



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates:

Sunday 20th November - Feast of Christ the King (Special invite for Y4/6, Oratory Church)

Tuesday 22nd November – Movie afternoon (3:30pm-5:30pm, £3 per child)

Wednesday 23rd November – World Cup lunch!

Wednesday 23rd November - £1 donation for non-uniform day (football kits/sporting attire)

28th November – ‘Healthy Body, Healthy Minds’ week

Thursday 1st December – Y6 SATs workshop

Friday 2nd December – Y2 SATs workshop

Friday 2nd December – Christmas jumper / non-uniform day in exchange for sweets for the Christmas Fayre

Monday 5th December – Y5 parent/carer workshop

Tuesday 6th December – Y4 parent/carer workshop

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas lunch and children to wear suitable party clothes

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas Fayre (organised by the PTA) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 8th December – Mass at Oratory Church (Reception – Year 6) 9:30am

Friday 9th December – Nativity at Oratory Church, 12:45 start (parents/carers welcome from 12:30 in Upper Cloister Hall)

Monday 12th December – Y1 parent/carer workshop

Tuesday 13th December – Y3 parent/carer workshop

Thursday 15th December – Professor McGinty History workshops (Year 3 – 6)

Friday 16th December – Mass at Oratory Church (Reception – Year 6) 9:30

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 11th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who attended parents' evening this week - there was a real buzz of excitement in the hall during the meetings as teachers were able to share your child's progress with you so far this year. We hope you enjoyed the more relaxed atmosphere of being able to look through your child's books with them as you waited in the hall. Thank you for completing our questionnaires; once these have been collated, we will share the results with you all. We always welcome your comments and thoughts and are grateful for the lovely comments that have been made about the Oratory and our teaching staff.

During parents' evening, we asked you to check your current contact details and to notify us of any changes. It is so important that the phone numbers, the address and the emergency contact details that we hold for your child are up to date and accurate. If you did not get the chance to update your details, you can collect your data sheet from Mrs Yaman in the school office, or you can log in to Arbor and request to make the changes yourself.

Collective Worship

Key Scripture: Luke 20: 27, 34-38

In the Gospel this week, children learnt that all is made new through Jesus' Resurrection. Inspired by transformations in nature, children learnt that when we die, our life is not ended but changed. After our time on earth ends, we are made for a new life with God in heaven!

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle C

Mass

Y3 celebrated Mass with Father Anton and Mrs Bering in our school Chapel. Well done to those children who had readings and read beautifully in Mass this week.

Faith-Filled and Hopeful

Children who received these certificates will have them displayed in school for a WHOLE WEEK, before bringing them home. This is so that every child, member of staff and visitor can see these certificates proudly on display. The children who receive them will still be named in the newsletter and will still come out in assembly to receive the round of applause they deserve.

Celebration assembly

We talked about the symbolism of different coloured poppies during our assembly today and how they help us to remember the different groups who contributed and made sacrifices to protect our freedoms.

School Development

This week we invited Mr Ted Hammond from the Diocesan Education Team to come back and visit us. He enjoyed a tour of our school, including a visit to each classroom to see how hard our children have all been working - he was very impressed!

Mrs Razzaq from the Cromwell MAT was also with us again this week working alongside our EYFS lead.

School Council have been working hard to develop their reading areas – I wonder which class will be rewarded with 10 minutes extra playtime for having the best reading corner?!

'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind'

–physical health, mental health and healthy eating awareness

During the week of 28th November, Kieran McLoughlin - our PE and Health Mentor, has planned a range of fun and exciting activities during PE lessons to promote having a healthy body and healthy mind. We look forward to raising awareness across school in order to become healthier!

If you are a parent/carer and feel that you may have something to offer during this week during school time (e.g. an exercise/sports session, a dance class, a talk about mental health for children, a healthy eating workshop etc...) then please get in touch and let us know. We'd love to utilise your talents to help us spread awareness too! Please email: communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk

Thank you to those who have offered their time and talents to us already!

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is coming up soon! The members of the PTA are working hard behind the scenes to prepare this event. As the saying goes: *many hands make light work*, so if you are able to lend a hand on 7th December (setting up from 1pm and finishing at 6:30pm), the PTA would love to have you on board! Even if you can only help out for half an hour, your time would be greatly appreciated. Make sure you put the date in your diary as rumour has it that Santa will be visiting the Oratory on this date! In preparation for the fayre, we will be having a Christmas jumper / non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December in exchange for sweets.

