

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 26.9.25

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Amari
Respect – Ashanti
Kindness – Zara
Honesty - Milan
Resilience - Flossy

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect –
Kindness –
Honesty -
Resilience -

Whole School

School Fund donation

We are kindly asking each family to donate £45 for the school year 2025/2026. You can pay:

- A one-off payment of £45 in the Autumn Term,
- Or £15 each term (three payments),
- Or by standing order (please contact Mrs Homes for bank details).

All payments can be made easily through SchoolComms. This is per family not per pupil; however, if you would like to give more, we would be very grateful.

Nearly New Uniform Shop

The Nearly New Uniform shop will be open in the KS2 Hall on Friday, 10th October from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

Harvest and Food Donations

We are once again collecting food for the Harold Hill Foodbank as part of our Harvest and charitable activities. Please send items in with your child to be collected in their classrooms. Donations need to be brought into school by Monday 29th September.

We look forward to receiving your donations - thank you for your support.

NEW: Amazon Wish Lists

We are pleased to announce that this year we will be introducing Year Group Amazon Wish Lists to support our classrooms. Each year group has carefully selected items that will enhance the learning experience for our pupils.

Below in each Year group box, you will find links to the Amazon Wish Lists for each year group. If you are in a position to support the children of our school in this way, we warmly invite you to browse the lists. Should you wish to purchase an item, please follow the usual process as if ordering for yourself. All items will be delivered directly to the school and marked for the attention of the relevant teacher.

Please note that this initiative is entirely voluntary and only for those who are able and willing to contribute. Your support, in any form, is deeply appreciated but not expected. Thank you for your continued partnership in enriching the education of our pupils.

RRSA: Article of the Week: Language. This links to Article 2 – No Discrimination
Article 7 – Name and Nationality



Nursery

Nursery Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/8xKglpk>

Reception

Reception Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/1n9x78D>

A reminder for all parents to register with Cool Milk to receive free milk in school for your child until they are 5 years old. <https://customers.coolmilk.com/V2/register/>

When booking your child's lunch, please sit with your child and go through the menu with them. Discussing the menu and preparing them for a school dinner leads to a much more positive experience in the dinner hall.

Just a reminder to those parents who have yet to return the health form – please can they be completed and returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

At some stage next week, Reception classes will go and visit St Dominic's church. This is part of our RE curriculum and planning, for children to learn about their local church community. We will be looking at special items around the church and discussing them with the children – asking them what they may be used for or what they may represent.

Year 1

Reading: Please remember that pupils are expected to read at home **5 times per week**. Please remember to sign the Reading Record each time the child has read to an adult at home.

Children should be working through the list of tricky words in the back of their Reading Records (pg 89).

Letter and number formation: Each child has been given a letter formation and number formation sheet. Please use these as a guide when children do writing at home, taking particular note of the correct starting points, formation and orientation. Children do not have to return these sheets to school but would benefit from using them as a guide when practicing at home as this will support them when writing in school.

KS1 Phonics Meeting

We will be hosting a 'PHONICS MEETING' on **Friday 3rd October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm**. During this meeting Mrs Stone will demonstrate a Read Write Inc. Phonics lesson with the children for you to observe. There will then be an opportunity for you to participate in a lesson as you explore and learn about the Read Write Inc. resources your child is using. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the Read Write Inc. scheme and the Year 1 Phonic Screening test and learn how you can support your child in this area.

RWI 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 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/37ceKaN>

Year 2

Harvest Assembly

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 30th September at 9am** for our Harvest Assembly. The children have been working hard and are looking forward to sharing their performance with you.

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RE

In preparation for our RE lessons next week, we will be discussing baptism. We are kindly asking parents/carers to send in their child's baptismal photo for us to share within class to support your child's learning.

Year 2 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/bqtw4yV>

Year 3

Year 3 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/1Lr4vdA>

School Lunches

If your child has school dinners, please discuss the orders with them to make sure that they like the food that you have selected. We have had a few children refusing to eat or becoming quite upset about eating their lunch because they do not like the food that has been selected for them. It is really important that the children eat a solid meal at lunch time as this will aid their focus for their afternoon lessons.

Grammar Homework Books

As detailed in the Year 3 Autumn newsletter, the children need to complete 2 pages of their grammar homework book every week. The class teacher will tell your child what pages these are and the allocated page numbers will be circled in the grammar book each week. If your child misses the page numbers on a Thursday, the allocated pages will always be written on the board in class for your child to check throughout the week. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to school **on Thursdays**, as this is when we will mark them in class.

Year 4

Year 4 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/2HXorJL>

Educational Visit to Wield Country Park.

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 4 trip to Wield Country Park on Wednesday 8th October. This trip links to our current CLC topic – “What is it like to live in The United Kingdom?” and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to put their Geography learning into practise.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. Improving fieldwork skills by partaking in a scavenger hunt.
2. Identifying and classifying a variety of plants and wildlife.
3. Making detailed observations and applying sketching skills to drawings.
4. Using compasses to follow directions.

The timings for the day are as follows: Children will be leaving school at 9.15am and staying at the park for 2 hours, returning to school at 11.30am.

Your child will not need a packed lunch.

The cost of this trip will be £4.80 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Tuesday 15th October. By paying for the school trip you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may do so via Schoolcomms. Please contact the School Office to give permission for your child to participate in the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Camilleri, Mrs Marshall or Mrs Clark.

Year 5

Remembrance Day

We will be celebrating our year group assembly on ‘Remembrance’ on Wednesday 5th November and we would like to include any family members who contributed to the First or Second World Wars. If you would like your child to talk about a relative, please send in a photo (a copy if possible) and a few sentences about who they were and the role that they played in the war, so we may commemorate their bravery and courage as a school community. Thank you.

We have arranged an exciting enrichment activity day for your child. We have put details on the School Gateway already – please see the deadline.

Power2Inspire

Our children are lucky enough to be taking part in this unique and inspiring day on Thursday 9th October 2025.

The day will begin with an assembly on “Overcoming Barriers” and aims to inspire questions from all ages. Then the pupils are introduced to adapted games including boccia, new age kurling, goalball, and sitting volleyball. Emphasis is placed on teamwork, communication, kindness, respect, resilience and perseverance. All participants

receive a certificate and are given an opportunity to raise further questions, and are challenged to recall what they have learned.

This experience will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times. The cost of this experience will be £10 per child. Payments should be made on SchoolGateway no later than Monday 6th October.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

By paying for Power2Inspire, you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

Year 5 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/i94ahxk>

Year 6

Year 6 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/bg6J0iC>

St Joseph's

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

To sign this you need to finger spell the letter 'i' and the letter 't'. Please see the links below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5akmylLAXns>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvPCqSwxm2g>



St Joseph's Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/5M9lnCZ>