

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 09.01.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Ayzel
Respect – Seraphine
Kindness – Chiziterem
Honesty – Eshal
Resilience - Richard

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect –
Kindness –
Honesty -
Resilience –

Whole School



RRSA: Article of the Week: Article 16 – Protection of privacy.
This links to our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity



Lunches

Please ensure that you order your child's school lunches via Cypad. This ensures that the correct food is prepared by the kitchen staff. If you don't order the food, then your child might not get the food that they want.

Nursery

Reception

Reception Phonics 2nd Meeting

We will be hosting a phonics meeting on **Friday 23rd January from 2.00pm – 3.00pm**. During this meeting Mrs Stone speak to you about the Read Write Inc Scheme that is used to teach phonics throughout the school and how you can support your child at home with their phonics development. This meeting will focus on the set 1 special friends and blending independently.

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom

In your child's reading folder you will find sheets with QR codes which will allow you to access the RWI Virtual Classroom. Please use these links to support your child with their phonics development.

Year 1

RE: Each child will need a photo of themselves as a baby sent into school next week, please. Please ensure that this is a photo that can be pasted into their R.E. books.

D&T: The children will be making fruit smoothies for their D&T work this term. We would like to ask for a £1 contribution towards the ingredients that will be used for this activity. It would be appreciated if the contributions could be paid no later than 6th February. Thank you.

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Year 2

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Colchester Zoo on **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Children will need to be in school at 8:30am prompt on the day, as we will be leaving at 9.00am. We are aiming to return to school by **3.15pm**, but any delays will be alerted via Schoolcomms.

Whilst at the Zoo, the children will be going to find "The Big 5" animals of Africa, which will support our learning about Kenya during the Spring Term. The school trip is always a highlight of the children's year and this trip will help to consolidate their previous learning. A contribution of **£20.10 per child** is requested, to help to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the zoo for the day. **Please note, payment can be made in instalments.**

Please pay via the Schoolcomms system. If anyone is having any difficulties signing up to Schoolcomms please contact the school office as soon as possible. The payment can be paid up to and including **Friday 13th March**.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch for the day (in a disposable bag) and a water bottle. If you need a packed lunch to be provided by the school, please let the office know by **Monday 16th March**.

The children will be required to wear full uniform on the day.

Year 3

No news to share

Year 4

No news to share

Year 5

No news to share

Year 6

PE Days

Just a reminder that as St Margaret's are now attending swimming the Year 6 PE days are

St Matthew's – Monday and Wednesday

St Margaret's – Wednesday and Thursday

Please ensure they are wearing appropriate kit on these days.

School lunches

Please talk to your children about what you are ordering for them for their school dinners. A number of children in Year 6 are ordering things that they don't like. A well-rounded lunch is important for children to fuel their brains for a busy afternoon of learning.

St Joseph's

Core word

Next week's core word is 'need'.

<https://youtu.be/2vkhinYtnC4>



need

Supporting Faith At Home

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In school we use ten:ten to support our Prayer and Liturgy sessions in class. As part of this you have access to the parent portal to continue this Prayer and Liturgy at home should you wish.

To access this go to the following link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username: parents-st-ursulas-catholic-primary-school

Password: StUrsulas

January 2026

January often feels like a fresh page: a new year, a new term and a chance for new beginnings. Many families use this time to think about hopes for the year ahead – perhaps to grow in kindness, gratitude or faith.

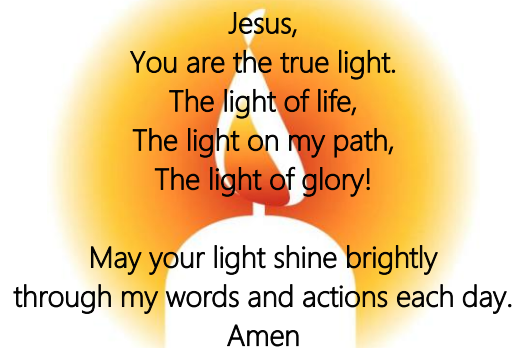
Through our January resources, children will be reminded that God is with them at the start of this new year, and that Jesus is the light that guides them each day.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT

Throughout January, the daily classroom prayers will allow children to reflect on Jesus, the Light of the World. In the first week, they will pray with words from the Gospel of John (John 1:1-18) and from St John Henry Newman, asking Jesus to be the true light of life, who lights their path.

Children will be encouraged to shine Jesus' light by helping others to see His love, kindness and goodness through what they say and do.

You might like to use this prayer as a family at home:



Church Community

Girls' Club

Girls' Club resumes on Friday 9th January from 6:00-7:30pm in St. George's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. New members are welcome from Reception to Year 6.