

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 15th May 2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Damian
 Respect – Grace
 Kindness – Matteo
 Honesty – Glory-Grace
 Resilience - Larosa

Key Stage 2

Faith – Obi
 Respect – Taylor-Brooke
 Kindness – Skyla
 Honesty – Daniel J
 Resilience - Grace














Whole School

Class photos: A reminder that the children will have their class photos taken on Monday, 18th May.

All **Reception – Year 6 children** should now be wearing their **Summer** uniform please.

Please note that skorts are not to be worn.

Socks should be worn with Summer dresses, not tights.

<p>Boys:</p> 	    	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey shorts • White polo shirt (with school logo) • Red jumper (if needed) • Grey school socks • Black school shoes • Red Book Bag (EYFS & KS1) • Small rucksack (KS2 only)
<p>Girls:</p> 	     	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red gingham dress (EYFS, KS1 & KS2) • Red cardigan (if needed) • White socks • Black school shoes • Red Book Bag (EYFS & KS1) • Small rucksack (KS2 only)

Don't forget to join us at the next coffee morning
 22nd May 2026 ~ 8.45-9.45am.

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!

Friday 22nd May children can wear their own clothes that represent their country or culture and bring in a snack that might eat in their country – We are a NUT FREE school, NO SNACKS WITH NUTS. The children can eat them when their class teacher says they can – due to various allergies and intolerances, we will ask the children NOT to share food but enjoy their own snack and talk about what it is.



Rights Respecting: Article of the Week: Article 10: Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has the right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.



Shine

By Nathan

S Sleep and rest when you can but share joy to others. Have fun yourself because life is too short.

H Help yourself to the wonders of life. Where you can fly and just open your wings. Let the breeze of happy moments let you glide. No one knows how far you can fly.

I Investigate the wonders of life. Ask questions. It shows you can learn, learn and learn. Show your knowledge to the world for the greater good.

N Never give up. The world might be cruel but love always breaks through. You can always be a hero.

E Everyday put a smile on your face, tie your lace and get ready for an adventure in the wonders of life. Just remind yourself there are some rivers in the way; just jump on the boat.

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Monday 18th May- No PE kit needed

Children will **not be doing PE on Monday**, please ensure children are in their **Summer uniform** for our class photographs. Children will have PE as normal on Tuesday.

Educational workshop –Monday, 15th June - Where in the UK is Baxter Bear?

Following our Geography work on the United Kingdom earlier the year, the Year 1 pupils will be participating in an on-site workshop presented by **Freshwater Theatre**. The workshop is entitled 'Where in the UK is Baxter Bear'. The workshop will take place in school.

Baxter Bear has lived in London his entire life, but he is keen to discover what the rest of the United Kingdom has to offer. Under the supervision of the workshop facilitator, the children will join Baxter as he uses his trusty compass and handy maps to navigate his way around the United Kingdom.

The workshop will support the children's understanding of aspects related to Geography according to the National Curriculum:

- *Being able to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom;
- *Using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries;
- *Using simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

The workshop will take place during school time, with each class having a workshop slot before lunch.

A contribution of £5 per child is requested, to help to cover the cost of the visit. All payments should be made by **Monday, 1st June, using SchoolComms**. Without these voluntary contributions, we would not be able to offer these unique and valuable educational experiences. If anyone is having any difficulties signing up to Schoolcomms please contact Mrs Homes in the School Office as soon as possible.

We look forward to exploring with Baxter Bear.

Please note that the payment for the workshop is £5, NOT £6 as stated last week. Apologies for the error.

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Multiplication Tables Check

In June 2026, schools must administer the MTC in the 2-week period between **Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June**. This is the first two weeks after the half term break. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently up to 12, through a set of 25 timed questions. This skill is essential for future success in mathematics. Please can we ask you to support your children with this and ensure they are completing their weekly homework on TTRS. The Soundcheck game is similar to the MTC test and will give an indication of your child's current knowledge. Regular frequent practice will help them.

Year 5

PE for St Thomas'

Next week, St Thomas' PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Friday. Please wear normal school uniform on Thursday. Thank you.

Year 6

Class Photos

All of Year 6 need to wear school uniform on Monday for their class photos.

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.

St Joseph's

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#

THE MONTH OF MARY

In the Catholic Church, May is traditionally dedicated to Mary. During this month, children are encouraged to honour Mary and reflect on her role in the life of Jesus.

You may like to explore our Rosary resource through our Online Parent Portal together, using it to pray a decade of the Rosary at home as a family.

BREATHE IN ME

During the week beginning 11 May, children pray with the words of St Augustine, asking the Holy Spirit to guide their thoughts, actions and choices each day. They are invited to pause, reflect and welcome the Holy Spirit's help in every part of their lives.

You might like to pray St Augustine's prayer together at home:

**Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.**

**Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.**

**Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.**

**Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.**

**Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.**

Church Community