



# Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

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*"Shine as to be a light to others"*

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**School re-opens for pupils  
on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September.**

**Have a safe and  
wonderful summer  
break! ☺**



## Dates:

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
Teacher Training Day

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
School re-opens for pupils

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
School photos  
(individual and siblings at school)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Break up for half-term  
(24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> = half-term)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
School closes for Christmas

Dear Parents / Carers,

First of all, I would just like to thank each and every one of you for your support and feedback this academic year. It has been great getting to know many of you and having you in school with us for various events and experiences to share along with your children. Long may this continue!

The last week of term was an incredibly busy one! On the back of how busy it has been, I apologise for this newsletter reaching you much later than usual. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, we unfortunately had to cancel the Summer Fete, which had been organised by the Oratory PTA. This was due to health and safety aspects associated with the extreme heat we were experiencing. However, fear not, as the Fete will still go ahead early in the Autumn term! You will be kept posted about this event.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July we held our International Day, which was a great success! Miss Pitter, Miss Morris and Mrs Oyanda took the lead on this and what a splendid job they did with planning and organising it all! There was a real buzz of excitement all day as children dressed in clothing and colours to represent their own heritage and culture. The children all looked fantastic, as did the staff. I could see the whole school enjoying the fashion shows and displays of talents, and again it was great to welcome so many of you in to school to enjoy this event with us. I saw that we had some very talented parents/carers also!  
*(Again we reiterate not to share any photos or videos of children on social media, unless you have permission from their parents/carers).*

On Wednesday evening, Y6 performed their production: Aladdin. The children and staff worked extremely hard in preparation for the production and it really showed. It would be an understatement to say that the children's singing, dancing and acting were all superb! Thank you to Miss Corns and Mrs Westley for practising lines, songs and dances with the children, and thank you also to all the staff and PTA members who stayed behind on the evening to ensure that the production (and interval snacks) ran smoothly.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Years 1-6 headed up to Mass at the Oratory Church for Y6's leavers Mass. It was a lovely Mass led by Father Anton. Well done to our Y6 readers who read beautifully. After this, back at school, we had a HUGE celebration assembly, with various children from each class receiving awards for: virtues, most dojo points this term, reader of the term, mathematician of the term, writer of the term, theologian of the term, Headteacher award, 100% attendance and sports awards. Well done to all of the children who achieved certificates during assembly!

Finally, although it's an exciting time of year where children look forward to moving up to the next year group, it's also a sad time of year as we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to begin their brand-new adventures in September at their new schools. I know that they will all go on to continue to do themselves proud and they should also be proud of their achievements whilst they have been at the Oratory because I know that we are all very proud of them! Make sure that you stay in touch with us Year 6 and keep us updated about your incredible achievements – you will always be part of our Oratory family!

May I take this opportunity to also say thank you and good luck to some of our staff members who are moving on – remember that you too will always be part of our Oratory family, so please do stay in touch! On that note, I'd like to welcome some more new members of staff who will be joining us in September: Mrs Kelly-Hulbert (Y4), Miss Thomas (Y5), Mrs Hasific-Krid (TA) and Mrs Liddy (TA).

Have a safe and wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

God Bless,  
Mrs Wilson.

### Timings of the day – reminder for September 2022

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 or the play equipment, 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 main 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**

Nursery: 8:45 – 12:00

Reception: 8:45 – 13:20

Y1-5: 8:40 – 13:20

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 – 13:20

Morning: Children go straight into class at 8:30

Afternoon: Children are dismissed through the door nearest their classroom

**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 Mrs Yaman at the school office.

## **School term dates 22/23:**

*\*Please note: 4 more Teacher Days are to be confirmed.*

Autumn Term 2022	
Mon 5 September	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tue 6 September	Start of Term - School opens
24 to 28 October	Half Term
Fri 16 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2023	
Tue 3 January	Start of Term - School opens
20 to 24 February	Half Term
Fri 31 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2023	
Mon 17 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday
29 May to 2 June	Half Term
Tue 25 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer

## **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](mailto:communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk) for an application pack.

## **Raffle Tickets**

Raffle tickets have been drawn and a number of prizes are yet to be collected.

Please hold on to your tickets and we will keep your prizes safe until September! Also, keep your tickets safe as we can only exchange the prizes for the tickets.

Winning tickets:

White	Pink	Green
366-370	26-30	16-20
376-380	71-75	41-45
386-390	106-110	51-55
371-375	166-170	111-115
	201-205	121-125
	246-250	131-135
	256-260	136-140
	366-370	181-185
	401-405	146-150
	416-420	151-155
	531-535	211-215

Thank you to the PTA for organising the raffle and to those of you who bought tickets.



## The End of Year Daily Mile Information

The target for this term was 2015 miles.

The number of miles completed as of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022 is 1239.61 miles.

### Top individual preformers for the year

#### Year 1

Nehemiah : 640 laps - 106.67 miles  
Tommy-Lee : 595 laps - 99.17 miles  
Ora: 395 laps- 65.83 miles  
Ruslana: 394 laps - 65.67 miles

#### Year 2

Simon: 696 laps - 116 miles.  
Amanadab: 687 laps - 114.5 miles  
Rosalya: 491 laps - 81.83 miles  
Madison: 449 laps - 74.83 miles

#### Year 3

Markus: 595 laps - 99.17 miles  
Nkolay: 565 laps - 94 miles  
Fatima: 461 laps - 76.83 miles  
Maribel: 456 laps - 76 miles

#### Year 4

Ifran: 532 laps - 88.67 miles  
Iyad: 509 laps - 84.83 miles  
Hannah: 658 laps - 109.67 miles  
Isabella: 645 laps - 107.5 miles

#### Year 5

Damian: 878 laps - 146.33 miles  
Thomas: 868 laps - 144.67 miles  
Adina: 610 laps - 101.67 miles  
Daniella: 603 laps - 100.5 miles

#### Year 6

Zekaryas: 822 laps - 137 miles  
Binolisa: 513 laps - 85.5 miles  
Sharon: 543 laps - 90.5 miles  
Emiliya: 507 laps - 84.5 miles

## Class performance for the whole year

Year 5

Completed 15,661 laps which equals 1850.49 miles!

The whole school has completed 77,043 laps or 14,638,170 metres, which equals 9,103.34 miles this term!

Well done all!!!



### House teams based on Commonwealth countries miles completed up to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Continent	Miles
1. <b>St Vincent &amp; Grenadine</b>	<b>15838 Miles</b>
2. <b>Grenada</b>	<b>15827 Miles</b>
3. <b>Fiji</b>	<b>15820 Miles</b>
4. <b>Singapore</b>	<b>15534 Miles</b>
5. <b>Zamba</b>	<b>14024 Miles</b>



## 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?

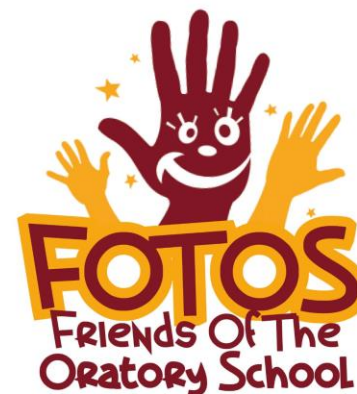
It's true that we chatter at the school gate,  
Lots of business gets sorted around half past eight  
But we really are a very mixed bunch,  
Full-time parents, business people, professionals, and grandparents.

### 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: .....