



# The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery School

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

Head Teacher: Mrs C. Wilson



## Key dates

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January                      Teacher Training Day  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January                School reopens for pupils

### Future Dates:

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June                        First Holy Communion (Y4)  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June                        Blessed Sacrament procession (Y4)  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July                    Confirmation at 7pm (Y6)

### *A message from Father Anton RE: Christmas Mass timings:*

Traditional Carol service Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 7:30pm

### Christmas Masses:

Family Mass and Carols	Christmas Eve	5:30pm
High Mass	Christmas Eve	12 - Midnight
Low Mass	Christmas Day	8:30am
High Mass	Christmas Day	10:30am
Mass and Carols	Christmas Day	12:15pm

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## Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Parent/carer workshops**

Thank you to those of you who attended the workshop this week. We hope that you found them beneficial in how to support your child in some of their core areas of learning.

### **Enrichment**

This week, KS2 enjoyed a visit from Professor McGinty. Years 3 and 4 travelled with him to Ancient Egypt and Years 5 and 6 travelled back in time to WW2. An amazing time was had by all as children enjoyed the experience and all got fully involved. Thank you for the £4 donation towards this workshop. If you have not yet donated, there is still time to do this on Arbor. Many thanks.

On Wednesday, children enjoyed wearing their party clothes and making their cribs and Christmas cards to take home. Father Anton and Father David came in especially to bless the cribs to make them even more special. Thanks to them both for doing this for us.

### **School Development**

This week some of our staff have received more training on the new phonics scheme that we will be implementing in January: Read, Write, Inc. Training has been led by Mrs Razzaq from the Cromwell CLCMAT and Miss Phelps, our EYFS and Phonics Lead.

All child-facing staff also received their annual asthma training this week, led by the school nurses.

*Recruitment:* This term we have advertised for permanent teachers for our Y3 and Y5 class. It is really important for us to find the right people to teach our children. We are currently advertising again and will keep parents updated of any developments. At present, Y3 will continue with Miss Rijju and Y5 will continue with Mrs Galloway.

### **PTA**

*\*Merry Christmas from The Oratory PTA\**

*We would like to thank everyone for attending this year's Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success and we were able to raise nearly £500 thanks to you all!*

*Funds raised from PTA events enable us as parents to contribute to the wellbeing and development of all our children. In the past, we have funded extra-curricular activities at the school, as well as academic ventures. In 2019 we covered the cost for the Dick Whittington pantomime. We've also covered coach trips.*

*We will be discussing current pressing needs with the school, to determine what the funds raised from events this year will go towards. We would also like to hear from parents about how they think we can contribute to the school to help shape future events and funding allocation.*

*We would not be able to do any of this without your support so from all of us we say a resounding thank you. Special thanks also to members of staff at the school for all their help and support.*

*We wish you the happiest of holidays and look forward to seeing you at future events in the new year. If you are interested in joining the group or have any ideas you'd like to share, email [communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk](mailto:communication@oratory.bham.sch.uk) to get in touch or find out more.*

## **Mass**

Today, Reception up to Y6 walked to the Oratory Church to celebrate Mass with Father David. The children were reverent and Father David was incredibly impressed with their conduct and participation during the Mass. Reception were so sensible and safe walking all the way up to Church with their Y6 buddies.

## **Staff Leavers**

This term we have sadly said goodbye to three of our long-standing lunchtime supervisors. Mrs Brownhill, Mrs Stringfellow and Mrs Bell-Dennis have been a part of the Oratory family for many, many years. We keep them in our prayers and wish them the best of luck in their future. They will always be a part of our Oratory family!



Mr Milligan will be taking over Breakfast Club from January, so this will still be available for parents/carers to use.

As it's the end of term, we celebrated LOTS of achievements in our Celebration Assembly.

Well done to all of these children for the following awards!

### **Faith-Filled and Hopeful**

Nursery – Minan & Melab  
Reception – Moksh & Aliya  
Year 1 – Amaris & Daniel  
Year 2 – Samson & Fatima  
Year 3 – Temia & Liam  
Year 4 – Christabel & Grace  
Year 5 – Belle & Oliver  
Year 6 – Maksymilian & Melanie

### **Ready - Respectful – Safe**

Nursery – Hannah & Osman  
Reception – Omari-Royce & Shantaya  
Year 1 – Abenezzer & Abigail  
Year 2 – Melissa & Rhian  
Year 3 – Tafari & Michael  
Year 4 – Eden & Nikolay  
Year 5 – Caedan & Hannah  
Year 6 – Peter & Merry

### **Most Dojos this Term**

Nursery – Caleb  
Reception – Mia  
Year 1 – A'mara  
Year 2 – Tommy-Lee  
Year 3 – Rosalya  
Year 4 – Shenaya  
Year 5 – Milka  
Year 6 – Thomas

### **Readers of the Term**

Nursery – Anahi  
Reception – Emmanuel  
Year 1 – Tanna  
Year 2 – Nehemiah  
Year 3 – Nahom  
Year 4 – Tyler  
Year 5 – Ahmad  
Year 6 – Adina

### **Writers of the Term**

Nursery – Quoc Anh  
Reception – Natan  
Year 1 – Elliana  
Year 2 – Sandara  
Year 3 – Amanadab  
Year 4 – Markus  
Year 5 – Rafaella  
Year 6 – Melanie

### **Mathematicians of the Term**

Nursery – Aron  
Reception – Hewar  
Year 1 – Thani  
Year 2 – Amanuel  
Year 3 – Liam  
Year 4 – Leyla  
Year 5 – Eliab  
Year 6 – Diego

### **Kindness Award**

Nursery – Hannah  
Reception – Kendall  
Year 1 – A'mara  
Year 2 – Ruslana  
Year 3 – Mya  
Year 4 – Rubeigh  
Year 5 – Ninette  
Year 6 – Viha

### **Headteacher's Award**

*Children who have been exceptional in every way, all term!*

Nursery – Skye

Reception – Blu

Year 1 – Brayden

Year 2 – Antoni

Year 3 – Madison

Year 4 – Theresia

Year 5 – Isabella

Year 6 – Amelia

Wishing you all a safe and wonderful Christmas.



God Bless,  
Mrs Wilson and all the staff at the Oratory!

#### **REMINDERS:**

##### **Breakfast club**

A reminder that we operate a breakfast club every morning from 8am (£2.50 per session). It is run by 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/>

##### **PE days:**

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.