



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 29th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Deeper, Wider, Higher

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle A

Key Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-16

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Isaiah 55: 9

Through Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard the children learnt that whilst we cannot always understand the actions of God, we can trust that His ways are not our ways, and that His love for us is deeper, wider and higher than we can imagine.

Celebration Assembly

Along with celebrating those children who have been demonstrating our virtues: **Grateful and Generous** 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. If your child has work on display please do feel free to come and take a look.

RE Homework – optional, for all

We as we head into October and the month of Mary, we would love to create a display dedicated to her. You might like to write a prayer, draw a picture, write about how Mary inspires you.

Bring them in next week and we will display them in school.

School Developments

Mrs Lynch visited school this week with her maths lead to see the children in action in Maths. They spent some time in the morning going round the classes and talking to the children about their learning.

The PTA met this week to start discussing events and fundraisers for this year. Next meeting: Thursday 12th October 3:45 – 4:30. Come along!

Reminders

Children should wear their school uniform, except on PE days when they can come in their PE kits (remember to wear house colours). See our website for further details.

If you need to use Friday Club, please make sure you have completed the form and provided the relevant information to the school office in order to secure your place.

Jewellery - only small studded earrings are allowed. No hooped/large earrings, bracelets, rings or necklaces. A number of children have been seen wearing necklaces this week. In future they will be asked to remove them and put them into their bags.

Please remind children not to bring things in from home, this includes pencil cases and fidget toys.

Bring healthy snacks for breaktime. Fruit or vegetables or a plain breakfast bar.

Remember to bring a water bottle every day. Only water can be consumed in class.

Awards

Well done to these children!

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: **Grateful and Generous**

Pupils are growing to be **grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.



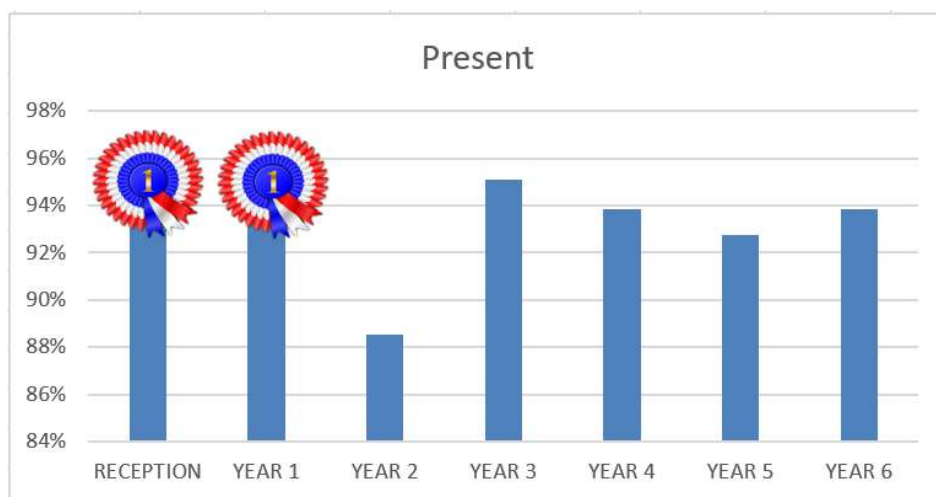
Living our Catholic Virtues of being **grateful and generous** this week are:

Nursery	Alex	Mary
Reception	Myles	Laylie
Year 1	Natan	Mia
Year 2	Tanna	Malachi
Year 3	Isaac	Abby
Year 4	Ekka	Erin
Year 5	Tomas	Leyla
Year 6	Success	Lawien

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 **Reception and Year 1** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **96%** attendance!



Physical Education

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Friday

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 3 - Monday & Wednesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Tuesday (*Thursday Swimming)

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

- House coloured 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)

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: (See letters for details of start and end dates)

Monday 8.00am	Year 1,2 &3
Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Performing Arts KS2
Tuesday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 8.00am	Year 1, 2 & 3
Thursday 8.00am	Year 4, 5 & 6

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.

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).

**Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Wilson and the Team**

Key Dates

Parents Evening for Reception – Yr6	18 th October	3:45 – 6:30pm
Parents Evening for Reception – Yr6	19 th October	3:45 – 6:30pm

(slots can be booked on Arbor closer to the time)

Autumn Term

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 to Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term

Term Starts Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term

Term Starts: Monday 15th April 2024

Half Term Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends Monday 22nd July 2024

INSET DAYS

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 5th September 2023

*More dates to be confirmed.

***Please be reminded that term-time holidays will not be authorised.**

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