



Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

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"Shine as to be a light to others"

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Summer Fete – Monday 18th July

*Parents/carers welcome from
1:30, but school does not finish for
children until 3:30*

**Monday will also be a
non-uniform day!**



Dates:

Monday 18th July

-Summer Fete organised by Oratory PTA

-Non-uniform day

Tuesday 19th July

International Day

Wednesday 20th July (7pm)

Y6 Production

Thursday 21st July

-9:30 Mass at the Oratory –

Parents/carers are welcome to join us

-School closes (3:30pm)

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our KS1/2 sports day this week was an amazing success, we hope that you enjoyed it as much as the children (and staff) did! It was wonderful to be able to welcome our Oratory families on to the school grounds, there was a real buzz of excitement from all and the weather wasn't too hot! As reiterated in the text sent out, please do not share any photos or videos of children on social media, unless you have permission from their parents/carers. A huge thank you to Miss Cooper and Mr Morris for organising the event and to Mr Milligan who took guard of the gates to ensure our children were kept safe.

Y6 have had a busy week this week, with lots of end of term treats to celebrate their time at the Oratory coming to an end. On Tuesday, they went bowling at Hollywood Bowl and an enjoyable time was had by all! On Wednesday they were invited to St Paul's School for Girls to take part in some leadership activities - led by their cadets, and on Thursday they were invited to the Oratory Church for lemonade and ice cream with Father Anton!

Other year groups have also been busy with their parent workshops this week – thank you to Mrs Walsh, Miss Bagom, Miss Cooper, Miss McKenzie-Ward and Mr Honey for running their workshops this week. Also, thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend. The idea behind the workshops is to show parents/carers the expectations in reading, writing and maths for that particular year group – we hope that you found them useful! We are hoping to provide many more opportunities for parent workshops next academic year as we have received lots of positive feedback. If you have any ideas for workshops you would like to see next year, please email your ideas to: communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk

Thank you to everyone who bought in prizes for the Oratory PTA tombola this week!

Next week we have a **non-uniform day on Monday** so that the children can enjoy the Summer Fete in their own clothes (there is no need to bring any tombola prizes in on this day).

Oratory PTA dates!

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).

Don't forget to get involved in the Oratory PTA – a friendly group of parents / carers who raise funds for our children!

As the weather is due to be incredibly hot until the end of term, please send your child(ren) to school wearing sun cream. They can also bring it into school to reapply themselves (as long as they don't share it with others). Please also make sure they have a sun hat / cap to wear at break/lunch time and that they have a water bottle, which they can refill at school.

Due to the hot weather, we will be moving the Summer Fete to inside school – but we will continue to keep an eye on the rising temperatures.

On Tuesday next week, we look forward to celebrating our International Day. Children are encouraged to come in cultural dress or their own clothes in the colours representing their home flag. You may have noticed that Miss Pitter, Miss Morris and Mrs Oyanda have decorated the school with different flags to represent and celebrate the many cultures in our school community. They have also worked hard on setting up a fashion show for us all to enjoy!

Next week we invite parents / carers to join us at the Oratory Church at 9:30, on Thursday 21st July. It would be lovely to see lots of you there, if you are able to make it.

Finally, a reminder that we break up next Thursday for a well-deserved rest, at 3:30pm.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe in the sun!

God Bless,
Mrs Wilson.

Timings of the day – reminder

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

Friday

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**ALL children must be collected by an adult
Children cannot walk home alone (this includes Y6)**

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.

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Attentive and Discerning

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

Attentive and Discerning		
Nursery	Matthaios	Blu
Reception	William	Thani
Year 1	Nae Nae	Amanuel
Year 2	Ted	Victoria
Year 3	Christabel	Sultan
Year 4	Layvon	Lee-Rhiane
Year 5	Eli	Karolina
Year 6	Sophie	Natan



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.

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.

Vacancies

We currently have a lunchtime supervisor role available. It's for a September start and will be for 6.5hrs per week. If you are interested in this role, please email: communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk for an application pack.

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?

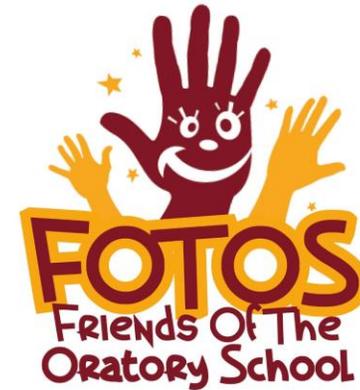
It's true that we chatter at the school gate,
Lots of business gets sorted around half past eight
But we really are a very mixed bunch,
Full-time parents, business people, professionals, and grandparents.

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: