Newsletter

Autumn Term: 6th November 2026

The ORATORY RC PRIMARY School

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

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school and an incredibly special week of Remembrance which culminated in a beautiful assembly led so professionally by our Year 6 children this morning. We will be marking the two minutes silence in school next Wednesday too.

Next week is our Friendship Week which we are thoroughly looking forward to - read on for more details as we have lots of exciting activities arranged for the children…especially about Odd Socks Day this Monday!

Wishing you a special Remembrance weekend.

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Steinart

Upcoming dates

November

8 Nov Children's Mass at Little Oratory
9 Nov Friendship Week
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

January 2027

4 Jan Inset Day (no children)
5 Jan Children return
6 Jan Feast of Epiphany
8 Jan House of the term mufti day
12 Jan Y3 Mass & First Holy Communion meeting 2.15pm
15 Jan Winter mufti day
15 Jan Year 4 Cake Sale 3.30pm
18 Jan Coffee Morning & Uniform sale 8.30am
18 Jan Parent & Child Book share 3.45-5.30pm
22 Jan Y5 Class Assembly 9.15am
25 Jan STEM Week
26 Jan Y2 & Y4 Family Mass 2.15pm

February 2027

5 Feb Y3 Class Assembly 9.15am
9 Feb Safer Internet Day
9 Feb Y3 Pancake Sale 3.30pm
12 Feb Half Term 3.30pm

This week's theme: Remembrance

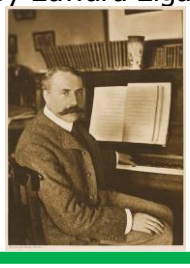
This week, our assemblies have focused on Holy Souls and Remembrance, as we begin November, a special month in the Church's calendar when we remember and pray for all those who have died.

The children have explored the Communion of Saints, learning how we remain united in Christ with the Saints in Heaven and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. We reflected on the importance of praying for the faithful departed and remembering our loved ones with gratitude, love and hope. We also learned about St Martin de Porres, our Year 2 class saint, whose life of kindness, generosity and service to those in need provides a wonderful example of putting our Catholic Social Teaching into action.

Story of the Week
Strories of the Saints
By Carey Wallace



Music of the Week
Nimrod
By Edward Elgar



Art of the Week
Adoration of the Trinity with Saints
By Albrecht Durer



Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

Year 6 did a fantastic job in their very moving Remembrance Assembly this morning. They taught us all about the meaning and importance of Remembrance Day, recited numerous pieces of poetry from heart and sang beautifully.

Well done to our Year 6 prefects who really demonstrated what brilliant leaders of the school they are.





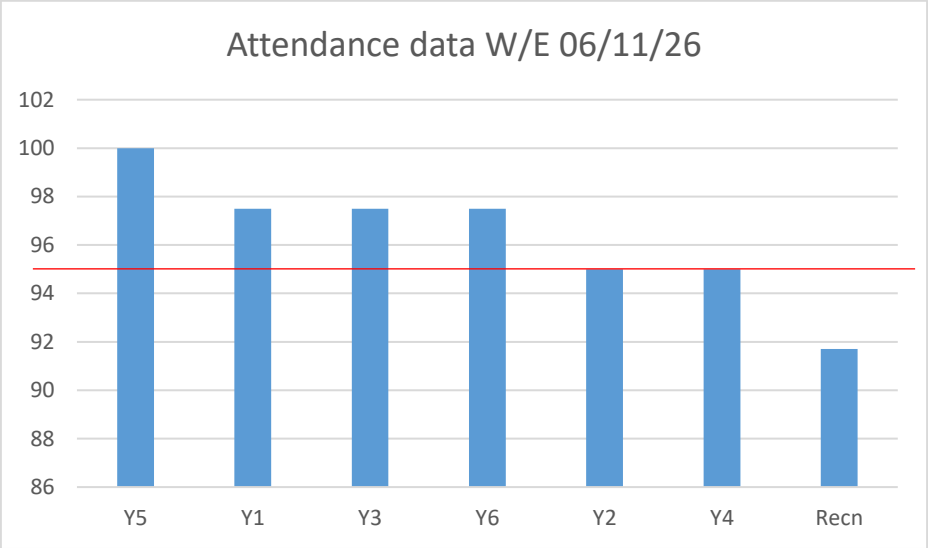




Attendance Spotlight - Growing Together in Faith and Learning

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**



Group	%Attend
Y5	100
Y1	97.5
Y3	97.5
Y6	97.5
Y2	95
Y4	95
Recn	91.7

Well done to everyone in for a fantastic week with 100% attendance!
Thank you to all our families for supporting regular and punctual attendance.
Your support with attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated - every day really does count - helping the children participate fully and make the most of the gifts God has given them.

