

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter

February & March
2025



THIS NEWSLETTER INCLUDES:

*A programme of
workshops for
parents and
carers to attend*

*Creating a new
School Vision*

Spring at St Ursula's

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term the curriculum has been brought to life through a series of enrichment activities, each designed to ignite curiosity and deepen understanding. Year 3 pupils visited Brentwood Cathedral, immersing themselves in the celebration of our faith. Meanwhile, Year 5 pupils were transported to the far reaches of the cosmos as they explored the wonders of space within the confines of the Space Dome. The spirit of discovery continued on Science Day, which saw our pupils donning lab coats and safety goggles, that we hope sparked their scientific curiosity. We also celebrated World Book Day, that transformed our corridors into a living library, with characters from beloved stories coming to life through the imagination and enthusiasm of our pupils.

In our aim to provide a wide range of extracurricular opportunities, we welcomed Magical Maths to our school. Their engaging workshops captivated our pupils, whilst exploring the world of numbers and problem-solving. The success of these sessions has paved the way for both a Key Stage 1 and KS2 Magical Maths club, starting after the Easter break.

We continue to recognise our responsibility to cultivate environmentally conscious citizens who understand their impact on our planet. Our School Explorer Ambassadors took this mission to heart, spearheading a competition to encourage sustainable travel and promoting cycling and scooting as eco-friendly alternatives for the school commute. Furthermore, our Ambassadors' participation in a conference where they shared our school's sustainable travel strategies with local MPs and TfL representatives demonstrates the far-reaching impact of our pupils' voices and actions.

"With God at the heart of our St Ursula's family, we welcome all as we learn and grow together."

Parent Workshops

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents who participated in our recent workshop survey. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping our approach to supporting our pupils' education, and I am excited to announce a new programme of Parent and Carer Workshops for the upcoming summer term.

These workshops have been designed in response to your suggestions and will be led by our Subject Leaders and external professionals. Each session aims to provide you with practical strategies and hands-on tips to support your child's learning at home. Below is the schedule for the workshops:

Parent Workshop Schedule

Supporting Emotion Regulation at Home

- Date: Thursday, 24th April
- Time: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Online Safety & Using Technology to Support Learning

- Date: Wednesday, 7th May 2025
- Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Communication - Using Core Boards (Invite Only)

- Date: Tuesday, 20th May

Year 5 to Year 6 - SATs 2026 Preparation

- Date: Thursday, 12th June
- Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

EYFS engaging your child in learning

- Date: Thursday, 26th June
- Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Overcoming Barriers to Learning

- Date: Thursday, 17th July
- Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Healthy Eating Cooking Club

- Date: To be confirmed

Sustainable cooking

- Date: To be confirmed

In addition to these workshops, we will be updating our school website to provide further guidance and resources for parents and carers to support their children's learning at home. We believe that by working together, we can create a supportive environment that fosters our pupils' growth and development.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to engage with our school community and enhance your skills in supporting your child's education. More details about each workshop will be shared closer to the dates.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

To Book a place, please use the following link:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/free-parent-workshops>



St Ursula's School Vision

As we continue to evolve and adapt to the ever-changing educational landscape, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment in our school's journey. The time has come to revisit and refresh our school vision, ensuring that it accurately reflects our current context and aspirations for the future.

Our existing vision, crafted in September 2021 amidst the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and school closures, has served us well. However, the successful completion of our first OFSTED and Catholic inspections as a unified primary school marks a significant milestone that calls for renewed reflection and articulation of our collective purpose.

To ensure that our new vision reflects the voices of all stakeholders, we would greatly appreciate your input. We have created questionnaires linked to your roles in our school, and your feedback will be invaluable in shaping our vision moving forward. Please find the link to the questionnaires below:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/our-vision>

We encourage you to take a few moments to complete the relevant questionnaire by May 30th. Your insights and perspectives are crucial as we embark on this collaborative journey to define a vision that truly represents our community.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to St Ursula's Catholic Primary School.

Together, we hope to create a vision that empowers our pupils and reflects our shared values.



What is a School Vision?

A school vision is a guiding statement that encapsulates our values, aspirations, and the direction we want to take as an educational community. It serves as a foundation for our goals and decisions, helping us to create an environment where every pupil can thrive. A well-defined vision inspires our staff, engages our pupils, and fosters strong partnerships with parents and the wider community.



Important Dates and Events

Summer Term 2025

As we look ahead to the Summer Term, I would like to draw your attention to several important dates and events:

- 1st May- Year 4 and Reception - Peace and Reconciliation Mass 9:30am
- 1st May - Year 6 CAFOD Jubilee Assembly & Workshop
- 2nd May - Year 3 CAFOD Jubilee Workshop
- 2nd May - Break the Rules Day
- 2nd May - Parent Coffee Morning
- 9th May - Year 3 - Crowning of Mary
- 12th-15th May - Year 6 SATs
- 20th May - Reception Assembly - Celebration of Learning
- 23rd May - Parent Coffee Morning
- 5th June - Year 1 and Year 5 Pentecost Mass
- 6th June - Parent Coffee Morning
- 6th June - Year 1 Stick Man Day @ Weald Park
- 12th June- New 2025 Nursery and Reception intake meetings
- 16th-18th June - Year 6 Residential
- 17th June - Wellgate Farm visiting EYFS & St Joseph's
- 21st June - School Summer Fete
- 25th June - Year 3 Roman Workshop
- 26th - School Choir at Havering Junior Music Festival
- 26th June - Reception to Year 6 - Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul Mass
- 27th June - Sports Day
- 3rd July - Nursery Graduation
- 4th July - Parent Coffee Morning
- 10th July - Class Transition Day
- 10th July - End of Year reports
- 10th July - Meet your teacher afternoon
- 11th July - Hoffman and Clare Cup competitions
- 14th July - Year 6 Leavers Mass
- 18th July - Year 6 Leavers production
- 21st July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st July - Bouncy Castle Day
- 22nd July -Last day - School closes at 1:00pm

Please refer to the school calendar for times. Further nformation on events will be shared in our weekly bulletin.