



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates:

Tuesday 11th October - School photos (individual and siblings at school)

**If your child has PE on this day, please send them in their uniform for photos. Thank you.*

Friday 7th October – Nasal flu spray in school

Tuesday 18th October – Parent/Carer coffee morning (9:00-9:45)

Friday 21st October - Break up for half-term

Monday 31st October – INSET day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils

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

Future dates for your diary:

Sunday 11th June – First Holy Communion (Year 4)

Sunday 18th June – Blessed Sacrament procession (Year 4)

Wednesday 12th July – Confirmation at 7pm (Year 6)

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents/Carers

Please note that a coffee morning has been added to the key dates above. This is an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school and speak with the leadership team about developments this term and ideas moving forward.

School developments

In school this week we have been monitoring standards in writing and focussing on how we can make sure the children's learning is scaffolded to enable them to become successful authors, sharing their wonderful imaginations with us.

On Wednesday our staff training workshop was held at The Oratory Church where Father Anton led us on a tour and we learnt about the history of the Oratory Church and the Fathers and Brothers of the Oratory, as well as more about the lives of Saint John Henry Newman and Saint Philip Neri. A wonderful way for us, as a new staff team, to learn more about these important figures in our school's life and help to promote Catholic life and the school's Catholic ethos to our community.

School Lunches

Thank you to everyone who completed the lunch choice survey. It is really important that we have replies for all the children in school so we can make sure there is the correct amounts of each choice cooked each day. We also need a reply if your child has a packed lunch (sandwiches) every day. If you have had difficulty completing this online, please pop into the office where they have some paper copies that you can fill

in. Please make sure these are completed and returned as soon as possible so we can use the information to begin reducing our lunchtime waste.

Morning Routine

Well done to all of those children who have been getting to school on time and are ready to start their lessons promptly and thank you to parents and carers for working with us on this! Can we ask that parents and children wait on the playgrounds – but not on the play equipment or any grassy areas – and that we all avoid crowding on the narrow footpath on the way to the courtyard. Once the school bell rings, children can calmly and sensibly head towards the courtyard to enter the school building.

Bikes and Scooters

It's so lovely to see so many children cycling and scooting to school. A fantastic example, along with walking to school, of living a healthy lifestyle! In order to keep everyone safe while on site, especially the youngest children and the adults' ankles, we ask that bikes and scooters are walked while on the school site. As the pathways can be busy and full at these times this will help prevent accidents from happening.

Cold Weather

It really has felt like Autumn this week and we have needed our coats outside at break and lunchtime as it has been cold and we have also had some rain during lunchtime. Please make sure that all the children bring a coat to school each day and, like the rest of their uniform, it is clearly labelled with their names.

Collective Worship

The Key Scripture this week was from Luke 16: 19-31. We discussed what it means to be rich. Lots of children put forward ideas about money and owning expensive items. At the end of our collective worship, children were again asked what it means to be rich and we able to consider the true meaning of wealth, thinking about the ways we use our time, qualities and material possessions and how this affects our ability to live life to the full. We reflected and identified good qualities of ourselves and others to be treasured and shared.

Assembly

This week, part of our Friday assembly was about bullying. It is so important that all of our children feel safe, loved and respected at school. In our assembly we explored what bullying is and what we can do if we, or someone else, is being bullied. Our hope is that the open, honest and trusting relationship that we have with all of our pupils will encourage them to talk to us if they have any problems. However, through living out our Catholic values and virtues in our everyday lives, at home and at school, we expect our children to show **compassion** and **love** to one another at all times.

Nursery places

We currently have a few places left in our Nursery. Hours are 8:40 – 12pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact the school office if you are interested in a Nursery place for your child.

Breakfast club

A reminder that we operate a breakfast club every morning from 8am (£2.50 per session). It is run by two of our own staff. Please let Mrs Yaman in the office know if you would like a place.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson

Awards (these are for last week – 23rd September):

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Compassionate & Loving

Living our Catholic Virtues of **compassionate & loving:**

Nursery	Minan	Quoc Anh
Reception	Oliwia	Kingston
Year 1	Elliana	Ezra
Year 2	Cattleya	David
Year 3	Tafari	Madison
Year 4	Rubeigh	Leo
Year 5	Elena	Lawien
Year 6	Kamil	Dior-Rose

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

Nursery	Caleb	Hannah
Reception	Kendall	Jamaldeen
Year 1	Mansur	Thani
Year 2	Sandara	Isaac
Year 3	Moayad	Betania
Year 4	Elijah	Chenti
Year 5	Hannah	Caedan
Year 6	Thomas	Daniella

Awards 30th September:

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Compassionate & Loving

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

Nursery	Srihan	Skye
Reception	Eldana	Leo
Year 1	Eden	Malachi
Year 2	Nae Nae	Antoni
Year 3	Evie	Kymmi
Year 4	Eden	Tomas
Year 5	Rafaella	Eliab
Year 6	Dior-Rose	Viha

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

Nursery	Anahi	Myles
Reception	Imia	Natan
Year 1	Abigail	Levi
Year 2	Maryam	Nathan
Year 3	Nahom	Temia
Year 4	Nikolay	Christabel
Year 5	Isabella	Antonio
Year 6	Eli	Janet

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.

Encourage healthy eating through the snacks / lunches you send to school.

Bring reading books and reading records to school every day.

Next week we will be on **Week 3** 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. Please do not pull up or wait in the middle of the road or on the zigzag lines.

There are still some raffle prizes to be collected from the school office. See below for a reminder of the ticket numbers. **Any prizes not collected after this week will go back to the PTA to use for prizes again when the fete is rescheduled.**

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.