



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

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



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**Key dates:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – school closed for staff and pupils (Queen Elizabeth II's funeral)**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September – expectations meeting for Y3 parents and carers

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – expectations meeting for Y2 parents and carers

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – expectations meeting for Y1 parents and carers

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

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Break up for half-term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – school reopens for pupils

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for pupils at 1:20pm (3:15pm for those who stay)

**Future dates for your diary:**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy Communion (Year 4)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Blessed Sacrament procession (Year 4)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Confirmation at 7pm (Year 6)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week at the Oratory! When Mrs Pickup and I have been walking around classes, we have seen lots of children working hard and showing that they are **ready, respectful and safe**. Around school and in the playground, we have also seen lots of children demonstrating that they can be **compassionate and loving** towards one another – these are the Catholic virtues that we are focussing on this half-term.

**Parents/Carers:**

Thank you to the parents / carers who have attended our expectation meetings so far. It has been a good opportunity to introduce ourselves as a new Senior Leadership Team and to tell you about our expectations for this coming year. We will continue to run them next week, from 9:00 – 9:45, and look forward to seeing many more of you there.

**Developments in school:**

During the parent / carer meetings held this week, lots of you asked about ways in which we are going to support your children this academic year. We currently have a working partnership with the CLCMAT and we are working with one of their schools to share good practice together. This partnership, set up by Mrs Welsh - our School Improvement Partner - is a great opportunity for our teachers to visit another school during their PPA time so that they can work with other professionals to plan and develop engaging and challenging work for our children.

Last summer saw us achieve some excellent SATs results in Y2 and Y6:

**Oratory Year 6 SATs data 2022**

English (Reading)		Maths		Writing		Combined
Exp	GD	Exp	GD	Exp	GD	
43%	40%	60%	27%	63%	10%	Total % Exp & GD 73%
Total % Exp & GD 83%		Total % Exp & GD 87%		Total % Exp & GD 73%		

### Oratory Year 2 SATs data 2022

English (Reading)		Maths		Writing		Combined
Exp	GD	Exp	GD	Exp	GD	
60%	17%	67%	17%	63%	3%	Total % Exp & GD 63%
Total % Exp & GD 77%		Total % Exp & GD 83%		Total % Exp & GD 67%		

Exp = expected for their age    GD = greater depth

Therefore, in order to get well underway in targeting our children and supporting them where needed, we will be baselining children in Y1-6 over the next two weeks. This means that we will be giving them some maths and reading questions to complete in class so that we can identify areas of whole class needs, and individual needs. In doing this, we can start to plug any gaps the children may have, but also challenge children to reach their full potential. In two weeks' time, you will receive a notification from your child's class teacher informing you of two maths targets and two reading targets for your child to work on for the rest of the term.

Later in the term, we plan to hold parent workshops, whereby you will be invited in to school to meet the class teacher and complete some English and Maths activities with your child. Dates of these meetings will be set and communicated to you in due course.

Reading – Mrs Pickup and I have been sorting through the books we have across school to create more age appropriate and engaging reading spaces for each class. Although your child may not have bought any books home from school as yet, rest assured that they have been reading in class and have had an adult reading with them too. We have also been fortunate to have made a link with St Paul's School for Girls and Dr Casserly (Headteacher of SPG) has offered to send over some of her amazing sixth-form students to read with some of our children. Both reading fluency and reading for pleasure are important, so the more opportunities our children have to read, the better!

#### **Awards (these are for last week – 9<sup>th</sup> September):**

#### **Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Compassionate & Loving**

Living our Catholic Virtues of compassionate & loving

Year 1	Marta	Brayden
Year 2	Marina	Nehemiah
Year 3	Joshua	Ekka
Year 4	Maribel	Eyob
Year 5	Preciosa	Antonio
Year 6	Maksymillian	Daniella

#### **Following our school rules: Ready-Respectful-Safe**

Year 1	A'mara	Daniel
Year 2	Isaac	Fatima
Year 3	Ted	Erin
Year 4	Grace	Tyler
Year 5	Aryan	Tischany
Year 6	Shamma	Damian

## **Awards 16<sup>th</sup> September:**

### **Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Compassionate & Loving**

Living our Catholic Virtues of **compassionate & loving** this week are:

Year 1	Florian	Rigi
Year 2	Ruslana	Michaele
Year 3	Rosalya	Emmanuel
Year 4	Dan	Shenaya
Year 5	Elena	Oliver
Year 6	Merry	Amari

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

Year 1	Isabella	Amaris
Year 2	Nathan	Ora
Year 3	Ebuka	Ellie-Maye
Year 4	Markus	Theresia
Year 5	Rafaella	Eliab
Year 6	Tommy	Zara

It is also with great pleasure that I announce to you our new **Oratory School Councillors:**

Year 2	Tommy-Lee	Mayley
Year 3	Maddison	Ted
Year 4	Markus	Lila
Year 5	Isabella	Essay
Year 6	Adina	Kamil
Leaders	Tommy	Karolina

In a democratic vote, children voted for School Councillors last week. Each class had a private ballot and the results were not shared until today! Our first task for School Councillors is to revamp the reading area in their own classroom and to become librarians within their class. Alongside this, these children will have meetings with their class and with myself to discuss ideas for school improvement – and begin to turn some of their ideas into ACTION! Tommy and Karolina in Y6 will be leading our School Council team! I am sure everyone will do a magnificent job - congratulations to these children!

Finally, a reminder that school is closed on Monday, due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. We continue to keep the Royal family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,  
Mrs Wilson



This week we pray for our wonderful Teachers:

	Nursery - Mrs Glanville		Year 4 – Mrs Kelly-Hulbert	
Reception - Miss Phelps				Year 4 – Mrs Hadley
	Year 1 - Mrs Milligan		Year 5 -	Currently advertising for a permanent teacher.
Year 2 – Miss Goodwin				Year 6 – Mr Barratt
	Year 3 – Miss Thomas		Assistant Headteacher - Mrs Pickup	

### **Reminders**

Please label all jumpers and cardigans!

Send your children to school with their own water bottle.

Ensure your child comes to school with a coat every day.

Next week we will be on **Week 1** of the school dinner menu. If your child is in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Park safely, considerately and responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children.

There are still some raffle prizes to be collected from the school office. See below for a reminder of the ticket numbers.

On **Friday**, school finishes at **1:20pm**. For those who stay on a Friday, they need collecting at **15:15pm**.

**Please be prompt in collecting your children.**

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.