

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 03.10.25

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1
Faith – Adam
Respect – Damien
Kindness – Katie-Jo
Honesty – Adeola
Resilience – Glory-Grace

Key Stage 2
Faith – Taison
Respect – Aiyana
Kindness – Daria
Honesty – Giselle
Resilience – Seyi

Whole School

World Mental Health Day



On **Friday 10th October**, we would like all pupils and staff to arrive to school wearing 'comfy clothes'. Your child could wear their comfiest set of pyjamas, their favourite snuggly jumper or relaxed loungewear; whatever your child feels comfortable and cosy in! However, please avoid sending your child in with slippers as these are not suitable footwear for walking/running on the playground.

We are delighted to announce that Bouncy Castle Day has been rescheduled to coincide with World Mental Health Day on **Friday, 10th October**. To mark this special day, pupils will have the opportunity to enjoy bouncing on castles and inflatable games. If you have already purchased tickets for the original event, there is no need to buy new ones. Tickets are now available on Schoolcomms for those who missed out over the summer or have recently joined the school. Please contact the school office if you need assistance with ticket purchases. Pupils are welcome to wear their own clothes on this day.

School Fund donation

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and carers who have generously contributed to our School Fund so far. Thanks to your support, we have already received a significant amount from our school community, and we are excited to start investing these funds directly into enriching our pupils' experiences.

In just three weeks, nearly 25% of families have made a contribution. For those who may not yet be aware, we are kindly asking each family to donate £45 for the 2025/2026 school year. Payments can be made in the following ways:

- A single payment of £45 in the Autumn Term
- Three payments of £15 per term
- Or via standing order (please contact Mrs Homes for bank details)

All contributions can be conveniently made through SchoolComms. Please note that this amount is per family, not per pupil. However, if you wish to donate more, your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Amazon Wish lists – THANK YOU!

We are truly grateful for the amazing support from our parents with the Amazon wish lists. Thank you to everyone who has contributed! To help us thank you personally, please add your name in the message box when making a purchase, as Amazon doesn't provide your name on the receipt. This way, our teachers can send/say a personal thank you. If you prefer to remain anonymous, that's absolutely fine—we still appreciate your kindness very much.

End of the day dismissal – Collection of your child

This is just a polite reminder: When staff are dismissing children at the end of the school day, they will not release your child to you if you are on your phone. Please greet your child with a smile and not a mobile! Thanks for your support and understanding.



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.**

RRSA: Article of the Week: Poetry. This links to Article 13 –Sharing thoughts freely.



Nursery

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

Thank you very much for your generosity in purchasing the Amazon wish gifts!

We wanted to let you know that sometimes your child may come home from Nursery looking a little bit messy and not how they left you in the morning. We do apologise but there is a good reason for this - your child has been delving into their tactile and sensory play. Messy play fosters your child's curiosity, imagination, experimentation, language and develops good concentration.

We are out whatever the weather!

As the weather is changing and there is an autumnal feeling in the air, please make sure that your child/ren has a **waterproof coat!**

Reception

Read Write Inc 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.

Reception phonics Meeting

We will be hosting a phonics meeting on Friday 17th October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. During this meeting Mrs Stone speak to you about the Read Write Inc Scheme that is used to teach phonics throughout the school and how you can support your child at home with their phonics development.

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

A HUGE thank you to those parents that have purchased something for us via the Amazon wish list. We are incredibly grateful ☺

Year 1

Year 1 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/37ceKaN>

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RWI Speed sound book set 2 and 3

All children will be bringing home a little yellow speed sound book today. This book will be able to support your child with their phonics sounds and progress. This book can stay in their reading folder or at home.



Year 2

School Uniform

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. If your child comes home with something which does not belong to them, please can you return to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

Book bags & key rings:

Please remember that children need their book bags in school each day as staff read with the children at various times during the week.

Although key rings on the book bags help children to identify their bags, please ensure that these key rings are **small** and are **not soft toys**, as these become a distraction and cause the child to become distressed if lost / broken. Children should only have **one small key ring** on their bag for identification purposes only. Your support in this regard would be appreciated.

