

IMPORTANT DATES 2019 - 2020

Autumn Term 2019

Term starts: Wednesday 4th September

Half Term: Mon 28th October to Friday 1st November

Term ends: Friday 20th December, 1.30pm

Spring Term 2020

Term starts: Tuesday 7th January

Half Term: Monday 17th February to Fri 21st Feb

Term Ends: Friday 3rd April, 1.30pm

Summer Term 2020

Term Starts: Tuesday 21st April

Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term Ends: Friday 19th July, 1.30pm

Teacher Training Days

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Friday 13th September

Monday 6th January

Friday 10th July

Learning Together Meetings Autumn Term, 9 - 6pm

Nursery and Reception: Monday 21st October

Y2 and Y6: Tuesday 22nd October

Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 23rd October

Y1 and Y5: Thursday 23th October

VE Day Anniversary Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May



The Oratory R.C. Primary and Nursery
Y4 Standards and Expectations in all areas
of Oratory School Life
September 2019 - July 2020



**At the Oratory, we all try to follow in the footsteps of
Saint John Henry Newman by
"Shining as to be a light to others"**



My Vocation

Saint John Henry Newman

*God has created me to do him
some definite service;*

*he has committed some work
to me*

*which he has not committed
to another.*

I have my mission.

*I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connections between
persons. He has not
created me for nothing*

I shall do good. I shall do his work.

**Information inside this booklet explains how
together, we can do His work through our school
standards and expectations!**

Home, School and Parish working in partnership!

SUPPORTING CATHOLIC LIFE

Every child is a unique person created in the image and likeness of God, with a God-given potential for growth and an eternal destiny in heaven.

Adults within the Oratory school family have a special vocation to ensure our children receive the best educational experience in order to grow in love and knowledge of God, their neighbour, themselves and the created world.

Our faith is central to everything that we do!



We expect parents and carers to work in partnership with the school and parish; continually supporting our Catholic Life. For example:

✚ Attendance at your child's class Mass, whole school



Weds 27 th Nov 13	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in Y4, Y5 and Y6 led by Mrs Galloway and Mrs Dickinson, 9-10am in the hall.
Thur 28 th Nov	KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church.
Sun 1 st Dec	First Sunday of Advent. Children to begin to collect for Reverse Advent Box.
Mon 2 nd - Fri 6 th Dec	Assessment Week for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: Mathematics, Reading, Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation. Please ensure your child is on time and in school each day.
Weds 4 th Dec	Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in EYFS led by Mrs Lloyd, 9 – 10am in the hall.
Fri 6 th Dec	Y1 + Y2 Class Mass in the school hall, 2.15pm. All welcome.
Sun 8 th Dec	Mass (12 noon) at the Oratory Church for pupils who will be making their First Holy Communion followed by a meeting for pupils, parents and carers led by Fr Anton, Mrs Dickinson and Mr Venencia. 2 nd Sunday of Advent - Reverse Advent Box.
Mon 9 th Dec	Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Whole School Mass, hall, 2.15pm. Everyone welcome!
Tue 10 th Dec	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Weds 11 th Dec	Parent and Carer Christmas Coffee Morning: Feedback and reflection on the term's workshops. Bring cake!
Fri 13 th Dec	Caritas Christi Carol Service, 1.15pm St Chads Cathedral. Christmas Jumper Day! Bring in £1 for Crisis at Christmas.
Sun 15 th Dec	3 rd Sunday of Advent - Reverse Advent Box.
Tues 17 th Dec	KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Nativity 9.30am in the school hall Y5 performing A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2pm. All welcome!
Weds 18 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Extravaganza, 10.30am in the Foundation Unit. School Learning and Improvement Update Meeting for Parents, Carers and Governors, hall: 2.30 – 3.10pm + 5.30pm – 6.10pm.
Thurs 19 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties and a visit from Fr Christmas! KS2 - Pantomime in school TBC
Fri 20 th Dec	Whole School Mass 9.15am in hall followed by Carols and Mince Pies. Reverse Advent Boxes – last day to bring into school. Break up for the Christmas Holidays, 1.30pm.