School Council News



Pyjama Fundraising Day

Our wonderful School Council have decided that they would like to repeat the fun from last year and have another Pyjama Day to raise money for our Autumn term charity, Glass Door. This is an opportunity for the children to think about and raise important funds for those who are not as fortunate as us. We know that having a cosy bed, warm water and a hot meal to go home to are things to be treasured.



On **Friday 20th November**, the children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas (and even bring a teddy!) … thank you to the Parents' Association who will also be serving hot chocolate for the children to enjoy in their pyjamas!



Please log onto Parent Pay to make your donation to Glass Door.

School Uniform

Just a few uniform reminders to please note:

- Trainers should be white
- Children should enter and leave the school wearing their caps and berets **not** beanie hats
- Jewellery is not to be worn. This is for reasons of safety. Children will be asked to remove jewellery worn to school.
- Children with hair longer than their collar should tie it up with a band
- Blazers **or** duffle coats are to be worn to school each day

Thank you for your support and action on this.

Friendship Week

Next week we will be celebrating FRIENDSHIP WEEK.
Each class will be taking part in different activities throughout the week:

Monday: We will be thinking about what makes a good friend and celebrating ODD SOCKS DAY!

Tuesday: We will be celebrating differences and taking part in Anti-bullying workshops in the hall. Please log onto Parent Pay to contribute towards the cost of the Anti-Bullying workshops.

Wednesday: We will be taking part in activities in class around this year's them: Break the Silence.

Thursday: We will be learning about how we can work together to solve problems as well as taking part in our very special Spirituality Day, where each class will spend some time in the hall and reflectively work their round peaceful prayer stations

Friday: We will celebrate our Friday Friendship Assembly all about this year's theme – Break the Silence.

For more information on Anti-Bullying Week 2026 please click here: Anti-Bullying Alliance



Don't forget to wear your odd socks to school this **Monday 9th November!**
Girls can wear their odd socks over their tights if they would like to.
We can't wait to see all the amazingly odd socks!

School Choir News



The School Choir are incredibly excited to be singing Carols in Peter Jones, Sloane Square on Monday 7th December at 2pm.
So, if you happen to be doing a spot of Christmas shopping at this time you will be sweetly serenaded as you shop!

Children's Mass this Sunday

There will be Children's Mass at the Little Oratory this Sunday at 11:15am.

Well done Year 5!



Thank you to all of our Year 5 families who brilliantly baked, served and then cleared away for our Year 5 Cake Sale today where a phenomenal £940 was made.

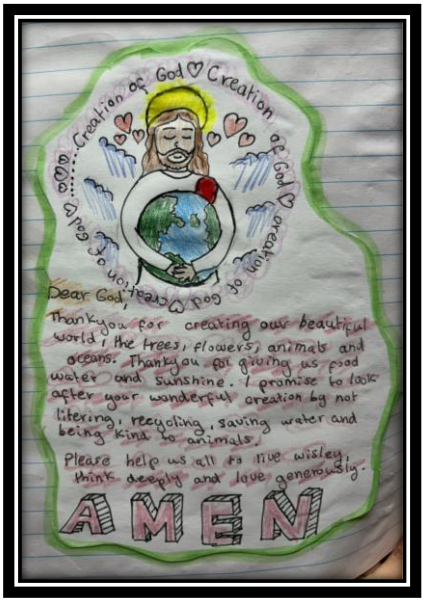
Thank you everyone for your wonderful support of our school!

