



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery
Standards and Expectations for Learning
Foundation

September 2018 - July 2019



At the Oratory, we all try to follow in the footsteps of
Blessed John Henry Newman by
'Shining as to be a light to others' for Jesus!

My Vocation

Blessed John Henry Newman

*God has created me to do him
some definite service;
he has committed some work to me
which he has not committed
to another.*

I have my mission.

*I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connections
between persons.*

*He has not created me for nothing.
I shall do good. I shall do his work.*



**Information inside this booklet explains how
together, we can do His work through our school
standards and expectations!**

Home, School and Parish working in partnership!

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC LIFE

Every child is a unique person created in the image and likeness of God, with a God-given potential for growth and an eternal destiny in heaven.

Adults within the Oratory school family have a special vocation to ensure our children receive the best educational experience in order to grow in love and knowledge of God, their neighbour, themselves and the created world.

Our faith is central to everything that we do.

We expect parents/carers to work in partnership with the school and parish; continually supporting our Catholic Life. For example:

- ✚ Attendance at your child's class Mass, whole school Mass and Spiritual Inspire.
- ✚ Supporting sacramental preparation: First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation through attendance at the Parish Enrolment Mass, parent/carer meetings and Sunday Mass.
- ✚ Participation in key annual Parish /School celebrations and public acts of devotion including: The Crowning of Mary (May), Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction in our school grounds (June).
- ✚ Ensure your child is able to recite the prayers expected within their year group.



ROUTINES FOR THE FOUNDATION STAGE

Home Reading

Nursery can change their library book on a daily basis.

Reception can change their library book on a daily basis. Teachers will change their school reading books once a week and in addition to this will be able to read books on Bug Club.

Homework

Homework will be Maths, English or Topic based and will be given out once a week on a Friday. Please return homework back to school on Monday.

Learning Journals

Children's learning will be recorded on Tapestry the online learning journal. Tapestry enables parents to view their child's learning at school and make their own observations of their child's learning at home.

REAL Project Essential Question:

How do people help us?

Fabulous Finish Date: To be confirmed.

All work is expected to be completed to a high standard in terms of content, thinking, handwriting, number and letter formation.

SAFEGUARDING

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality at school are vital for:

- ◆ your child's learning
- ◆ your child's confidence
- ◆ good progress and attainment
- ◆ establishing in your child a positive attitude towards the world of work.
- ◆ your child's social skills



What is good attendance?

In order to give a guide to your child's attendance it might be useful to consider government guidance on attendance:

99%-100% Outstanding

96%-98% Good

95% Satisfactory

Under 95% Cause for concern

Your child's attendance should be at least 95%.

This is the legal minimum requirement.

Any child whose attendance falls below this will be contacted by Mrs Dickinson (HT), or Ms Sall.

PLEASE NOTE: Any request to take your child out of school during term time for a holiday / visiting family overseas will NOT be authorised by the Head Teacher.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Smart Uniform!
Smart Thinking!
Smart Learning!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

- ✓ Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan preferably with the Oratory School logo.
- ✓ White or yellow polo shirt .
- ✓ Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers.
- ✓ School shoes—black **(NO TRAINERS)**
- ✓ Grey / burgundy / black tights or white / grey socks
- ✓ If girls have long hair it must be tied or pinned back. Hair bands and clips are allowed if they are simple and small.
NO BIG BOWS .
- ✓ Small stud earrings. **NO NAIL VARNISH.**



PE KIT

- ✓ A plain white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps.
NO FOOTBALL TOPS OR T-SHIRTS WITH LOGOS.
Please put your child's name in all items of Clothing.
- ✓ Tracksuit - blue / black for colder weather.
- ✓ Trainers outside only for sports.
- ✓ Children in Nursery can come to school dressed in their PE kit on a Friday morning.
- ✓ Reception have PE on a Thursday afternoon
- ✓ Nursery have PE on a Friday morning.

HEALTH FOR LIFE

Break Time Snack

Break time snacks (£1 a week) will no longer be biscuits. Children now choose from a variety of healthier snacks:

- ◇ Breadsticks
- ◇ A small box of raisins and sultanas, raisins and apples or raisins and apricots
- ◇ Rice cakes.

Our children will continue to have sugar free juice.

Please ensure that your child brings in their £1 in an envelope, with their full name, class and amount written clearly on the front.

Daily Mile (For KS1 & KS2)

The Daily Mile supports your child's fitness, stamina, health and mood. Recent research shows daily physical activity has a positive impact on children's behaviour and concentration levels.



Further information can be found at

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>

It is simple yet effective, enabling every child in our school to be active .



Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6)

will run on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** at break time.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) will run on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**.

Please ensure your child has trainers on these days and wears a waterproof if its raining. We will run, jog, walk or skip in most weathers! Staff will also be joining in!

PE Lessons

To ensure our children get the maximum benefit from PE lessons we are trialling all classes having a PE lesson with 15 children in each session.

This will maximise the time the children will have to learn and practise new skills in a group of 15 rather than 30. When one half of the class does PE the other half will work on target mathematics, reading or writing skills.

SCHOOL DINNERS

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In Reception, Y1 and Y2 your child is entitled to a Free School Meal. However in order to bring additional funding into our school budget we would ask that you



read the information below to see if your child is eligible for free school meals.

