been working wonderfully together and putting their best into their learning. Here is what we have been up to:

-In **English**, we have been writing instructions for Rapunzel on 'how to defeat the witch'. We have been using command sentences and imperative verbs in our writing.

-In **Maths**, we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 100 using our place value. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

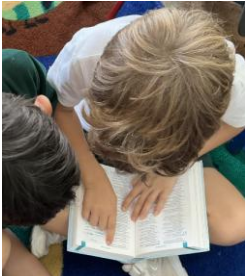
-In **RE**, we have been learning about psalms. We wrote psalms of praise to thank God for different parts of Creation. We focused on Psalm 139 and wrote personal psalms, reflecting on the things that God knows and loves about us.

-In **Science**, we looked at woodland habitats. We explored the features of a squirrel and learnt about ways that they are suited to their habitat.

-In **History**, we thought about how historians use sources to find out about The Great Fire of London. We looked at different historical sources to search for clues about what happened.

-In **PSHE**, we thought about different things we can do to manage our emotions. We used the book 'Lost and Found' to discuss ways we can help both ourselves and others to manage our emotions using different strategies.

-In **Art**, we looked at the works of J.M.W Turner in which he depicts fire. We used red, yellow and white paint to mix colour and then used different brushstrokes to create a fire painting.



Year 1:

This week Year 1 had a very exciting start to the week! We went to the Holland Park Ecology centre where we learnt all about Autumn and what changes there are in nature during the season of Autumn. We had lots of fun going on a nature walk and we even made our very own nature crowns in the woods!

We have also learnt this week:

In Maths: We have been learning all about the numberline and creating our own numberlines with numicon and unifix cubes.

In English: We interviewed the Last Wolf! We used role play to become the Last Wolf. We also made 'Wanted More Trees' posters to help the Last Wolf and Little Red save the forest.

In Science: This week we focused on the sense of hearing. We identified loud and quiet sounds.

In Geography: We were learning about the weather in different countries such as Iceland and Ecuador.

In Religious Education: This week we were looking at how God's Creation is represented in Art and how Art can help us see and appreciate God's love for us.

In PSHE: We thought about what makes us and others unique and special.

In Art: We completed our own Rousseau inspired jungle art! We worked so hard and are so proud of the art we created.

Phonics: We learnt about the alternative spellings 'ay', 'oy' and 'ea'.



Reception:

Reception have had another busy week of learning!

Phonics: We have focused on the sounds g,o,u,l.

Literacy: This week, the children enjoyed listening to each other's ideas and having conversations about their favourite toys. The children tried to applied their phonics knowledge to label their favourite toy.

Maths: This week, we focused on copying and completing simple patterns.

EAD: The children used cutting, sticking and design skills to create crafts to enhance their phonics learning. They also created Autumn hedgehogs using different techniques.

PD: This week, we focused on throwing and catching in PE.

PSED: This week, the children were introduced to the zones of emotional regulation.

UTW: The children enjoyed comparing and discussing toys from the past and the present.

RE: this week, we focused on sequencing the Creation story.



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	Thomas B	Antonio
Year 1	Livia	Matilde
Year 2	Leon	Patrick
Year 3	Gabrielle-Mary	Maria
Year 4	Lili	Frederica
Year 5	Kaitlyn	Sebastian
Year 6	Leo M	Immanuel
Special Act of Kindness		Marta S, Immanuel, Norah, Marcelo (Y6)

 House of the Week 	 Class of the Week 
Green House	Year 1 (For showing The Oratory Way so brilliantly on their trip on Monday)