



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 16th June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Liturgical Year and Cycle: Corpus Christi | Cycle A
Key Scripture: John 6: 51-58

This week we mark the feast of Corpus Christi, where we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Through imaginative reflection, children explored how Jesus is living bread from Heaven which feeds not just their bodies, but their souls too.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

John 6: 58

The Blessed Sacrament Procession

The children from Year 4 are really looking forward to taking part in the Blessed Sacrament procession on Sunday. If you have any flower petals the children could lay in the procession, please take them to the Oratory Church and leave them at the back of Church on Sunday – thank you.

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.

AVFC!

This term, we have had Ashleigh from Aston Villa coming in to do some work with some of our children. He has taken small groups of children out for Maths, developed an Eco Team and been teaching PE in Y2 and Y5 once a week. On Tuesday, ten of our Y5/6 children attended a football festival at Bodymoor Heath, which is where AVFC train! They did us so proud as their conduct and sportsmanship was commented on by the coaches. And we saw amazing displays of talent and teamwork amongst our children!

School Developments

This week Y1 have completed their Phonics Screening Check and Y4 have been completing their Multiplication Tables Check. The results of these assessments will be shared with you in the children’s end of year report.

We also had a visit from Birmingham School Services to moderate our Y2 assessments. Miss Goodwin and Mrs Pickup spent the morning discussing the children’s work and checking the children have securely demonstrated they have learnt the necessary skills. It was a positive, productive morning that confirmed our judgements.

Mrs Wilson visited St Catherine of Siena to observe their Collective Worship and steal some fantastic ideas from them! Thank you to Mr Fadden, Mr Minchin and pupils for being so welcoming.

Sports Day

Weather permitting, we will be holding our sports day on Friday 23rd June. All the children from Nursery to Year 6 will be involved in competing in at least two races for their house team. We will be starting at 10.00am, and aim to finish at 12 so the children can bring their lunch from the hall to outside to have a picnic with parents/carers, should you be able to join us for the morning. *Parents/Carers: if you do bring your own picnic, please do not bring any nut products. Thank you.

We will then come back inside at 12.50pm for our afternoon register, celebration certificates can be given out and the children dismissed from their usual points after this.

Nursery Places

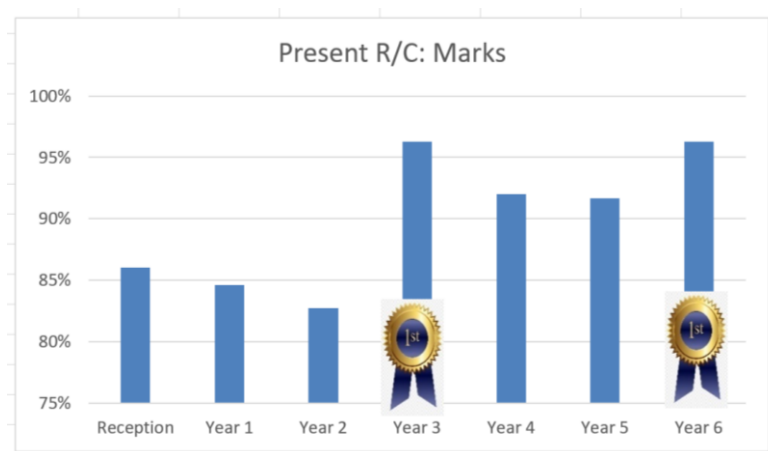
We still have a few places left in our Nursery class for September. Our Nursery runs every morning from 8.40am – 12.00pm. Please share this news with anyone who has a child who turns four between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024.

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 **Y3 and 6** classes 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	Minan	Quoc Anh
Reception	Omari Royce	Shantaya-Royal
Year 1	Tanna	Eden
Year 2	Moshe	Melissa
Year 3	Tafari	Temia
Year 4	Christabel	Grace
Year 5	Tammy	Layvon
Year 6	Momore	Dior-Rose

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

Nursery	Laylie	Caleb
Reception	Mia	Nathan
Year 1	Isabella	A'Mara
Year 2	Emilia	Esther
Year 3	Erin	Liam
Year 4	Marek	Shenaya
Year 5	Success	Adam
Year 6	Kamil	Heaven

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.

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

Key Dates

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
Sunday 25 th June	Y6 Confirmation meeting in the St John Henry Newman Shrine after the 12:15 family Mass
Friday 30 th June	Reserve Sports Day

Monday 3rd July **INSET DAY**

Wednesday 12 th July	Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)
Monday 24 th July	Y6 production
Tuesday 25 th July	Y6 leaver's Mass at Oratory Church

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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