



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

"Shine as to be a light to others"



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Key dates

Next week:

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

Tuesday 22nd November – Movie afternoon Y1-Y6 (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)

Key dates:

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:

Tuesday 3rd January – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 4th January – School reopens for pupils

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 18th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Collective Worship

Key Scripture: Luke 21: 5-19

Our assembly this week asked the question, 'Who do we look to in times of trouble?' Through a real child's experience, pupils were encouraged to look to God and responsible adults for support. We discussed how talking to trusted adults and God can give us comfort when we feel troubled.

Liturgical Year and Cycle: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time | Cycle C

Mass

Y4 celebrated Mass with Father David and Mrs Kelly-Hulbert in our school Chapel. Well done to those children who had readings and read beautifully in Mass this week. As Year 4 are preparing for their First Holy Communion later this academic year, they have really been trying their best to be reverent during Mass.

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

Congratulations to all our super stars who received certificates today. Keep up the good work and continue being role-models for the rest of the school!

Sunday Mass

On Sunday 20th November, children in Year 4 and Year 6 are invited to family Mass at 12:15pm to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King.

After Mass, those children in Year 4 and Year 6 - who are baptised Catholics - will meet with Father Anton 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.

We look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday to support our children who will make their First Holy Communion and Confirmation later this academic year.

All are welcome to Mass.

School Development

Year 5 and 6 recently took part in the Primary Maths Challenge, a national competition which enables the children to use and apply their maths learning in different ways. There are different types of reasoning and problem solving questions to challenge the children. The results were submitted today and we look forward to handing out certificates next week as well as waiting to see if any of our children get through to round two in February!

PTA

The Christmas Fayre is a great community event, but it doesn't happen without the help and support of many parents and carers. Thank you!

If you can spare some time to help at the Christmas Fayre and any other fun planned events for your children, please contact the PTA: [fotos-joiningform.pdf](#) (oratory.bham.sch.uk) who are a lovely, welcoming group of people!

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.

18th November

Catholic Pupil Profile Virtues: Faith-filled & Hopeful

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

Nursery	Diyako	Hannah
Reception	Aliya	Jay
Year 1	Tanna	Muhmad
Year 2	Nathan	Evelyn
Year 3	Ekka	
Year 4	Finnlee	Christabel
Year 5	Ninnette	Essay
Year 6	Heaven	Damian

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

Nursery	Skye	Aron
Reception	Hewar	Blu
Year 1	Daniel	Isabella
Year 2	Michaele	Debare
Year 3	Erin	Ellie-May
Year 4	Eden	Rubeigh
Year 5	Belle	Milka
Year 6	Amari	Viha

Well done to all of these children!

Have a lovely weekend!

God Bless,

Mrs Wilson.

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/>

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.

