



# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We are all looking forward to welcoming our pupils and their families back to St Ursula's on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. After being off school for an extended period of time, it is only natural that many of our pupils may be worried about returning to school.

Use this weekend to talk to your children about how they are feeling and discuss their concerns, but also talk about what they are excited about and looking forward to. Please use the information I shared last week to talk about our Covid routines and the school day, as this will help them to prepare for any changes that may have been made.

Supporting the social and emotional well-being of our pupils is our priority - if children are to recover and progress academically, they must be ready emotionally. Transitioning back to school after being in lockdown will be challenging for some, so please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

Mr Ashburn



## Useful links

### MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/mental>

### REMOTE LEARNING POLICY

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/COVID-control-plan/remote->

## ST URSULA'S HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM



Mrs Walsh (KS2)  
Tel: 01708 343170



Mrs Bell (EYFS/KS1)  
Tel: 01708 345200

Please reach out to our Home School Support Workers if you need support with your child's transition back to school. We are aware that our pupils have faced many challenges during lockdown and our team will work with you to support their return.

## 8TH MARCH REOPENING—KEY INFORMATION

Click on the links below to find all information regarding our reopening.

[Parent letter and timetable](#)

[Updated policies due to Covid-19](#)

[Covid adjustment for reopening](#)

[St Ursula's Covid Response](#)

[Covid Risk Assessment](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is now open. To book a place for your child/ren please use our Schoolcomms booking system. If you require any help or guidance with this booking system, please contact the school office on 01708 345200.

## WONDERYEARS

Wonderyears after school club takes place between 3:00-6:00pm in the KS1 hall. For any enquiries or to book please either Email, call or WhatsApp:

Tel: 0770 777 1114

Email: [enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk)

Website: <https://wonderyears.co.uk/>

## NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Our Nearly New Uniform shop is opening on Tuesday 9th March. To book a time to visit, please click on the following link: [SHOP BOOKING](#)

Our shop is a perfect place to find all kinds of uniform basics, from shoes and trainers to cardigans, trousers and current sports kit.

## PE DAYS

St Luke's—Thursday	St Helen's—Thursday
St Catherine's—Tuesday	St Martin's—Wednesday
St Edmund's—Thursday	St Anne's—Thursday
St John's—Monday & Friday	St Jude's—Monday & Tuesday
St Paul's—Tuesday & Friday	St Philomena's— Tuesday & Friday
St Teresa's—Monday & Wednesday	St Thomas' - Monday & Tuesday
St Margaret's—Wednesday & Friday	St Matthew's—Wednesday & Friday

# WORLD BOOK DAY 2021!

Thanks to the fantastic planning of our English Leads, Miss Gilligan and Mrs Stone, we have been celebrating World Book Day for a whole week! Since Monday, our pupils have explored the books and poems of Michael Rosen, who is a poet, performer, broadcaster and script-writer. Michael Rosen has been very ill with coronavirus and we wanted to honour his contribution to children's literature by making him our Author focus for the week.

Yesterday, we encouraged our pupils to dress up as a book character at home and at school. We knew that getting a costume may have been difficult this year so we also encouraged our pupils to draw themselves in their book character costumes and submit their drawings to Google Classroom. As you can see from the photos, our pupils made a wonderful effort to dress up as their favourite literary characters.

This year's World Book Day competition was the 'Toilet Roll Book Character.' Children had to create their favourite book character or characters using toilet rolls at home. Pupils were able to use whatever media they wanted to complete this task. The entries we have received have been great! There is still time for our pupils to take part and Google Classroom will remain open over the weekend for children who wish to send in their photos.



The Masked reader made its return this year and some members of staff definitely made it a challenge. How many did you guess correctly? Thank you to all who took part this year.

## TURN ON THE SUBTITLES!

We have been told about a campaign encouraging people to turn on their subtitles. Turning on the subtitles on your TV can double the chances of a child becoming good at reading. So the next time your child is watching TV or the tablet, there could actually be an opportunity to improve their reading skills at the same time! Use the following link to find out more.

<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK @ ST URSULA'S

Next week is British Science Week. The theme this year is 'Innovating for the future'. All our pupils will be taking part in activities that are linked to this theme. If you're looking for fun science activities to do at home then please click the following link: [Fun, Family Science](#)

Here are some reminders about the return to school:

- ◆ School attendance is mandatory from 8 March 2021
- ◆ Children must arrive at and be collected at their designated times
- ◆ Children will be in class group bubbles
- ◆ Parents must wear a face covering while they are on the school premises
- ◆ Breakfast Club and After School provision will start again from 8 March