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

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Year 3

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

Meet the New Teacher – St. John's

During the summer term, your child's class teacher was unfortunately unable to attend the 'Meet Your New Teacher' afternoon. Now that the busy start of the term has settled, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to meet Miss Bray - your child's teacher - on **Wednesday 8th October from 3:35 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Please note, this meeting is a chance to say hello and introduce yourselves. The upcoming Parents' Evening later in October will provide a dedicated opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment in detail.

Homework Reminders:

Year 3 homework is set on a Friday and is **due every Thursday**. Please see the below information from the Year 3 newsletter (emailed out in early September):

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
Reading daily for 10-15 minutes using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed (EdShed)</u> (complete at least 3 games per week to revise the weekly spelling list)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> 2 pages assigned by the class teacher each week – the relevant page numbers	<u>Maths Shed (EdShed)</u> Complete the allocated tasks (at least 1 per week)	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> (at least 20 minutes per week) Website for times table practise

		should be circled each week by your child.		
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Where to access the homework:

- **Maths homework** - We use Maths Shed, which is found on EdShed. You can access the homework using your Ed Shed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- **Spelling homework** can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- **Times Table Rock Stars** - <https://ttrockstars.com/> (There is also an app).
- **Reading homework** - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.
- **CGP Grammar book** – 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.

***All login details are stuck in the back of your child's reading record.**

Times Table Rockstars:

Times tables form the foundation of many mathematical concepts and it is therefore crucial that the children know all of their times tables by the end of year 3 to support their mathematical understanding. In Year 4, there is also a statutory times table test for all pupils called the MTC (Multiplication Table Check). Mastering the times tables in year 3 will not only aid mathematical understanding, but it will also best support your child in preparing for the MTC.

Reading books & Reading Records:

Year 3 have an opportunity to change their library books on a Monday and a Thursday. Please ensure that your child's reading record is signed **every day** with the **book name, page numbers and adult signature** and that '**finished book**' is written when they have finished their current reading book. The children will only be allowed to change their reading book during the library slots when they have finished their current reading book. They must also have their homework folder and current reading book at school in order to change their book. *Reading records will be checked weekly to ensure that children are reading at home and to keep track of the reading certificates that the children are earning.*

Year 4

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

Year 5

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

A big thank you to those parents that have purchased something for us via the Amazon wish list. We are incredibly grateful and the children are excited about the new books – inspirational!

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.

Power2Inspire - Enrichment Day! REMINDER

Our children are lucky enough to be taking part in this unique and inspiring day on **Thursday 9th October 2025**. The cost of this experience will be £10 per child. **Payments should be made on SchoolGateway no later than Monday 6th October.**

Year 6

Year 6 Amazon wish list: <https://amzn.eu/bg6JOiC>

Meet the New Teacher – St. Margaret's

During the summer term, your child's class teacher was unfortunately unable to attend the 'Meet Your New Teacher' afternoon. Now that the busy start of the term has settled, we are pleased to offer you the opportunity to meet Mrs D'Cruz - your child's teacher - on **Tuesday 7th October from 3:35 pm to 4:00 pm.**

Please note, this meeting is a chance to say hello and introduce yourselves. The upcoming Parents' Evening later in October will provide a dedicated opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attainment in detail.

St Joseph's

October is AAC Awareness month!

Below are some links from CENMAC giving helpful tips for staff and parents on using and engaging children with an AAC device.

<https://cenmac.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Abdis-Top-Tips-Poster-A3.pdf>

<https://youtu.be/5TWtOpYPl70>

This week's **core word of the week** is 'more'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTn9Fmmpw_U

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

Thank you for all your wish list purchases so far!



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Church Community

Girls' Club

The local parish are pleased to announce that Girls' Club will reopen on Friday 3rd October from 6-7:30pm in St. George's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church. New members are very welcome (from Reception to Year 6). For further details, please speak to Theresa.