



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

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"Shine as to be a light to others"

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NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 12th July

- Sports Day – Years 1-6
9am start (weather permitting) –
parents / carers most welcome,
anticipated end time around 10:30am
- Y6 bowling trip (pm)

Thursday 14th July

New Nursery parents meeting
(those starting Nursery in September)

Friday 15th July

Non-uniform - toys / books

Friday 15th July

School day finishes at 1:20pm



Future Dates:

Monday 18th July

Summer Fete organised by
Oratory PTA

Tuesday 19th July

International Day

Wednesday 20th July (7pm)

Y6 Production

Thursday 21st July

School closes (3:30pm)

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a super busy week this week!

Firstly, can I just thank all of you for your patience and support whilst we have been implementing our new timetable this week. We have made minor adjustments to procedures here and there based on your feedback, to keep our children as safe as possible during drop-off and pick-up times. Details of updates can be found below (page 3).

Just a reminder that although school finishes at 3:30pm Monday to Thursday, school finishes at 1:20pm on a Friday.

Please note: all children must be collected and taken home by an adult if leaving at 1:20pm, this includes Y6 children.

If you require a place for your child for Friday afternoon (because you work / are in education, full time), please speak with Miss Pitter in the school office who will let you know which documentation to bring in. She will then inform you as to whether you have met the criteria for your child to stay. On that note, I would urge parents / carers of children who will be starting Reception in September to complete forms and hand them into the office this side of the summer, so that Friday places can be allocated, where needed, ready for September. Finally, a gentle reminder that for those who do stay on a Friday, the school day ends at **3:15pm** and children can be collected from the KS1 playground.

On Monday, Y5 and Y6 had a special treat when firefighters from Ladywood Fire Station came in to speak with them about fire safety and what to do in case of a fire. They played an interactive game and were able to ask lots of questions. Check out our Twitter page to see some photos!

Wednesday was an exciting day when many of our Y6 pupils spent the day at their new secondary schools. We also had a transition afternoon in school, whereby all classes went to their new classroom for the afternoon and some met their new teachers. There was a real sense of excitement around school as children prepared to move up to the next year group.

Y5 and Y6 workshops took place this week – it was lovely to see parents / carers engaging in activities with their children. Thank you to Mrs Galloway and Miss Corns for organising such fantastic workshops and to Mrs Westley for working with the children throughout. Next week, Years 1-4 will have their workshops, we look forward to seeing many of you there!

Parent Workshops reminder (9 – 10:30am):

Please complete and send back the attendance slip

Year 1 - Thursday 14th July

Year 2 - Friday 15th July

Year 3 - Wednesday 13th July

Year 4 - Monday 11th July

On Thursday, some of our Y6 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David Evans. The children were a credit to the school and their parents. I was so proud of all of them. Thank you to Miss Corns, Mrs Westley and Father Anton for preparing the children so well. It really was a special event.



Oratory PTA

Thank you to everyone who bought in sweets/lollies/chocolate and bottles for the Oratory PTA tombola! Next week we have another non-uniform day for children to participate in. The PTA have been working extra hard to get everything ready for the Summer Fete. If you would like to get involved, please sign up!

Oratory PTA dates!

Friday 15th July

Non-uniform in exchange for toys / books (in good condition)

Monday 18th July

Summer Fete **13:30 – 16:30**

- Parents / carers are welcome to join in at any time from 13:30 onwards, however children will not be permitted to leave school until 15:30.
- The PTA have extended the time by another hour, so that parents / carers can come along after school if they wish to.
- If parents / carers cannot make the fete, don't worry! Class teachers will take classes around the fete in the afternoon - so you can send children in with their own money (which the class teacher will look after until the start of the fete).

Updates to procedures

Our Oliver Road and Monument Road gates will open at **just before 8:30 and will close at 8:50 (8:55 for Reception and Nursery).**

If your child arrives after this time, they will receive a late mark as the registers will be closed and lessons will have begun. Children must wait on the playground, not on the field, please.

In the afternoon, our Oliver Road and Monument Road gates will open at **just before 15:30 and will close at around 15:40.** If your child is late in being collected, they will be taken back in to school and can be collected from the school office.

Please be prompt with the start and end of day timings, listed below.

Nursery: 8:45 – 12:00

Reception: 8:45 – 15:30

Y1-5: 8:40 – 15:30

Morning: Children come in through the white double doors, located in the courtyard by the Headteacher's office

Afternoon: Children leave through the door nearest their classroom

Y6: 8:30 – 15:30

Morning: Children go straight into class at 8:30

Afternoon: Children are dismissed through the door nearest their classroom

Children who walk home alone will be dismissed from the door and will be expected to walk sensibly out of school

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ALL children must be collected by an adult

Children cannot walk home alone

If you have met our set criteria for staying until **15:15pm** on a Friday, you will have received a letter to inform you.

