



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

“Shine as to be a light to others”

Headteacher: Mrs C. Wilson



Friday 14th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

A Time To Rest

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle A

Key Scripture: Matthew 11: 25-30

Jesus' beautiful invitation, "Come to me...and I will give you rest," is the timely theme of this week's worship as we near the end of the school year! The children were encouraged to hand over their concerns to Jesus and to rest in God's presence.

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. If your child has work on display please do feel free to come and take a look.

Year 5 Visit to St Paul's Girls School Production

On Thursday Year 5 went to St Paul Girls school to see their production of Mary Poppins. They really enjoyed the production and were excited to see so many past pupils performing. The children were also invited to stay for lunch and enjoyed the noodles and mac and cheese with squash. They were very excited about their lunch!
Thank you to Dr Casserly and her team for inviting us!

School Developments

This week David Harris from the Diocesan Education team was in school to support us with our development of Religious Education and Catholic Life. We look forward to him leading some of our staff training next year and thank him for the support that he has given to us throughout this year too.

Year 6 Confirmation Mass

On Wednesday some of our Year 6 children were Confirmed by Bishop David Evans in a lovely Mass at the Oratory. We had some wonderful compliments from parents and other members of the congregation about how well prepared and reverential the children were. Thank you to Father Anton and Mr Barrett for their support of the children as they made this important step in their journey of faith, partaking in this Holy Sacrament.

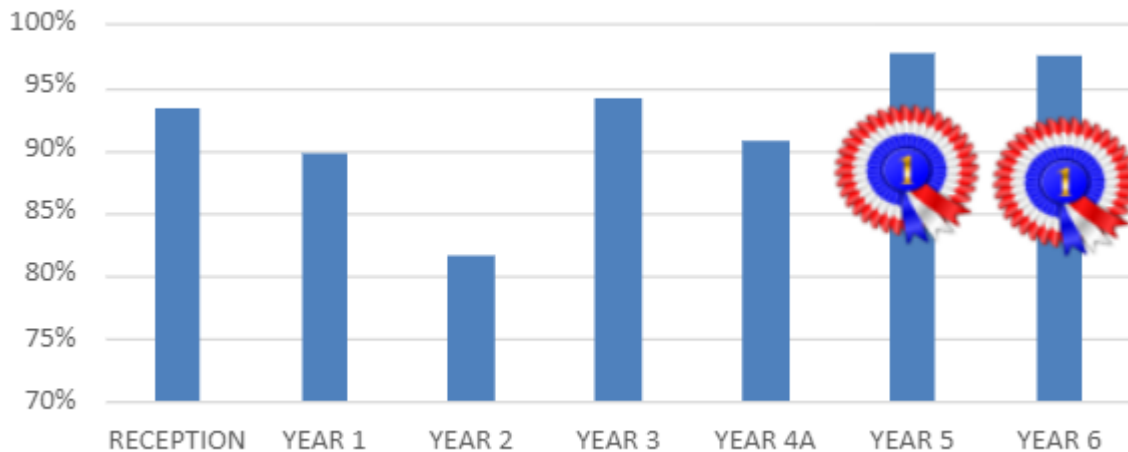
ACE Week – When I Grow Up 23/10/23

During the week beginning 23rd October 2023 we are going to be holding an aspiration week thinking about the different jobs we might be able to do when we get older. Each year group are going to focus on a different area of work. Please let us know if you would be able to come and talk to the children about your job, the skills you need to do your job and what you enjoy about it. We are looking at a wide range of jobs; People who help us, Build it, Grow it, Fix it, Having fun, The Arts, STEM, Business, Media and Tech. Please also share with your friends and family to see if they could help too.

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 **Y5 and Y6** class this week who have won the attendance cup with **98%** 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	Eliyada	Caleb
Reception	Mia	Jay
Year 1	Marta	Eden
Year 2	Mayley	Michael
Year 3	Lily	Madison
Year 4	Leyla	Fatima
Year 5	Tamarah	Lee-Rhiane
Year 6	All of Y6	

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

Nursery	Skye	Aaron
Reception	Jasper	Brooke
Year 1	Massi	Malachi
Year 2	Nathan	Ora
Year 3	Ekka	Michael
Year 4	Eyob	Markus
Year 5	Richie	Adam
Year 6	Amelia	Maks

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

Wednesday 19 th July	Y2 visit to Birmingham City Centre
Monday 24 th July	Y6 production
Wednesday 19 th July	Class teacher drop in 3.40pm – 4.15pm
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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