



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 21st July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Look Back With Thanks, Forward With Hope
Liturgical Year and Cycle: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle A
Key Scripture: Matthew 13: 1-9

Collective Worship this week provided a perfect opportunity to look back with thankfulness and look ahead with hope to new challenges. Through a guided reflection, children were reminded that God loves us and is always with us, encouraging us to respond with love to His life-giving Word.

Benediction

Children from KS2 attended the Benediction Mass at the Oratory on Thursday. The children sang and prayed reverently with Father Anton.

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

Breakfast Club

Unfortunately, due to low numbers we are unable to run breakfast club next year as it is not financially viable. Should you need breakfast club provision Baby Gems is a local wrap around care provider who may be able to help if you have a need for a breakfast club.

<http://babygemsplayhouse.co.uk/>

School Developments

The Governing Board met this week for their final meeting of the year and were discussing the progress school has made over this year and also the school's development plans for 2023/24. There is still a need for Parent Governors on the board. If you are interested please do speak to someone at school.

Year 2 Visit to Birmingham City Centre

On Wednesday, Year 2 explored some of the landmarks of Birmingham City centre. There was such joy on the children's faces as they boarded the tram and set off for Grand Central Station. The conductor was very impressed that the children knew where they were going and their manners as they paid their pound and asked for their ticket. We were very proud of them as they safely walked round the city learning lots of new facts about the history of Birmingham.

End of Term Reminders

Please make sure to speak to the office to clear any debts you may have for this academic year.

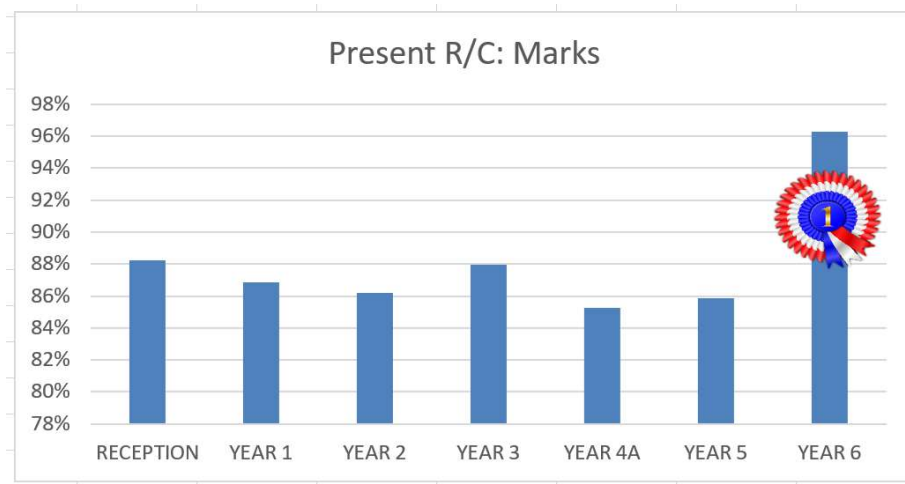
The children should be in full school uniform on Tuesday – No PE kits please. As we will be attending Mass in the morning.

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

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 **Y6** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **96%** 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	Anahi	Myles
Reception	Alana	Emmanuel
Year 1	Ezra	Thani
Year 2	Larissa	Amanuel
Year 3	Blerim	Rosalya
Year 4	Leyla	Rubeigh
Year 5	Rafaella	Mayet
Year 6	Daniella	Ryan

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

Nursery	Minan	Melab
Reception	Blu	Matthaios
Year 1	Tanna	Amara
Year 2	Isaac	Cattleya
Year 3	Kymmi	Evie
Year 4	Christabel	Violette
Year 5	Layvon	Success
Year 6	Karolina	Fabian

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:

There are no clubs next week.

We will send out letters about Autumn term clubs in September.

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.

**Have a good weekend! God Bless,
Mrs Wilson & Team**

Key Dates

Monday 24 th July	Y6 production (Y6 parents invited to join us at 2.00pm)
Tuesday 25 th July	Y6 leaver's Mass at Oratory Church, 9:30am (all welcome)
Tuesday 25th July	LAST DAY OF TERM

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

Autumn Term Dates 2023/24

Term Starts: Monday 4th September

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September INSET Days

Wednesday 6th September School open for pupils

Week Beginning: 23rd October 2023 ACE Week – When I Grow Up

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

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

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