

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

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Whole School



Havering's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Easter Programme 2025 is OUT!

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a funded initiative that provides fun activity and food provision for children aged reception to year 11 who are eligible for **BENEFIT RELATED Free School Meals** during the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays.

The programme is designed to support families on a lower income, or children who are considered to be vulnerable. Children who attend a HAF club will have access to a full range of activities and will receive a healthy nutritious meal. School holidays can be a pressure point for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. Therefore, some children are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health. This is where the HAF programme can help support those families and children to access local fun healthy activities and food during the school holiday periods. This not only provides the opportunity for children to enjoy the activities on offer and be fed with a nutritious meal, it also helps supports families financially during this period.

To have access to the funded sessions you **MUST** be eligible for **benefit related** free school meals (BRFSM) and have made an application through Havering, regardless of your child's age as not all children in KS1 are eligible even though they receive a meal at school usually. The link to Free School Meals application is [here](#). A referral for vulnerable families who do not meet the benefit related free school meals criteria can be made via your school and/ other services. Once referred and eligibility is confirmed you will be given a **unique voucher code** via your referrer to access booking your funded place on a HAF programme (BRFSM eligibility do not need a code to book). Eligibility checks will be completed to confirm your funded place post programme booking registration with HAF providers.

Every eligible child can access **up to 16 hours** of funded activities this Easter Holiday!

For more information or to view and book the funded places available this Easter please visit our webpage where all the Easter HAF programmes and activities are listed www.havering.gov.uk/HAF You can also follow us via our Facebook page @HAFHavering for updates.

**If you are unable to attend your booked HAF session, please inform the provider so they are able to offer the funded place to another child who would greatly benefit from this opportunity. If no contact is made they will assume you no longer want the place and will offer it out to another child.*

**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.

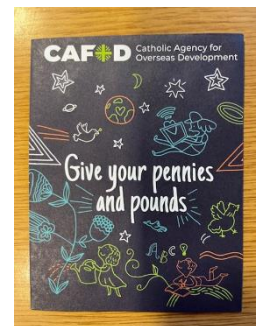
Science Week



It is Science Week next week and we are all looking forward to it. Friday 14th March is our Science Dress Up Day – we are asking children to come in to school that day dressed up as someone involved in Science (Doctor, Nurse, Scientist, Science teacher, Eco person, Forensic scientist, Astronaut).



The **Big Lent Walk** has officially started and we are delighted to see the children bringing in their CAFOD envelopes with donations. If you would like to make a donation and **support the children and staff walking 200km over Lent** then please bring in your envelopes to the office or give to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can visit our Just Giving Page, using the QR code provided.



Nursery

Reception

Bedford Park Trip:

All children need a packed lunch with them and a water bottle on this day. No fizzy drinks. If you require a school packed lunch, please let your class teacher know by Tuesday 11th March. All children will need to wear their PE kit and trainers. If it has been raining that week – the children will need to wear wellies.

Year 1

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**.

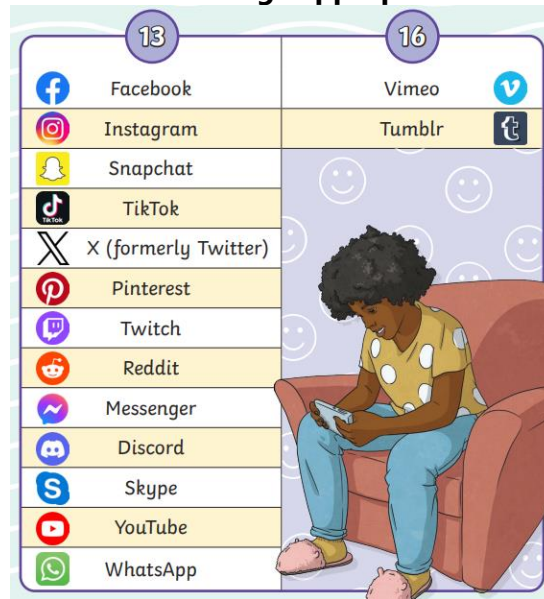
Year 2

Year 3

This week in Computing, we have been talking about online safety. We discussed how to be safe when posting information online and gaining permission. As some of the children were unaware of the age restrictions on certain apps, we thought it would be useful to share this with parents.

Please ensure that your children do not have their own accounts on any of these apps, as the age restriction are 13+ and 16+.

Please also pay close attention to the PEGI rating on games, as they are there to ensure that all content is age appropriate.



Further information about online gaming and online safety can be found here:
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

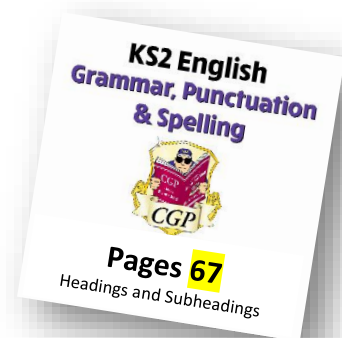
Year 4

Homework

Some children have said their homework is not showing as an assignment when they log in to Edshed at home. If you are having this difficulty, could you first try to delete browsing history on your computer/laptop/tablet. You could also try a different search engine, for example, if you are using Safari try Google Chrome. Next week, we will log the children in during class time to check any issues that are persisting.

Stubbers Trip

The final payment to secure your child's place on the Stubbers trip has now been made and we will be organising groups and adult helpers. If you are able to volunteer, please remember to speak to your child's teacher or the school office to ensure they have a copy of your DBS. We appreciate all offers for help and support with our school trips and thank you in advance.



Year 5

Homework

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Toys and fidget spinners

It has come to our attention that children are bringing toys and fidget spinners to school. Please can you ensure these are kept at home. If they are found in class then parents will be asked to collect them at the end of the week. Thank you in advance for your help with this matter.

Year 6

St Joseph's

Church Community

Easter Egg Donations

Our local churches - St. Dominic's and The Most Holy Redeemer - are looking for donations of Easter Eggs for raffle prizes for children on Good Friday. If you are able to donate any Easter Eggs, could you please drop them off at the School Office by **Friday 28th March**.

We hope that you can support our parish and church community.