Mon 21 st - Fri 25 th Oct 12	Learning Together Meetings Week, 9-6pm: Nursery and Reception: Monday 21st October Y2 and Y6: Tuesday 22nd October Y3 and Y4: Wednesday 23rd October Y1 and Y5: Thursday 23th October
Weds 23 rd October	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Mathematics in Nursery and Reception led by Mrs Lloyd, 9 – 10am in the hall.
Thurs 24 th Oct	School Learning and Improvement Update Meeting for Parents, Carers and Governors in the hall: 2.30 – 3.10pm and 5.30pm – 6.10pm
Friday 25 th Oct	Whole School Mass and Harvest Festival, 2.15pm in the school. Break up for Half Term

HALF TERM: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019

DATE	EVENTS: AUTUMN TERM 2019
Tue 5th Nov	Y5 Dress Rehearsal of A Midsummer Night's Dream 1.30pm – 5pm. Y5's performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Schools Festival, The Old Rep Theatre, 7pm
Weds 6 th Nov	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: 'First Steps' course around communication and behaviour in the EYFS 9 – 10am in the hall.
Fri 8 th Nov	Y4 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All welcome!
Sun 10 th Nov	Mass (12 noon) at the Oratory Church for pupils who will be making their Confirmation followed by a meeting for pupils, parents and carers led by Fr Anton, Mrs Dickinson and Miss Corns.
Weds 13 th Nov	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Keeping your child safe online led by Mrs Dickinson, Mrs Herrera and Ms Sall, 9 – 10am in the hall.
Thur 14 th Nov	World Diabetes Day – Wear blue and bring in £1 for Diabetes UK.
Friday 15 th Nov	Y3 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All Welcome! Pyjama Day – everyone to wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime book to share with their class.
Weds 20 th Nov	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Promoting a love of reading for pleasure in Y1, Y2 and Y3, led by Mrs Galloway and Mrs Dickinson, 9-10am in the hall.
Fri 22 nd Nov	Reception Class Mass with Y5 Guardian Angels, 2.15pm in the school. Parents and carers welcome.

- ✦ Mass and Spiritual Inspire.
- ✦ Supporting sacramental preparation: First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation through attendance at the Parish Enrolment Mass, parent/ carer meetings and Sunday Mass.
- ✦ Participation in key annual Parish / School celebrations and public acts of devotion including: The Crowning of Mary (May), Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction in our school grounds (June).
- ✦ Your child will take home a prayer bag on a rota basis. We encourage each family to come together, at home, to pray and know that Jesus Christ is always with us.
- ✦ Ensure your child is able to recite the prayers expected within their year group. Our school prayer booklet can be found on the website at the bottom of the page entitled, 'Living Our Faith'.



SAFEGUARDING

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality at school are vital for:

- ◆ your child's learning
- ◆ your child's confidence
- ◆ good progress and attainment
- ◆ establishing in your child a positive attitude towards the world of work.
- ◆ your child's social skills



What is good attendance?

In order to give a guide to your child's attendance it might be useful to consider government guidance on attendance:

99%-100% Outstanding

96%-98% Good

95% Satisfactory

Under 95% Cause for concern

Your child's attendance should be at least 95%.

This is the legal minimum requirement.

Any child whose attendance falls below this will be contacted by Mrs Dickinson (HT), Mrs Herrera (Inclusion Lead) or Ms Sall (School Based Social Worker).

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

DATE	EVENTS: AUTUMN TERM 2019
Thur 12 th Sept 11	KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church. All welcome! Y1 – Y6 Parent and Carer meetings with child's class teacher re: standards and expectations in Learning.
Fri 13th Sep	School Closed, Staff 'Building the Kingdom' Curriculum Training with Caritas Christi.
Wed 18 th Sept	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Special Educational Needs and Disabilities led by Inclusion Lead Mrs Herrera, 9 – 10am, hall.
Fri 20 th Sep	Y6 Class Mass in the school chapel, 2.15pm. All welcome.
Tue 24 th Sept	Y5 The Old Rep, Cast Workshop for A Midsummer Night's Dream, Shakespeare in Schools, 1.30 – 4pm. Children back 4.30pm.
Wed 25 th Sept	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Phonics EYFS, 9 – 10am, hall.
Fri 27 th Sept	Y5 Class Mass, school chapel, 2.15pm. Launch of Mini Vinnies! All Welcome! Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in hall, 3.15 – 4.30pm. Everyone is Welcome! We ask that children bring cakes and biscuits in the morning. NB: We are a NUT free School.
Weds 2 nd - Fri 25 th Oct	October Devotions: Praying the Rosary at 8.40am on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. Rosary led by Y6 + Y5 pupils, school chapel.
Weds 2 nd Oct	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y3 and Y4 led by Miss Corns, 9 – 10am in the hall.
Friday 4 th October	Whole School Blessing of our outside prayer garden, 'Laudato Si' - Care for our common home, 2.15pm. Led by Fr Anton.
Wednesday 9 th Oct	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y5 and Y6 led by Miss Corns, 9-10am in the hall. Blessed John Henry Newman Feast Day - School Patron. Whole school afternoon live link with Archbishop Bernard Longley
Thur 10 th October (Please note re-vised date)	1.30pm Whole School Outdoor Mass (weather dependent!) followed by celebrations to commemorate the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman, our school patron, in Rome on Sunday 13th October! Everyone to wear their best party clothes to school.
Weds 16 th October	Parent / Carer Coffee Morning Focus: Calculation methods in Mathematics for Y1 and Y2 led by Miss Corns, 9 -10am in the hall.
Thur 17 th Oct	KS2 Benediction, 1.45 pm at the Oratory Church. October Devotions to Our Lady of the Oratory where everyone is welcome!

Routines in Y4

Home Reading

We encourage parents and carers to listen to their children read, to talk about the book, and ask questions to encourage the children to give their opinion. Please comment in your child's reading record.



Each child will be given an opportunity to change their book once a week. Please look after them and return on a regular basis.

Homework

Maths will be sent home on a Friday afternoon and must be completed and handed in the following Wednesday.

Lists of new spellings will go home every Friday afternoon and children are responsible for practising them. The spelling test is on a Friday each week .

Learning Logs


At least once every half term.

Fabulous Finish

At the end of every term, each year group will put together a 'Fabulous Finish' where they will showcase what they have learnt over the term.

**Fabulous Finish will be on
Thursday 12th December 2019 at 2.30pm in Y4**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Burgundy sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan preferably with the Oratory School logo.
- White or yellow polo shirt .
- Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers.
- School shoes—black **(NO TRAINERS)**
- Grey / burgundy / black tights or white / grey socks
- If girls have long hair it must be tied or pinned back. Hair bands and clips are allowed if they are simple and small. 
- NO BIG BOWS .**
- Small stud earrings. **NO NAIL VARNISH.**
- Coat, hat, gloves and scarf during winter.

Winter Uniform



PE KIT

- ✓ A plain white T-shirt, black shorts and black pumps.
NO FOOTBALL TOPS OR T-SHIRTS WITH LOGOS.
- ✓ Tracksuit - blue / black for colder weather.
- ✓ Trainers outside only for PE, outside sports or daily mile.
- ✓ Children in Year 5 and 6 should bring a small towel and a roll on deodorant to keep at school.



Year 4 has PE Thursday!

HEALTH FOR LIFE

Break Time Snack

Children choose from a variety of healthy snacks:

- ◇ Breadsticks;
- ◇ A small box of raisins or sultanas;
- ◇ Rice cakes.

Our children will continue to have sugar free juice.

Please ensure that your child brings in their £1 in an envelope, with their full name, class and amount written clearly on the front.

If your child brings in a break time snack please ensure it is a healthy option not chocolate or crisps.

- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

Please apply on line, using the Free School Meal Eligibility Checker below:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham/>

This form takes less than 5 minutes to complete, the school will be sent an email confirmation if your child is eligible.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money must be paid in advance on a Monday.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – free to all children.

Years 3, 4,5 and 6 - £2.30 per day.

Don't get behind with payments – please contact the office if you need help checking to see if your child is entitled to a free school meal.

Office staff are happy to help with any questions or queries.

You will soon have the option to pay online.

SCHOOL DINNERS

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In Reception, Y1 and Y2 your child is entitled to a Free School Meal.

However in order to bring additional funding into our school budget we

would ask that you read the information below to see if your child is eligible for free school meals.

If your child is entitled to free school meals the school will be sent an email confirmation. We will then be allocated additional money which will come into our annual school budget.

If your child is in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 please check if your child is entitled to free school meals as this brings even more funding into the school.

If your child has moved into Y3 in September 2019 please remember your child's school dinner will have to be paid for unless your child is entitled to free school meals.

If you require further assistance please talk to a member of the Office Team.

Re: Free School Meals Funding 2019 -2020

You may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child, if you (or your child) get one of the following:

- Income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



Daily Mile



The Daily Mile supports your child's fitness, stamina, health and mood. Recent research shows daily physical activity has a positive impact on children's behaviour and concentration levels. Further information can be found at

<https://thedailymile.co.uk>

It is simple yet effective, enabling every child in our school to be active .



Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to 6) will run on a **Monday, and Friday** at break time.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) will run on a **Wednesday.**

Please make sure your child has trainers in school on these days and wears a waterproof if it is raining. We will run, jog, walk or skip in most weathers! Staff will also be joining in!

Keeping Active at Dinner Time



Our dinner time Sports Coach, Mr Mc Loughlin ensures that there are a variety of sporting activities for the children to access between 12-1pm.

He is ably supported by pupil Sports Leaders who work with smaller groups of children.