

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date: 28.02.25

Whole School



Lent is fast approaching and will begin on Wednesday 5th March with Ash Wednesday. This year we will be working as a whole school to raise money for CAFOD and take part in the **BIG LENT WALK**. The money raised will go to help fight global poverty and give hope to our neighbours struggling around the world. We aim to walk 200km in 90 days.

If you would like to support us, please fill the envelope which was sent home today and give it to the school office or your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can support us on our **Justgiving Page online**. Please **scan the QR code provided**.



Thank you so much for your unwavering support.

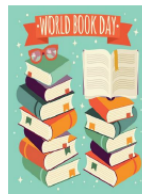
from the Faith in Action Team.

Book Week 3rd – 7th March

Please refer to the letter that was sent out earlier this week explaining all the details about Book Week.



This year we have decided that we are going to celebrate World Book Day 2025, for a whole week! 1 day just simply isn't enough, and for World Book Week we have lots of fun activities planned!



World Book Day 2025 will fall on Thursday 6th, March. The theme for this World Book Day follows the message "Read your way."

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading and sharing stories the children will spend time throughout the week with children of a different year group, sharing stories together. We would also like to invite family members to be a 'Mystery Reader' and come into the classroom and share a story with the class. Please speak to your class teacher if you are able to be a mystery reader.

Dressing Up – 7th March

We will hold our annual 'Dressing up as a Book Character Day' on **Friday 7th March!** We can't wait to see your favourite book characters and you may even see some of the staff dressed up too! Don't forget to bring the book that your character appears in to school with you to share with your class.

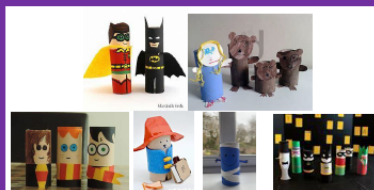


Picture Book Quiz

This year there is a picture Book Quiz. Can you use your story knowledge to uncover the title of a children's book? Sheets will be sent home on Friday 28th February. Please submit your entry by **Thursday 6th March** to be in with a chance of winning a prize!

Competition Time

It wouldn't be World Book Week without one of our creative competitions. This year we would like you to create a Toilet Roll Book Character. Be as creative and ambitious as you can. Please send your entries into school by **Thursday 6th March**. We cannot wait to see what you produce!



**OUR ATHLETE EVENT
IS COMING UP**
DON'T FORGET TO SET UP YOUR
CHILD'S SPONSORSHIP PAGE



JUST SCAN THIS QR CODE
AND SEARCH FOR OUR
SCHOOL TO GET STARTED

DON'T FORGET TO SHARE YOUR PAGE
WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!



Sport Fundraiser

On Tuesday 11th March, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by the Olympian **Victoria Ohuruogu**, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Victoria will then share her incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end! Your children will receive a sponsorship form which will need to be **handed back the week after 11th March**. You will receive an email informing you more about the event and how to create a fundraiser page for your child.

Nursery

Reception

Reception Trip to Bedford Park

Just a reminder regarding our upcoming trip to Bedford Park on 27th March. If you haven't done so already – please pay via schoolcomms. Children will need to dress in their PE kit and trainers for this trip. They may need wellies – this will depend on the weather. They will need a waterproof coat. Children will leave and return during school hours.

Uniform

Please do check all uniform that comes home – sometimes children will pick up another child's jumper accidentally. If this does happen, please ensure it is returned promptly.

Year 1

Year 1 library visit

Just to remind you that Year 1 will be visiting Harold Hill Library on Thursday 6th March 2025. The visit will take place during the school day and there is no cost for this trip.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To learn about how the library works and supports our community.
2. To expose the children to a free resource that will allow them to access a wide variety of books in order to promote a love of reading for pleasure.

Year 1 Assembly

On Wednesday 12th March the Year 1 children will presenting their 'Celebration of Learning' assembly from 9am - 9.30am. Thank you to those of you who have been helping your child to learn their words. Please continue to get them to practice their line using a big voice!

Please could we ask you to **provide your child with a woollen Bobble hat for the performance**. Children need to have their Bobble hat in school with their **name clearly labelled** inside their hat by **Monday 10th March**.

Year 2

Year 3

Trip and Payment Reminder – Brentwood Cathedral

A reminder of the Year 3 trip to Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th March**.

Due to coach and travel timings, we will need the children to arrive at school slightly earlier than usual. Please ensure that your child has arrived at school by 8:10am, as we will be leaving promptly at 8:25am. The coach will not be able to wait for latecomers.

The cost of this trip is £5.05 per child. **Payments should now have been made on SchoolGateway.** By paying for the school trip, you are providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment has not been received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate. **If your child qualifies for pupil premium please ensure that you have emailed office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission.**

Roman Workshop:

We have also booked an all-day Roman workshop on Wednesday 25th June where we will require additional adults. Please speak to Mrs Rose or Mr Groome if you are able to support with this day. This workshop will take place in school. Further details, including payment, will follow nearer the time.

Times Table Rockstars:

A reminder that the children should be completing **at least 20 minutes of TTRS per week**, focusing on the times tables that they are less confident in (using the heatmaps that were sent out before half term). They should also be regularly using the **Soundcheck** game on TTRS to practise their times tables under timed conditions.

Year 4

Stubbers Trip - Payment Reminder

The final payment for Stubbers is due today, Friday 28th February. Please ensure you are up to date and all payments have been made.

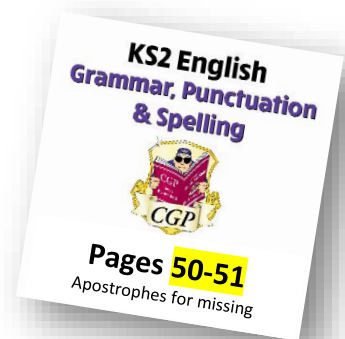
If you are DBS compliant and are able to help on the trip, please can you let your class teacher know. The office will need a copy of your DBS.

Reading Records

Please can you ensure you are listening to your child read. A parent/carer should also be signing the reading record, noting the page numbers and the book.

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Year 5

A NOTE ABOUT SNACKS

- We have noticed an increasing number of children bringing in unsuitable snacks for break time. Please note – children should be bringing in **fruit, vegetables, plain crackers or breadsticks ONLY.** **Please remember we are a nut free school – don't send in nuts or things that contain nuts.**
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Year 6

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Jewellery

We have noticed that children are wearing jewellery to school, more specifically on days they have PE. As it states in our uniform policy, Jewellery is not to be worn in school, especially on days when the children have PE. This is a matter of health and safety.

Homework

The year 6 children have been registered to a new Maths program called **Maths.co.uk**. This site focuses specifically on SATs topics and presents questions in a test format. It was a site we trialled last year and the response was very positive from pupils, parents and staff. Children have all been handed their usernames and passwords and their first assignment is currently live.

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