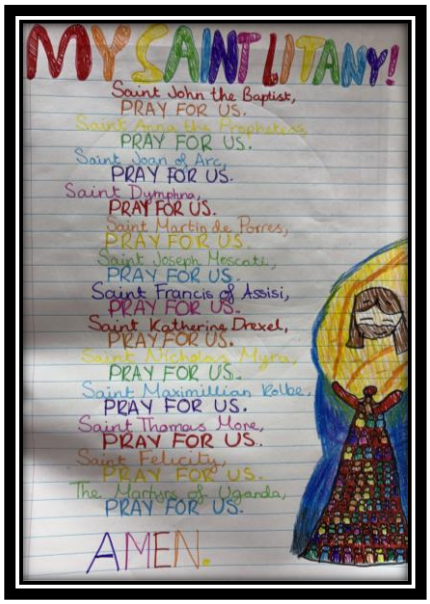
Chaplain's Corner – Father James

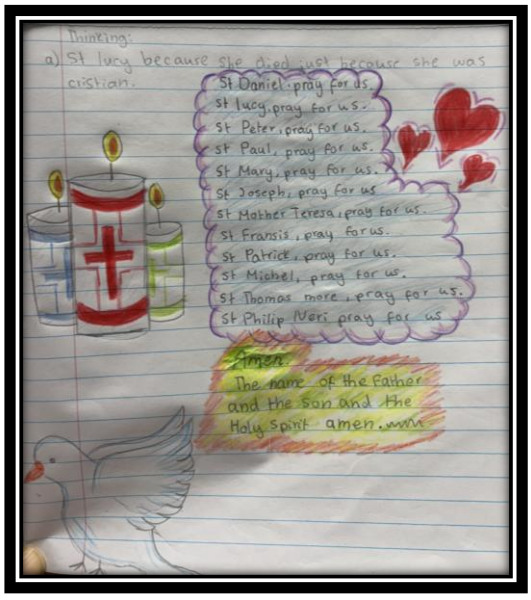
In November the Church asks us to pray for the holy souls in Purgatory. These are those who have died in a state of grace and are therefore destined for Heaven, but still need to undergo some purification from their sins and their effects to be welcomed into that place where as Scripture teaches "nothing unclean shall enter" (Rev. 21:27). Our prayers actually help them: "it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (2 Mac 12:46). Let us especially remember our deceased loved ones this month, firm in the knowlege that our prayers for them are a concrete act of charity toward them, through which we remain in communion with them.

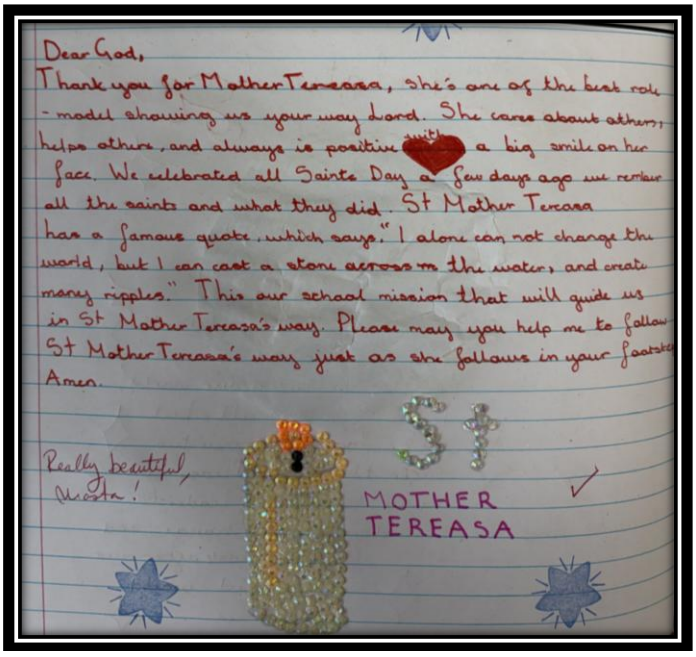


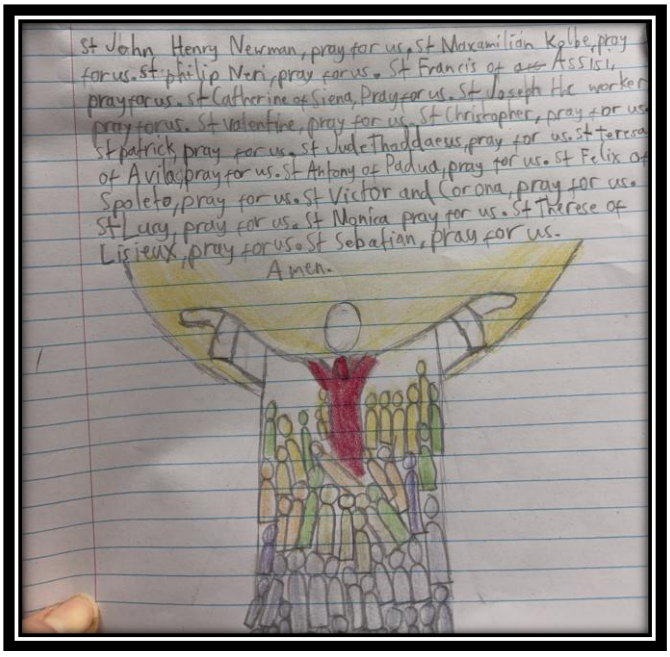
Once again, it was such a pleasure to see the number of children who came to proudly show me their beautiful Prayer Journal entries this week. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful and reflective prayers, alongside the care, creativity and effort that so many of you put into presenting your very special prayer journals. Here are some of the beautiful examples for you to enjoy…











Wednesday Word –

[Half Term Wednesday Word]

THE Wednesday WORD
Good News for Families

SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL WITH SCHOOLS, PARENTS & FAMILIES

Very busy and happy Reception children!





