If you have any queries, please contact Miss Pitter at the school office.

Finally, a huge congratulations to our Y6 pupils who received their SATs results this week. We are delighted with how well they have done and the results are a testament to their hard work – and that of their teachers in preparing them! Having said that, I have reiterated to our Y6 pupils that SATs aside, they are ALL amazing individuals with incredible talents and I am **so proud of every single one of you for who you are and what you will go on to become!**

Have a wonderful weekend!

God Bless,
Mrs Wilson.

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Attentive and Discerning

Living our Catholic Virtues of **attentive and discerning** this week are:

Attentive and Discerning		
Nursery	Nathan	Aliya
Reception	Rigi	Brayden
Year 1	Evelyn	Nehemiah
Year 2	Emmanuel	Kymmi
Year 3	Nikolay	Rubeigh
Year 4	Brielle	Iyad
Year 5	Ryan	Viha
Year 6	Jordan	Tillie



Healthy snacks

Please ensure that any snacks sent in for children to eat during their break-time are healthy (e.g. fruit and vegetables) and do not contain any nuts.

Warm weather

Children are welcome to wear sun hats / caps at break and lunch time. Please make sure they bring their water bottle to school every day – these can be filled up in school throughout the day. Also, apply sun cream on children before they come to school, if the weather is going to be particularly hot. Children can bring sun cream to school, but they must administer it themselves and not share it with anyone else.

Safe Parking

PLEASE ALWAYS PUT OUR CHILDREN FIRST!

We have a few parents / carers who regularly park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates.

We have a number of concerned residents who have been in contact with school.

We would like to bring to your attention that police patrols are in operation in the area and they are monitoring cars parked on the zig-zag lines outside our school, on Oliver Road and Monument Road.



Please ensure you refrain from parking there as you are putting the safety of our children in jeopardy and contravening parking laws for which you could receive a fine.

If you park on the zig-zag lines, a member of staff will ask you to move your car.

PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU PARK.

Who wants to join our school PTA?

What is it for?

The short answer is fund-raising, pennies and pounds –
The school's tight stretched budget can't always go round.
We buy extra resources, for learning and play,
To enrich and enhance our children's school day.

What do you do?

Well, we run termly discos, Christmas fair, summer Fete.
Cake sales, Easter events, we've a lot on our plate!
We serve teas and coffees at most school events,
On baking cakes and biscuits much time is spent.
Christmas Party Day, is for us the best bit.

Is it all just chatting meetings?

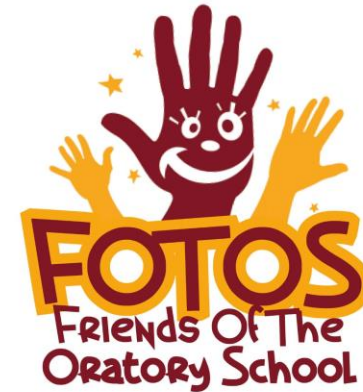
It's true that we chatter at the school gate,
Lots of business gets sorted around half past eight
But we really are a very mixed bunch,
Full-time parents, business people, professionals, and grandparents.

So, who wants to join our School PTA?

Anyone who wants to help the school and the children can be part of the PTA.
There's a lovely team spirit, its hard work but fun.
Between staff and parents, we strengthen the link.

Are you interested? Will you join us? What do you think?

If you're convinced or just curious about what we do each year,
come along to the meetings, there's more to see and hear.



Join our PTA!!!

You can make a difference by getting
involved

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The Oratory R.C. Primary and Infant School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), known as Friends Of The Oratory School (FOTOS) needs your help to run activities to raise money for school funds, as well as fun social events for you and your family. Please select below which activities you think you might be interested in attending or supporting.

Please return this flyer to the school office with your choices and complete slip if you would like to help out at events.

(Please tick your choices below)

- Coffee mornings
- Christmas fair
- Fashion show
- Refreshments, after concerts/assemblies
- Book fair
- Recycling bags
- After school children disco
- Parent numeracy course
- Pamper evening
- Christmas cards
- International food evening
- Family quiz night
- Car boot sale
- Parent literacy course

- Cake sale
- Information sessions
- Film night

Any other ideas

What time is best for you to attend events?

I would like to: **(Please tick)**

- Help at **FOTOS** events.
- Join the **FOTOS Working Group the PTA.**
- Join the **WhatsApp Group** for the school

[Please note this group is not managed by the school. It is run independently by members of the FOTOS working group, so any information or comments in the group is not that of the school or FOTOS, but that of the individuals posting the messages/comments.]

Name:.....

Child/ren(s) Name(s):

Class:

Contact number:.....

E-mail: