



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 9th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

The Mysteries of Faith

Liturgical Year and Cycle: The Most Holy Trinity |
Cycle A

Key Scripture: John 3: 16-18

This week we have reflected on one of the mysteries of our faith: the Holy Trinity. Children learnt about the community of love that is the Holy Trinity, and how we are made in the image of God – meaning we were created to love God and love one another!

First Holy Communion

Best wishes to all those in Year 4 who are making their First Holy Communion on Sunday. You will all be in our hearts and prayers as you make this important step in your journey of faith.

Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Intentional & Prophetic** and our school rules: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**, we also said well done to the children who have been recognised for trying really hard with their presentation this week. Their work is in pride of place in the entrance hall for all to enjoy. Please do come and take a look if your child gets chosen to have their work displayed.

Parent Governor

We still have a vacancy for a parent governor on the board. You don't have to have any previous experience to stand as a parent governor but this important role helps make sure that the views of all the different people involved in the life of the school are heard. Please do come and speak to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Pickup if you would be interested in helping our school to continue to improve and provide the best learning experiences we can for your children.

School Developments

On Monday, all teachers and TAs received further Read Write Inc training. This is our early reading and phonics scheme.

This week we welcomed Mrs Lakin, an experienced TA, to our school support team. Mrs Lakin is supporting the learning in our Y1 class, alongside Mrs Coates and a temporary teacher. We continue to seek the right person to teach our Y1 class and have advertised the position again. We will update parents/carers as soon as we find a suitable applicant.

Governors met this week for both the Finance and Premises Committee and also as a full board. They were pleased with the progress the school is making.

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should be in school uniform each day and PE clothes on PE days. PE tops should be plain and not have logos. The children can wear their school jumper if they don't have a plain hoodie. Please make sure all uniform is labelled with your child's name. As the weather gets warmer children may take their jumpers off and if they are labelled it makes it easier to return them to the correct child.

Please can all children bring a hat to school when the weather is sunny, to give them some added protection at break and lunch times. Please also apply sun cream at home.

Nursery Places

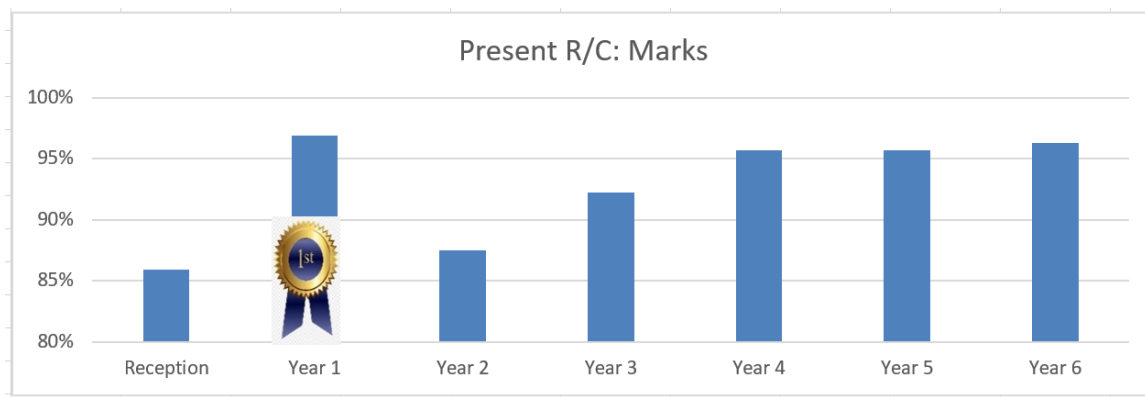
We still have a few places left in our Nursery class for September. Our Nursery runs every morning from 8.40am – 12.00pm. Please share this news with anyone who has a child who turns four between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024.

Application forms are available online and from the office.

Attendance

Please bring your children to school every day! It is so important that they don't miss out on their learning. If they are under the weather slightly, you can still send them in and we will monitor them closely as long as they have not vomited/had diarrhoea or a temperature.

Well done to our **Y1** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **97%** attendance!



Awards

Well done to these children!

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: **Intentional and Prophetic**

An **intentional** person is someone who lives deliberately: who builds up their own world view and tries to live by it. Being **prophetic** is about being seen to do good and speak out about what is right. Good news is only good news if it is announced.