Remembrance Day

Today we gathered together and held 2 minutes of silence for Remembrance Day.

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day (also called Armistice Day or Poppy Day) is a Memorial Day celebrated in Commonwealth countries, such as Great Britain, Australia and Canada. It's celebrated every year on November 11th. Remembrance Sunday is also celebrated, and this is held on the second Sunday in November each year.

Why do we celebrate Remembrance Day on November 11?

Remembrance Day, on November 11th, marks the anniversary of when World War One ended. It ended on November 11th 1918 at 11 am, which is why many people hold a two-minute silence at 11 am on this day. The War was officially ended with the signing of the Armistice, which is why the day is also called Armistice Day.

Remembrance Day gives people the chance to remember those who fought and lost their lives during the war and honour their memory. It makes sure that we never forget the past, and that those who died didn't die in vain.

Why is it important to celebrate Remembrance Day?

It is all about memory. During WW1 there were around 20 million deaths and 21 million wounded in both the armed forces and civilian communities. Therefore, Remembrance Day is a day to honour and remember their lives and their sacrifices.



11th November

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Faith-filled & Hopeful

Living our Catholic Virtues of **Faith-Filled & Hopeful** this week are:

Nursery	Lanaiya	Evan
Reception	Moksh	Elisha
Year 1	Thani	Ezra
Year 2	Henrik	Mayley
Year 3	Blerim	Chanelle
Year 4	Dextra	Fatima
Year 5	Irfan	Isabella
Year 6	Momore	Amelia

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

Nursery	Minan	Osman
Reception	Marnie	Jasper
Year 1	Marta	Joshua
Year 2	Antoni	Emelia
Year 3	Amen	Betania
Year 4	Nikolay	Markus
Year 5	Layvon	Brielle
Year 6	Rhylee	Janet

Well done to all of these children!

Have a lovely weekend!

Lest we forget.

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson.

PS: Don't forget to order your Christmas lunch by 18th November to avoid disappointment!



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. Please do share this information with your friends and neighbors too.

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.

Sacramental preparation

It is very important that children are prepared for these significant events in their life. The teaching that goes on in school is only part of what the children need in preparation for making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation – there is an expectation that parents/carers take children to Mass every week to further prepare them. Remember to take Mass attendance cards with you to have them signed at the end of Mass.

Link for Mass times at the Oratory Church: <https://www.birminghamoratory.org.uk/mass-times/>

On Sunday 20th November, Y4 and Y6 are invited to Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. After Mass, Y4 and Y6 will meet in the Shrine of Saint John Henry Newman to be enrolled for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, which they will undertake in the summer term.

Labelling clothing

Please label all jumpers, cardigans and coats!

PE days: (PLEASE NOTE CHANGES made on 4th November)

Nursery - Friday

Reception – Thursday

Year 1 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday

Year 4 - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday & Thursday (*Thursday = swimming)

Year 6 – Monday & Tuesday

On PE days, children should come to school wearing:

Plain white t-shirt (no football tops or t-shirts with logos)

Black shorts

Black pumps

Tracksuit - black or dark blue for colder weather (no logos)

Trainers (to be worn for outdoor PE only)

Children in Y5/6 may also bring a small towel and roll-on deodorant on their PE day.

Send your children to school with their own **water bottle, a coat and their reading book and reading record every day.**

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

PLEASE park safely, considerately and responsibly when dropping off and picking up your children. Do not pull up or wait in the middle of the road or on the zigzag lines.

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.



YOUR MENU

🌐 World Cup 🌐

**All Day Breakfast Lunch 23rd November
2022**

Baked Sausage or Vegan Sausage

Hash Brown Potatoes

Omelette

Baked Beans

Toast

Cookie, Yoghurts

Fresh Fruit

MADE FRESH

7th December Christmas Lunch

Roast Turkey

or

Vegan Quorn Sausage (v)

Roast Potatoes

Stuffing Ball, Yorkshire Pudding & Pigs in Blankets

Roast Vegetables, (Broccoli, Cauliflower & Carrots)

Festive Ice Cream roll,

Chocolate Cracknell Puddings

Orders must be in by 18th November

To avoid disappointment.

