

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 28.11.2025

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Maisie-Lea
Respect – Ayrton
Kindness – Julia
Honesty - Zara
Resilience -Antoni

Key Stage 2

Faith – Nathan
Respect – Nicole
Kindness – Zoe
Honesty - Elijah
Resilience - Tiara

Whole School

Havering's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Winter Programme 2025 is OUT!

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a funded initiative that provides fun activity and food provision for children aged reception to year 11 who are eligible for **BENEFIT RELATED Free School Meals** during the Easter, Summer and Winter Holidays.

The programme is designed to support families on a lower income, or children who are considered to be vulnerable. Children who attend a HAF club will have access to a full range of activities and will receive a healthy nutritious meal. School holidays can be a pressure point for some families due to increased costs and reduced incomes. Therefore, some children are more likely to experience 'unhealthy holidays' in terms of nutrition and physical health. This is where the HAF programme can help support those families and children to access local fun healthy activities and food during the school holiday periods. This not only provides the opportunity for children to enjoy the activities on offer and be fed with a nutritious meal, it also helps supports families financially during this period.

To have access to the funded sessions you **MUST** be eligible for **benefit related** free school meals (BRFSM) and have made an application through Havering, regardless of your child's age as not all children are eligible even though they receive a meal at school usually. The link to Free School Meals application is [here](#). A referral for vulnerable families who do not meet the benefit related free school meals criteria can be made via your school and/ other Havering services. Once referred and eligibility is confirmed you will be given a **unique voucher code** via your referrer to access booking your funded place on a HAF programme (BRFSM eligibility do not need a code to book). Eligibility checks will be completed to confirm your funded place post programme booking registration with HAF providers.

Every eligible child can access **up to 16 hours** of funded activities this Winter Holiday!

For more information or to view and book the funded places available this Winter holiday please visit our webpage where all the Winter HAF programmes and activities are listed www.havering.gov.uk/HAF You can also follow us via our Facebook page @HAFHavering for updates.

**If you are unable to attend your booked HAF session, please inform the provider so they are able to offer the funded place to another child who would greatly benefit from this opportunity. If no contact is made they will assume you no longer want the place and will offer it out to another child.*

Christmas Disco and Entertainment



On Thursday 18th December we will be having our Christmas Disco for Years 1 to 6 and Christmas Entertainment for our Nursery and Reception children. All children are to attend school in their party clothes and sensible footwear. Years 1 to 6 will attend the Disco throughout the day with Moji Entertainment. Year 3 will need to ensure that they are in for 8.45am ready to get the party started!

Nursery and Reception will have a Christmas entertainment show performed by Jelly Jade in the morning.

Tickets for the disco/entertainment are £5 each and can be paid via schoolcomms.

We hope the children have a fantastic time!

Mrs Stone and PTA



RRSA: Article of the Week: Article 12 – .Respect for Children's Views.

This links to our CST principle of Human Dignity

Nursery

From next week we will begin our countdown to Christmas. Children will have the opportunity to decorate the classroom Christmas tree and familiarise with the Nativity story. Each day 4 children will bring home the 'Travelling Nativity' to share with their families for one evening. It should be returned to the Nursery the next morning. This way we can ensure that each family can have the opportunity to reflect and discuss the true meaning of Christmas.

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Great Fire of London Theatre Workshop

The children were visited by Trunk Theatre of Tuesday. They learnt all about the Great Fire of London and how it started, why it spread so quickly and how London was rebuilt. To view some photos from the visit please click on the following link: <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/news/2025-11-21-year-2-get-hot>

Year 3

Final reminder: Year 3 Stone Age Workshop – Wednesday 3rd December

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

Year 4

A message from Miss Camilleri

Each Christmas, I have a tradition where children can bring in a decoration from home to place onto our class Christmas Tree. The children love having ownership of it and we get lots of great conversation from the stories behind their decorations. This year we have decided to ask **all Year 4 children** to bring a spare bauble or decoration from home on **Monday 1st December** as we will be decorating our class trees then.

- Please don't send in anything valuable or precious. We can't guarantee that they don't accidentally get dropped or broken!



- If you don't have one, I have plenty of spares so please don't worry too much – don't go out and spend any money! It isn't necessary 😊

Educational Visit to Stubbers

We are delighted to inform you that we have arranged a trip to Stubbers for Year 4 children which will be taking place on **Wednesday 10th June 2026**. This will be an invaluable experience that will develop children's skills.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To support our PE curriculum topic, Outdoor Adventure.
2. To develop communication skills.
3. To work collaboratively with others.

The day will begin at 8:30am and finish at 4:30pm. The children will be taking part in a range of land/water activities.

Deposit - £20: Due 12th December 2025

Payment 1 - £20: Due 30th January 2026

Payment 2 - £17: 27th February 2026

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding, there is no cost for this trip; however, if you would like to contribute to the cost of £57 you may do so. **If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding, please call the school office to reserve your child's place on the trip as paying the deposit constitutes consent for attending the trip.**

Year 5

Homework reminder

Please ensure that your child is logging in to Edshed to complete weekly Maths and spelling homework. Times Table Rock Stars should also be used to continually revise and reinforce their knowledge.

Spelling and Grammar homework should also be completed in pencil and presentation should be the same standard as in school.

Please work with your child to ensure they are completing it by Thursday and that it is their best work.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Year 6

DT – Anderson Shelters

Over the next few weeks Year 6 will be planning, designing and building their own mini Anderson shelters in groups. To complete this the children will need access to a variety of materials, some of which are readily available at home. Please could you encourage your children to bring in any cereal boxes, cardboard, tin foil, plastic bags. These items will be cut up to create their Anderson Shelters. Please could materials be brought in by Friday 5th December.

St. Matthew's Swimming -Next week will be our last swimming session of the year.

St Joseph's

Core Word of the week:

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

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/BgtlDuESjZQ>



Supporting Faith at Home-

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

KING OF KINGS - The assembly for the week of the 24th of November ends the liturgical year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Children will celebrate Jesus as our King and Saviour, learning that if we accept Jesus as the King of Kings, we get to share in the Kingdom of God, just like the faithful criminal in the Gospel ([Luke 23:35-43](#)).

Through a time of prayer and reflection children will be invited to bring their worship, receive guidance and place their faith in Jesus, who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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

- *Think about different prayer postures, such as kneeling or bowing, which show honour to Jesus the King.*
- *Pray the [Our Father](#) together and ask God to help your family to be confident followers of King Jesus by accepting His love and guidance.*

Church Community

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market is on **Sunday 30th November from 12 – 3pm** at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Please pop along for festive cheer and to support our parish.

We hope you enjoy!