If your child is entitled to free school meals the school will be sent an email confirmation. We will then be allocated additional money which will come into our annual school budget.

If your child is in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 please check if your child is entitled to free school meals as this brings even more funding into the school.

If your child has moved into Year 3 in September 2018 please remember that your child's school dinner will have to be paid for unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

If you require further assistance please talk to a member of the Office Team.

Re: Free School Meals Funding 2018 -2019

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child, if you (or your child) get one of the following:

- Income support

- Income-based Jobseeker Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,000)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
Universal Credit

Please apply on line, the Free School Meal Eligibility Checker below:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

This form takes less than 5 minutes to complete, the school will be sent an email confirmation if your child is eligible.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money must be paid in advance on a Monday.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – free to all children.

Years 3, 4,5 and 6 - £2.30 per day.

Don't get behind with payments – please contact the office if you need help checking to see if your child is entitled to a free school meal.

Office staff are happy to help with any questions or queries.



DATE	EVENT
Weds 26 th September	Y5 The Old Rep, Cast Workshop from 10am Parent and Carer Class Expectations and Standards Meetings: 3.30 – 4pm, 4.30 – 5pm and 5 – 5.30pm
Thur 27 th Sept	Y3 to Y6 Benediction, 1.45 – 2.15pm
Friday 28 th September	9.30am Reception Class Mass in hall accompanied by their Y5 Guardian Angels. All Welcome Y1 Botanical Garden Trip Y3 Sparkly Start – Animal in Hands Y4 Singing Playgrounds / BBC Music Day am Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, hall, 3.15 – 4.30pm
Friday 5 th October	Y3 Class Mass, Shrine of Blessed John Henry Newman, 9.30am. All Welcome.
Monday 8 th October	Caritas Christi Girls 5 aside Football Tournament, Y5 and Y6 at St Paul's School
Tuesday 9 th October	Blessed John Henry Newman Feast Day – School Patron, 9.30am Mass, Oratory Church. All Welcome.
Monday 15 th October	Caritas Christi Boys 7 aside Football Tournament, Y5 and Y6 at St Clare's
Fri 19 th Oct	Y1 and Y2 Class Mass in hall, 9.30am.
Monday 22 nd October	Y5 – Debating Skills with St Paul's – Miss Howell Whole School Assessment Week - Writing
Thursday 25 th Oct	Y5's performance of 'Macbeth' – Shakespeare in Schools Festival, The Old Rep, 7pm
Friday 26 th Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations Y3 to Y6 Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Oratory Church, 1.45 – 2.15pm Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM: Mon 29th October – Fri 2nd Nov 2018	

DATE	EVENT
Friday 9 th Nov	Y6 Class Mass, Shrine of Blessed John Henry Newman, 9.30am. All Welcome.
Friday 16 th Nov	Y5 Class Mass, Shrine of Blessed John Henry Newman, 9.30am. All Welcome.
Thursday 22 nd Nov	Y3 to Y6 Benediction, Oratory Church, 1.45 – 2.15pm Christmas Dinner Deadline no later than 22 nd Nov to return dinner slip. Christmas Dinner Cost £2.30
Thu 29 th – Fri 30 th Nov	Whole School Story Telling – Primary Books. Book Fair in hall Thurs 3.15 – 4pm and all day on Friday
Friday 30 th Nov	Learning Together Day, 10 – 6.30pm.
Sunday 2 nd Dec	First Sunday of Advent. Children to begin to collect for Reverse Advent Box.
Monday 3 rd Dec	Christmas Raffle Tickets to buy 20p a ticket or 5 for £1.
Friday 7 th Dec	Mary of the Immaculate Conception, School Patron, 9.30am Mass, Oratory Church.
Thurs 13 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday 14 th Dec	Y3 and Y4 Class Mass, 9.30am Caritas Christi Carol Service, St Chad's Cathedral, Y4 Christmas Jumper Day! £1 Crisis at Christmas.
Tuesday 18 th Dec	9.30 – 10.30am Y1 Nativity ably supported by Y2 2pm 'Macbeth' performance by Y5 for Y1 – Y6. <i>KS2 will be performing a Passion Play in April 19.</i>
Weds 19 th Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Nativity, 10.30am. Nativities will ticket based and include a mince pie and refreshments: £1 Adult 50p Children
Thursday 20 th Dec	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 to see ELF. Ticket: £20 per child. Nurs (am), Rec, Y1 and Y2 - Christmas Parties + a visit from Father Christmas! Ticket: £2 per child
Friday 21 st Dec	Whole School Mass, 9.30am. Break up for the Christmas Holidays, 1.30pm.

IMPORTANT DATES 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Term starts: Wednesday 5th September

Half Term: Mon 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Term ends: Friday 21st December, 1.30pm

Spring Term 2019

Term starts: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February to Fri 22nd Feb

Term Ends: Friday 12th April, 1.30pm

Summer Term 2019

Term Starts: Tuesday 30th April

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

Term Ends: Friday 19th July, 3.15pm

Teacher Training Days

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Monday 7th January

Monday 29th April

Tuesday 12th July

Learning Together Days (10am—6.30pm)

Friday 30th November 2018

Friday 5th April 2019