

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 1st May 2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Oliver
Respect – Theo
Kindness – Michael F
Honesty - Leo
Resilience - Amelia

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect – Harry, Taison, Malachai
Kindness – Meme
Honesty -
Resilience -

Whole School

The Crowning of Mary

On Friday 8th May at 2pm, Year 3 are leading the Crowning of Mary ceremony. This is a Catholic ritual held during May. During the procession, our statue of Mary is crowned with a crown of flowers honouring her as 'The Queen of May'.

In order to make this a suitably bright and colourful celebration, we are asking for donations of potted flowers that can be planted afterwards. These plants are then planted around our school grounds to remind us of Mary's constant love. We invite **all** year groups to bring in potted plants from the start of May – every donation aids our celebration of Mary and brightens up our school.



Rights of the Week: Article 23 – Children with disabilities
This links to our Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Human Dignity and Solidarity



Cultural Diversity Week: Week beginning 18th May. Every year, we celebrate cultural diversity week and we would like to invite parents in to share information about their culture. It could be fashion, recipes, religion, information about your home country, traditions, etc. We welcome you to come in during the week of 18th May and share with your child's class. If you are unable to come into school, we can arrange for you to send information in electronically or even via a zoom call. Please get in touch with Mrs Whittet or your child's class teacher. We look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible!

Football Training (Yr4, 5 & 6)

During the summer term, there are 3 remaining twilight CPD sessions that will impact the Tuesday football club. These sessions will now run on the Thursday on that week instead. These are the following dates:

Tuesday 19th May will now run on Thursday 21st May

Tuesday 23rd June will now run on Thursday 25th June

Tuesday 7th July will now run on Thursday 9th July

Your child may be eligible for £1,455 Pupil Premium funding

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax credit run-on
- Child Tax Working Tax Credit run-on

Check confidentially at the School Office or call 01708 345200

Nursery

Reception

All parents are welcome to attend Reception's year group assembly on Tuesday 19th May at 9am.

Year 1

Year 2

Within RE lesson this week the children have been learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The children have shown a good understanding of the virtues and to further consolidate their knowledge they might like to create a **Family "Praise Jar"**. You will require an empty jar and every time you see a family member demonstrating one of the virtues (like being **patient** while waiting for dinner), write it on a slip of paper and put it in the jar. At the end of the week you can share the slips of paper together.

Year 3

Change of PE days – St. Jude's only:

Next week, St. Jude's PE day will be on **Wednesday** instead of Tuesday (Thursday's PE day will be missed due to the Polling Day).

The usual PE days (Tuesday and Thursday will resume the following week).

Year 3 will be celebrating The Crowning of Mary on Friday 8th May 2026 at 2:30pm. The Crowning of Mary is a Catholic celebration held during the month of May. During the procession our statue of Mary will be crowned with a crown of flowers to honour her as "the Queen of May." The celebration will be led by Year 3 pupils and Year 3 parents and carers are warmly invited to join us.

Year 4

Year 5

Change of PE days – St. Teresa's only:

Next week (W/C 4.05.26) St. Teresa's PE days will be on **Tuesday and Thursday (swimming)**.

The usual PE days (Wednesday and Thursday) will resume the following week.

Year 6

Induction Days

We understand that pupils will be attending induction days at their secondary schools over the coming months. Please could you inform the school of your children's induction days as it may affect school trips and lesson plans.

Leavers' photobook - It is the time of year that we start to put together the Year book.

Each child will have the opportunity to purchase a book that has photos from their time at St Ursula's and messages from their friends. There will be pages for class bios, teacher messages and of course many of their key memories and milestones from their time at St. Ursula's. Please could you send any school related photos of the children from the ages of Nursery to Year 6 to the following email address:

yearbook@stursulascatholicfederation.co.uk

Photos will need to be sent in by no later than 12th June so as to allow for the year book to be put together.

SATs Week

During S.A.Ts week (Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May) we will be open for Year 6 children from 8:20am.

We will be providing hot chocolate, juice and toast for everyone in the hall.

We hope this will make the week less stressful and provide children with a good breakfast and a chance to chat to their friends, before beginning the school day.

Art Project – Materials needed

Over the next few weeks, we will be beginning an exciting sculpture project in class. To support this, we kindly ask that children start bringing in small items from home that can be used creatively.

Items could include:

- Small cardboard boxes (e.g. shoe boxes)
- Corrugated cardboard
- String, wool or ribbon
- Coloured or patterned paper

Any other recyclable materials that could be used for modelling or constructing

Please ensure items are clean and safe for classroom use.

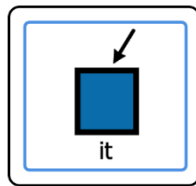
Thank you for your support.

St Joseph's

Core word of the week-

Next week's core word of the week is 'it'.

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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#

VOCATION: ABUNDANT LOVE

In the week beginning 27 April, children reflect on what it means to live a life shaped by love and purpose. Through the Gospel (John 10:1–10), they hear Jesus describe Himself as the one who leads people to life in all its fullness. Children are encouraged to think about how Jesus guides and cares for others, and how following Him helps people live well.

This assembly also marks **Vocation Sunday**. Children learn that everyone has a vocation, or calling, and that our common vocation is to love God and love others. Through prayer and reflection, children are invited to consider how they can show love and care in their own lives. You might like to find out more about Vocation Sunday by watching our testimony video about the four vocations of the Church on the Online Parent Portal.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- *Encourage your child to notice their own gifts and how they can use them to help others.*
- *Spend a moment together thanking God for the people who care for and guide your family.*

Church Community