Parent Helpers Needed!

There are many wonderful upcoming events where parent helpers are very much appreciated – please let Markus or your reps know if you are able to help at any of the following:

Thursday 12th November: Spirituality Day
(a few parents required on a rota basis throughout the day to help man prayer stations).

Friday 20th November: Glassdoor Pyjama and Hot Chocolate Fundraising Day (parents needed to serve the hot chocolate to all classes).

Monday 30th November: Wreath making
(to sell at the Christmas Fair).

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas Fair
(in the hall 3.30pm-5pm - help needed with set up, manning stalls and clear up).

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December: Infant Nativity Play
(help needed with handing out drinks and nibbles after the performance).

Thursday 17th December: Children's Day
(help needed with setting up the hall for lunch, serving lunch, clearing the hall ready for discos in the afternoon, helping at Junior discos).

Autumn Fun for Year 2!



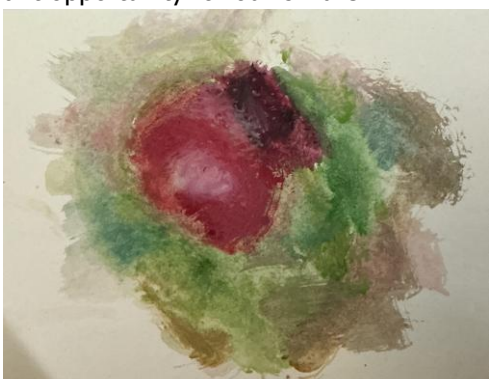





What's been going on in class this week?

Year 6

The Year 6s have had a wonderful first week back. They were dedicated in their preparations for the Remembrance Day assembly and did such a fantastic job leading the school through this respectful occasion.
Maths: Fractions: Equivalent fractions & simplifying; Equivalent fractions on a number line; Order & compare fractions.
English: Reading Focus: War Horse by Michael Morpugo; To explain a prediction using evidence; To identify evidence for an inference about a character. Writing Focus: Identify features of a reflective diary entry; plan first person writing that suggests mixed emotions. Grammar & Punctuation focus: semi colons to separate main clauses.
RE: Prophecy and Promise: To show understanding of the Old Testament passage about Sarah and the importance of women in salvation history.
Science: To create a double page spread to review and consolidate knowledge about electricity.
Art: To use paint to accurately mix different intensities of colour, taking inspiration from Mary Gartside.
Latin: To know that Latin shows 'who' is doing the verb through word endings.
PSHE: 'This is Us Workshop': To develop understanding on different types of discrimination; to recognise how social media can fuel hate; to consider ways to reduce hate and discrimination.
PE: Block, Guard, Attack
Next week, we are very lucky to be visiting Westminster Abbey as part of our study of World War I and Remembrance. What a brilliant opportunity for our children.



Year 5

A big well done to Year 5 for settling back into the rhythm of school life after the break. They have been utterly fantastic this week!
English – We did our Spelling, Reading Comprehension, Grammar & Punctuation assessments this week, and have been enjoying finishing reading *Rumaysa* as our class novel.
Maths – We consolidated our understanding of exchanging in our addition and subtraction unit, particularly when exchanging across zeros. We also explored negative numbers.
RE – We started our new unit by reading and dissecting the story of David's anointing by the Prophet Samuel. We considered why God called David to such an important role, and sought similarities between being a king and a shepherd.
Art – We continued our project about Nefertiti, looking closely at artwork of her and carefully measuring them so as to sketch her accurately.
History – We researched the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt and each made a case as to which one deserves to be remembered the most.
Science – We considered the impact of water resistance on different shapes and objects.
We have enjoyed ending the day by turning off the lights apart from our candles on our class altar, and praying our class litany of saints.








Year 4:

Year 4 have had a wonderful week following half-term.Here's what we have been up to:
English: We made predictions before starting our new text 'Escape from Pompeii'. We made inferences based on the text and created phrases using the past progressive tense.
Maths: We practised using inverse operations to check our answers and write fact families using inverse operations.
R.E: We started to discuss what a prophet is and introduced the story of Elijah.
French: We learned different classroom instructions and actions in French.
History: We looked at primary sources from Pompeii and discussed how this event impacted the people of the city.
Science: We started our new topic which is states of matter. We explored the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases and sorted materials.
Art: We explored colour theory and created our own colour wheels.
P.E: We started our new PE unit, 'Hands, Feet, Equipment'.

