



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 23rd June

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Commissioned!

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 11th Sunday of Ordinary time | Cycle A

Key Scripture: Matthew 9: 36 – 10: 8

In the Gospel, Jesus sends His disciples on a mission to spread the Good News of God’s love. Through the example of Mini Vinnies, children learn that we are all commissioned to work together on the same joyful mission – to allow Jesus to shape how we think and act as we share God’s love.

Year 5/6 Mass at Alton Castle Retreat

The children took part in a celebration Mass while we were on retreat. Adina, Tammy, Shamma & Belle read the Psalm and the bidding prayers clearly and fluently. Ryan and Kamil took the offertory to the altar. We were really proud of the children and learnt some new joyful hymns.

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.

Year 5&6 Alton Castle Retreat

The children had a wonderful time at our retreat at the start of the week. They began each morning with a time of prayer before heading off for activities. During each activity there was a meditation where the children listened to a piece of scripture and reflected on how this related to the activity and their lives. The main theme of the retreat was discipleship, the children considered what this meant to them and how they can be a good disciple in their everyday lives.

School Developments

We have recently sent out surveys to parents, children and staff about our Catholic ethos, vision and values. If you haven’t yet responded please do as we value your views on how to make our school even better.

Mrs Hadley is now another of our DSLs having completed her training. Now we have Mrs Wilson, Mrs Pickup, Mr Barratt and Mrs Hadley on our safeguarding team.

Miss Da-Costa and Kieran, our PE Leads, have won us 10 weeks of tennis coaching from a qualified Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) coach.

Sports Day

We had a lovely time at sports day this morning. The children looked fantastic in their new house colour PE tops. These are for the children to keep and wear as their PE top for their PE lessons. This first T Shirt is a gift from school.

Well done to the **Blue team** who won with 146 points!

All the children did really well in their races and there was a lovely atmosphere of friendly competition around the event. Thank you if you were able to come and support the children.

Nursery Places

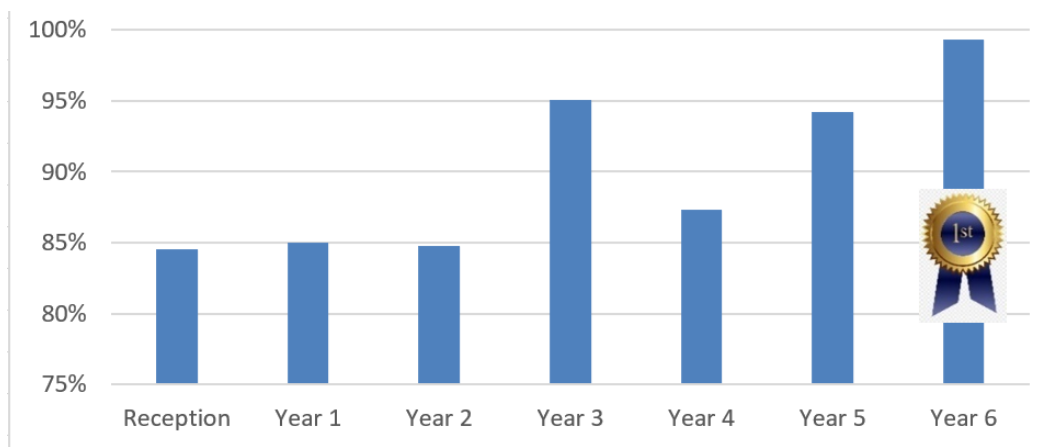
We still have a few places left in our Nursery class for September. Our Nursery runs every morning from 8.40am – 12.00pm. Please share this news with anyone who has a child who turns four between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024.

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 **Y6** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **99%** 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	Srihan	Rose
Reception	Oliwia	Leo
Year 1	Marta	Thani
Year 2	Esther	Isaac
Year 3	Giovanni	Mya
Year 4	Eden	Leyla
Year 5	Belle	Preciosa
Year 6	Melanie	Fabian

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

Nursery	Anahi	Myles
Reception	Aliya	Ejiro
Year 1	Amaris	Abigail
Year 2	Melissa	Michaelae
Year 3	Ellie-Maye	Ebuka
Year 4	Markus	Ansar
Year 5	Hannah	Richie
Year 6	Ryan	Shamma

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 25th June Y6 Confirmation meeting in the St John Henry Newman Shrine after the 12:15 family Mass

Monday 3rd July INSET DAY

Wednesday 12th July Transition Day
Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

Monday 24th July Y6 production

Tuesday 25th 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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