Living our Catholic Virtues of **intentional & prophetic** this week are:

Nursery	Jeremy	Skye
Reception	Blu	Matthaus
Year 1	Doxa	Malacy
Year 2	Maranatha	Abigail
Year 3	Victoria	Ted
Year 4	Makai	Oba
Year 5	Milka	Essay
Year 6	Merry	Amari

Following our school rules: **Ready-Respectful-Safe** this week are:

Nursery	Soren	Rose
Reception	Yadiel	Fatima
Year 1	Thani	Daniel
Year 2	Samson	Hidayah
Year 3	Tiowatope	Betania
Year 4	Chenti	Elijah
Year 5	Caedan	Tamara
Year 6	Damian	Roesha

Sacramental preparation

It is so important that children are prepared for these significant events in their life. The teaching that goes on in school is only part of what the children need in preparation for making their First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation – there is an expectation that parents/carers take children to Mass every week to further prepare them. Remember to take Mass attendance cards with you to have them signed at the end of Mass.

Sunday Mass times at the Oratory Church:

7.30am Mass (Latin)

8.30am Mass (English)

10.30am High Mass (Latin)

12.15pm Mass (English)

4.30pm Sung Vespers & Benediction (Latin)

5.30pm Mass (English)

Safety

Parking

Please make sure that if you are dropping off or collecting your children from school that you do not park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside either of the school entrances. They are there to make sure that the pavements are clear for people wishing to cross the road. Parking or stopping in these zones puts the children in danger. Please help us to keep all the children safe.

Play Equipment

Please don't let your children play on the trim trail or go onto the grass in the mornings or after school please. This is to keep everyone safe before and after school.

Scooters and Bikes

Please make sure that all children walk their bikes or scooters in the school grounds. They can ride and scoot as soon as they have left the school gates.

Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe on our site.

Absence reporting procedures

If your child is going to be absent please call school **on each day of your child's absence by 9am.**

Please call 0121 454 0600 and leave a message on the absence line. Include your child's full name, class and reason for absence. Please tell us where possible the nature of the illness as 'sick' or 'unwell' does not outline the reason for the absence. This will ensure that we have an accurate attendance record for your child.

If no reason is given it will be an unauthorised absence.

Please ensure that your children are on time for school. School doors open at 8.40am (8:30 Y6) when the children come into school for a prompt start to their learning which begins at 8.50am. At 8.50am we expect all children to be seated in class ready to commence their learning as this is when lessons will start promptly. Some children are consistently arriving after the school gates are shut and this is impacting on their well-being and leading to lost learning time.

A big thank you to the majority of parents and carers who make sure their children attend school regularly!

Attendance Monitoring

If your child's attendance has fallen below 95%, or they have a number of unauthorised absences we will be in contact with you, and depending on the reason for their absence we may ask you to come to school for a meeting.

If you have received an attendance letter and would like to come into school to meet with Mrs Wilson to discuss it, please make an appointment at the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised. Any notifications must be made in writing and addressed to the Headteacher (communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk can be used).

Physical Education

Nursery - Friday
Reception – Thursday
Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday
Year 2 - Monday & Thursday
Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday
Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5 - Monday & Tuesday
Year 6 – Tuesday (*Thursday Swimming)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- Plain white t-shirt (no football tops or t-shirts with logos)
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- Tracksuit - black or dark blue for colder weather (no logos)
- Trainers (to be worn for outdoor PE only)

Children in Y5/6 may also bring a small towel and roll-on deodorant on their PE day.

Please ensure children come to school in the correct PE kit. It is important that they are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity and that the kit is in line with school expectations. Speak with your child's class teacher if there are any problems with this. Reminders will be sent out to parents of children who do not have the correct kit.

Current Clubs:

- Breakfast club (every morning) £2.50, 8am – 8:40am

Monday –

- Football (Y1/2/3)

Tuesday –

- Multi sports (Y1/2/3)

Wednesday

- Multi Sports (Y4/5/6)

Thursday –

- Football (Y4/5/6)
- Choir club (Y3/4/5/6)

**After school clubs finish at 4:30pm
Please ensure you are on time to collect your children.**

Send your children to school with their own water bottle, a coat and their reading book and reading record every day.

Encourage healthy eating through the snacks / lunches you send to school.

On Friday, school finishes at 1:20pm. For those who stay on a Friday, they need collecting at 3:15pm.

Please be prompt in collecting your children

Operation Encompass

The Oratory is an Operation Encompass School, working closely with West Midlands Police to identify and support victims of Domestic Abuse. We remain vigilant and urge anyone suffering domestic abuse to contact the school or Police for help.

Mrs Wilson & Team

Key Dates

Sunday 11 th June	First Holy Communion (Y4) Children to arrive at 11.30. Service begins at 12.15pm
Tuesday 13 th June	Y5/6 football tournament
Sunday 18 th June	Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)
Monday 19 th June	Y5/6 Residential – Alton Castle
Friday 23 rd June	Sports Day all children in PE Kit.
Friday 30 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Monday 3rd July	INSET DAY
Wednesday 12 th July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)
Tuesday 25th July	LAST DAY OF TERM

Autumn Term Dates 2023/24

Term Starts: Monday 4th September

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September INSET Days

Half Term: Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

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