

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 14.11.2025

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Noah
Respect – Alejandro
Kindness – Dorothea
Honesty - Ayokunle
Resilience - Theodora

Key Stage 2

Faith – Jorel
Respect – Taylor
Kindness – Caden
Honesty - Aliza
Resilience - Leon

Whole School

Christmas Disco and Entertainment



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.

Online Safety & Social Media Awareness Workshop

YouThrive, in partnership with EE, is hosting a free Online Safety & Social Media Awareness Workshop to help parents, carers, and professionals better understand the digital risks facing young people and the practical tools available to protect them.

Details:

 Havering Town Hall

 Tuesday, 18 November 2025

 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

 [Reserve your spot here](#)

The session will cover safer SIMs, WiFi controls, device settings, and how to recognise early signs of online grooming, gaming risks, and social media pressures. Whether you're a parent, carer, educator, or youth worker, this workshop offers real-world solutions to help keep young people safe online.

Places are limited, so if you would like a place, then please sign up soon.

School dinners, food allergies and specific dietary requirements

Below is a link to **Kafoodle**, which is used by Havering Catering Services to identify the ingredients that are used in the preparation of the school dinners.

When booking school dinners, please check Kafoodle if your child has any food allergies or specific dietary requirements, as this will provide information about ingredients, allergens and nutritional information. <https://wba.kafoodle.com/15672>

The link to Kafoodle can also be found on the school website under the Parents/Carers – Key information – School Lunch tab. <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/school-lunch>

Nursery

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

Reminder: As you may know, sometimes young children do not make it to the toilet on time despite reminders. For that reason, we would like to ask you to please check your child's 'spare clothes' bag regularly and return any 'Nursery spare clothes' as we are running out. Thank you.

Reception

Phonics

Children will come home today with the second RWI Virtual Classroom QR codes sheet. There are new QR codes for Fred games and initial sounds. There are also QR codes for videos to support blending of CVC words. Please use these videos at home to help support your child's phonic development.

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

Year 1

Passwords when pupils are to be collected: Just a reminder that if a child is to be collected from school by someone other than the parent who usually collects, the person collecting will need to have a password. This must be the password that the school has for the child. Parents add a password to the forms that are handed in to the school when the children first starts at St Ursula's. We realise that this original password may have been forgotten or changed over the years. If the password is changed with the class teacher **in person**, we can amend the original password and will then have a more recent / memorable password that can be used should it be needed. Please note that we are not able to take a phone call to change a password at the point where pupils are being dismissed, this must be changed in advance.

Homework Reminder: Children now have Maths homework set weekly on a Friday- please login in to Maths Shed in order to access this. Your child's login can be found in the back of their reading record.

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

Year 2

Nativity

All the children in Year 2 will have a part in the Nativity. Some children will have words that they need to learn. You will find these in their reading folders. Please support your child in learning their words and using a loud and clear voice.

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

Year 3

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

Year 3 Stone Age Workshop – Wednesday 3rd December

To complement our current CLC topic, we are pleased to inform you that we have arranged an in-school Stone Age workshop for our year 3 children. This will be a practical and immersive workshop where the children will meet a prehistoric hunter-gatherer and find out more about life in the Stone Age. Within the workshop, the children will learn about:

- Tools and Technology: Discovering tools made from stone, bone and wood.
- Hunting and Survival: Learning about hunting strategies and the animals they pursued.
- Foraging: Exploring the plant-based foods they gathered, like berries and nuts.

The experience also delves into the interactions between different human groups during the Stone Age.

The cost of this workshop will be £7.15 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Friday 28th November 2025. By paying for the workshop, 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.

Year 4

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

D&T – Making Christmasaurus'!

Next Thursday (20th November) Children in Year 4 will begin making a pneumatic toy based on the main character of our current reading book – The Christmasaurus!

In order to make a toy, your child will need to bring in a box with a hinged lid – tea bag boxes like the ones pictured below are perfect! Please send your child in with a box with their name on it by Thursday as we will begin making our dinosaurs in the afternoon. Thank you!



Year 5

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

TFL Explorer Ambassadors

Year 5 had a visit from Mrs Keeler – Havering Council to discuss becoming TFL Explorer Ambassadors. 2 children will be chosen from both Year 5 classes – they need be able to speak in front of an audience and be able to promote sustainable travel within our school community. If your child is interested in applying for this role within our school, then they need to complete the application form given to them and return to Mrs Claydon on Monday 17th November. Good luck!



Year 5 will need thick cardboard for their upcoming art project. Please can they bring in a box (e.g. from Amazon) or flat piece of thick (corrugated card) A4 size.

Year 6

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

Homework Reminders:

Year 6 homework is set on a **Friday** and is **due every Thursday**.

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
Reading daily* for at least 20 minutes using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed</u> (EdShed) (Revise the weekly spellings)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> 2 -3 pages assigned by the class teacher each week.	<u>Maths Shed (EdShed)</u> Complete the allocated tasks which links to the topics taught that week in class.	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> (at least 20 minutes per week)

Reading homework - We expect our pupils to read for **at least 20 minutes** per day to support their learning at school. Reading for at least 20 minutes nightly is a great way to build stamina and expose a child to a variety of texts, while discussing the reading at home enhances comprehension. To foster deeper understanding, parents can discuss the plot, new vocabulary and encourage predictions about what might happen next. **Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.**

**Reading records are checked daily to ensure that children are reading at home.*

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

Core word of the week:

Next week's core word of the week is 'where?'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8O_IP10gyl



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

TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - The assembly for the second week in November highlights the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica which holds a special place as the 'mother church' of the universal Catholic Church.

In the Gospel ([John 2:13-22](#)), Jesus' actions not only demand God's temple to be a holy place but also point to His death and Resurrection. Children will learn that this feast day is not just a celebration of an important building, but also points to the unity of the worldwide Church. We are all called to be temples of the Holy Spirit and to share God's presence with those around us.

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

- Research some facts about the Basilica of St John Lateran and create a model, drawing or poster together.
- Talk about how the Holy Spirit can help us, inspire us and guide our actions. Then pray together with the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#).
- Watch the video in the [Parent Portal](#) used in the assembly and reflect on how places of worship, nature and our friendship with one another can help us to feel close to God's presence.

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.