Well done everyone on a great week. I hope you all enjoy the weekend!
Miss McVeigh and Ms Mark





Year 3:

Year 3 have come back from half term ready to learn, well done! This week Year 3 have learnt:
-In Maths, we learnt how to add and subtract two 3-digits numbers from each other, without exchanging.
-In English, we have begun our new class novel where we have been predicting the story through the illustrations on the front cover.
-In RE, we recognised why Sunday was a holy day and made links with the Creation story.
-In French, we learnt what classroom instructions were in French.
-In PE, we used symmetry to create a range of symmetrical balances and movements.
-In Science, we began our new learning topic on light and darkness by discussing what we already knew, and what we would like to find out.
-In PSHE, we created positive affirmations.

Have a lovely weekend, Year 3 team





Year 2:

Year 2 have had a wonderful start to this half term! The children have settled back into school routines well and have approached their learning and first week of assessments with great enthusiasm! Here is what they have been up to this week:

- In **English**, we have started a new book: 'The Lonely Beast'. We have been making inferences on the character based on illustrations and making predictions about the story.
- In **Maths**, we have been focusing on the method of 'making 10' when using addition and we have been practising partitioning to add three 1-digit numbers.
- In **RE**, we have been learning about the Annunciation to Zechariah. We thought about how Zechariah and Elizabeth may have felt and wrote a short diary excerpt writing about Zechariah's experience.
- In **Science**, we investigated different habitats around the world and which animals live there. We researched a chosen habitat and wrote a fact file detailing which plants and animals live here, its features and where in the world we can find it.
- In **History**, we identified different viewpoints about how the Great Fire of London started and debated over who was to blame for the fire.
- In **Art**, we have been weaving. We looked at the work of Terri Friedman and used looms to create our own weaves.






Year 1:

It has been a great start back after half term for Year 1!
This week in Year 1:

Maths: In Maths we have been learning about fact families and writing number sentences using mathematical symbols. We have also been learning our number bonds to 10.
English: We have started a new story! 'Mr Underbed'! We analysed the first page and made predictions on what we thought might happen next in the story. We wrote down and shared questions we had for the main character in the story.
Religious Education: In Religious Education this week we worked together to remember and share all that we have learnt about Creation and pray ready to start our new topic next week.
Phonics: We have been looking at the alternative spellings aw and au for the sound /or/.
Handwriting: We have been practising writing words with a double ff.



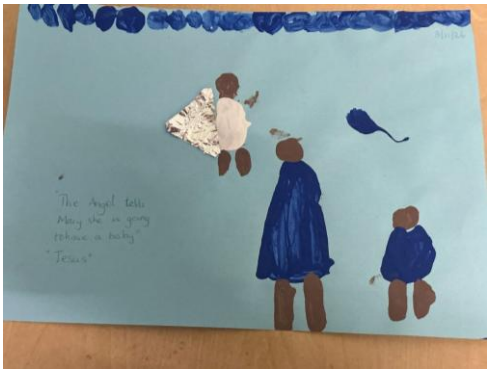


Reception:

Reception have a wonderful week back after the half term break. They have come back ready to learn and showing the Oratory Way!

Phonics: This week, we have been practising reading and writing words with consonant blends such as clap, crack and flag.
Literacy: The children have enjoyed reading the book "The Train Ride". They used their phonics to write about their experience on transport!
Maths: This week, we talked about how larger numbers are made up of smaller numbers and looked at the composition of number to 3.
UTW: This week, we spoke about the celebration of Diwali.
EAD: The children created pictures of fireworks using oil pastels and used different shaped sponges to create steam trains.
C&L: The children enjoyed sharing their experiences on different modes of transport and using new vocabulary in our train station role play area!
PD: The children have continued to practise name writing and letter formation.
RE: This week, the children listened to the story of The Annunciation.



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	Chiara	Aryton
Year 1	Giacomo	Federica
Year 2	Martin	Leo
Year 3	Alma	Thiago
Year 4	Olimpia	Aryan
Year 5	Athena	Liam
Year 6	Clara	Claudio
Special Act of Kindness		Matilda (Y5)

House of the Week	Class of the Week
Red House & Green House	**Year 6** (For their very moving assembly)