

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 07.11.2025

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Hanelle
Respect – Iremide
Kindness – Theo
Honesty - Ethan
Resilience -Goodness

Key Stage 2

Faith – Ella
Respect – Grace
Kindness – Kiya
Honesty – Emily Violet
Resilience - Jackson

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 on Friday, 21st November, from 3.30 – 4pm in the KS2 Hall.

RRSA: Article of the Week: Remembrance. This links to Article 19 – Protection from violence
Article 38 – Protection from war.



These link to our CST principle of promoting peace -



Odd Socks Day

Monday 10th November will be Odd Socks Day at our school. Odd Socks Day is an annual event that encourages people to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and to raise awareness that bullying is unacceptable. This links to Catholic Social teaching that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and is therefore worthy of respect and dignity, regardless of their background or any other characteristics. Please send your child into school wearing odd socks – the socks can be worn over tights if needed. There is no donation or charge for this event.



Nursery

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Nursery children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books to read to your children at home.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Preschool.pdf>

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

Thank you very much for your support and collaboration in creating the amazing autumn collages with your child / children as part of our 'Home Learning Project' during the half term break. They shared their work with pride and joy!

Reception

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

Reading: Your child will come home with a reading folder as from next week. They will have a reading record inside. Please record when your child has read with you. The expectation is 5 times a week and we will only count ONE reading entry daily. Please see the additional letter coming out which explains how the reading certificates work and how they correlate with the reading record.

Next week your child may come home with a reading book which is appropriate to their reading level and in correlation to their phonics level. If your child does not come home with a book, this is because they are not quite ready for a book yet – this was mentioned during the EYFS phonics meeting last term. Please do continue to read with your child at home and encourage them to work on their set 1 sounds.

We will be asking you to fill in and send back a 'WOW' sheet. You will receive a letter explaining how the WOW sheet works. We do not expect this back right away. Once your child has returned their WOW sheet, the class teacher will pop another one into their school bags. Please do ask if you have any questions.

Over the next week, your child will be coming home with a brown bag, we would like the children to fill it up with lots of lovely autumn items like leaves, twigs, sticks, acorns, pinecones etc and bring it back next week. Our topic this term is 'Autumn' and we are exploring the changes through the season. Thank you.

Uniform: Please make sure that you label your child's uniform. We do have a number of cardigans and jumpers that go missing regularly and they are much harder to locate without a name. If your child comes home with a piece of uniform that does not belong to them, please send it back to school ASAP. Thank you.

Spare Uniform: Can you please send in a bag with spare uniform in for your child to use should they have a toileting accident in school. Also, if you have any spare uniform or socks or underwear you no longer need, can you please consider donating it to Reception so that we may use this as spare uniform, too. Thank you. For those of you that already have spare uniform in school for your child, please do keep in mind that children are growing and the uniform and underwear you send in at the beginning of the year, may not fit by the end of a term.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Reception children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books to read to your children at home or for them to read to you.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Reception.pdf>

Year 1

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

Bring in your favourite teddy - we are asking all Year 1 children to bring in their favourite teddy next week to support their writing. Please can they be brought into school on Monday (10/11/25)- their photograph will be taken and then the teddies will be returned home.

Homework

Reading- Please read with your child at least five times a week and sign their reading record when you have done so.

Maths Shed- **from today**, children will be set weekly Maths homework on Ed Shed, the children's login details have been put into the back of your child's reading record.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Year 1 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books to read to your children at home or for them to read to you.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y1.pdf>

Year 2

Great Fire Of London Theatre Workshop

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 2 visit from Trunk Theatre on Tuesday 18th November 2025. This visit links to our Autumn 2 CLC topic – The Great Fire of London and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the story of what happened.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. Learn the story of the fire of London.
2. Understand how we know about the fire of London.
3. Find out what happened after the fire.

The timings for the day are as follows: The Theatre troupe will arrive in school hours. The visit will take place in the afternoon in the school hall and finish well before home time.

The cost of this visit will be £9.62 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Friday 14th November 2025. By paying for the school visit 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 visit.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Year 2 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books to read to your children at home or for them to read to you.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y2.pdf>

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

Year 3

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Year 3 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books for your child to read at home.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y3.pdf>

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

Year 4

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

PE Swap

Next week, Year 4 PE lesson which is usually on Tuesday has been changed to Wednesday. Please can your child wear their PE kit on Wednesday for this week. Their second lesson for the week remains the same.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Year 4 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books for your child to read at home.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y4.pdf>

Thankyou!

Thankyou to the extremely generous families who have gifted us items from our Amazon Wishlist. We are extremely grateful! 😊

Times Table Games

A lot of the year 4 children have been enjoying playing times table games on a new website that we have found. Here is the link should you want to access it at home:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

Year 5

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

Remembrance Assembly

Well done to Year 5 for an amazing and respectful Remembrance Assembly. Thank you to those families that shared their stories with us – it is important to never forget what people did for us.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the link below to find recommended reads for Year 5 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books for your child to read at home.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y5.pdf>

Year 6

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

Year 6 – Cinema Trip – Kensuke's Kingdom

As a celebration of their success on International Day, Year 6 will be going to the cinema on **Wednesday 12th November**. Please complete the Google Form to give your permission for your child to attend this FREE Trip by *Monday 10th November*.

St. Matthew's and St. Margaret's – Super Stars Sports P.E session

Next week, Year 6 will have their Super Stars Sports session on **Tuesday** instead of *Wednesday*. Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on **Tuesday 11th Nov**.

St. Matthew's Swimming – Kit Reminder

Children who are in groups 2 and 3 (swimming in the deep end) will be beginning their life saving lessons. They will need to bring their usual swimming kit as well as a t-shirt and shorts to wear in the water. It is also advised to bring a carrier bag to put their wet clothes in.

Recommended Reads

Please click on the links below to find recommended reads for Year 6 children. This will support you in finding the appropriate books for your child to read at home.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/50-Best-Books-2025-Poster-Y6.pdf>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/year-6/>

St Joseph's

St Joseph's Amazon Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/5M9InCZ>

Core word of the week

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



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

November

As November begins, this season invites us to reflect and give thanks. The month of November is a month of remembering all those we love who have died. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, and All Souls Day, when we remember the men and women of faith who have gone before us. Nationally, on Remembrance Sunday, we remember those who have died in wars around the world.

Take some time this week to consider those themes at home, is there someone special you would like to remember as a family. You could write a prayer, spend some time looking at photos or share some happy memories of that person.

Church Community

Christmas Market

The church are having a **Christmas Market on Sunday 30th November from 12 – 3pm**. They are in need of the following donations:

Sweets, Chocolates, Bottles of soft drinks and cans, Teddy bears and soft toys.

If you are able to donate any of the above, then please drop them off at the School Office and we will arrange for them to be taken to the church.

Many thanks for your support.