

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 12.12.2025

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Anaya
Respect – Francheska
Kindness – Diana
Honesty – Emmanuel
Resilience - Daniel

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.

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

Fruit Bowl Snacks

Earlier this year Year 6 were fortunate enough to attend the cinema and watch Kensuke's kingdom. As part of this trip the company **Fruit Bowl** funded the cost of the coach. They also sent us some of their products to try and we are going to be handing them out for the children to try.

Your child will be given either the raspberry yogurt flakes or the Blackcurrant Fruit peelers. All packaging contains information about the relevant allergens.



BCCS (Brentwood Catholic Children's Society) Advent Appeal

This Advent...Light the Way

We warmly invite you to join us in shining a light on children's mental health and emotional well-being by supporting our **Light the Way** Appeal this Advent season.

Your child will receive a **small donation envelope this week** to take home, inviting contributions to support the vital work of BCCS in our community. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference by helping BCCS provide essential mental health support to children in need.

BCCS aim to embody the core values of Advent: **HOPE**, **PEACE**, **JOY** and **LOVE**.

- Bring **HOPE** to a child that feels alone.
- Create **PEACE** for those experiencing anxiety or trauma.
- Offer **JOY** to young people facing emotional struggles.
- Show **LOVE** by supporting our work with vulnerable children.

If you are able to spare any loose change for the appeal, please place it in the envelope provided and return to the school office or your child's class teacher. Thank you very much for your support.

We wish you and your families a blessed and happy Christmas!

The Faith in Action Team

This links to the CST principle of solidarity



Nursery

Reception

Reading Books

Reading books have been collected in today (Friday 12th December) and your child will be given a new book in January.

Year 1

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Year 2

Reading Books and Spelling Tests

Reading books have been collected in today (Friday 12th December) and your child will be given a new book in January. Today was also the last spelling test of this academic year. New spellings will be given on Friday 9th January 2026.

Year 3

Year 4

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

Year 6

St. Margaret's Swimming - January

After Christmas St. Margaret's will be beginning their swimming lessons. Please provide your child with a towel and swimming kit every Thursday. This must include an appropriate swimming costume or swimming trunks and a swimming hat, as it is the policy of Central Park Leisure Centre that every child must wear one. Swimming hats can be purchased from leisure centres, Amazon or sports stores and they can be any colour. Please check at home that your child knows how to put on their swimming hat, and that it fits. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit in a rucksack that they can carry, as they will need to carry it to and from lessons. Children do not need to bring talcum powder, deodorant, soaps or snacks with them; however, they may need a comb or hairbrush if they have long hair. All medication will be taken to the swimming pool for children with medical needs. Children should be wearing their PE kit to school on swimming days and will need to ensure they have both their PE jumper and a coat in school.

PE Change for next week

For the week beginning 15th December Year 6 PE days will be swapping.

St Margaret's – Monday and Tuesday

St Matthew's – Tuesday and Thursday

St Joseph's

Supporting Faith At Home

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

Jesse Tree

Once again, our beautiful 'Jesse Tree' resource is available for schools and families at home. It's a bit like an Advent calendar and based on the Advent tradition of spiritual preparation through tracing Jesus' ancestry. We hope that parents and carers will take the opportunity to share children's excitement in discovering the daily stories about Jesus' family tree. You can access the 'Jesse Tree' through the Online Parent Portal.

SAINTS OF HOPE: ST LUCY

Our Advent series of daily prayers has the theme 'Saints of Hope' inspired by the stories of St Nicholas, St Lucy and Our Lady of Guadeloupe. The prayers for the week beginning **8th December** focus on St Lucy, a saint whose life was full of faith, courage and love for Jesus. Her light continues to inspire us today.

You may like to use this adapted prayer of St Lucy in your prayer time:

Saint Lucy,
You did not hide your light,
you let it shine for all to see.
This Advent,
may we be inspired by you.
May the light and hope of Jesus
light up our work, our play, our friendships
and every corner of our day.
Saint Lucy,
Pray for us

Church Community

Girls' Club

Girls' Club will close for the Christmas break after our last session on Friday 12th December 2025.

Christingle Service

On Monday 22nd December at 5pm, all families are welcome at the Most Holy Redeemer Church – St. George's Hall. Children can wear Christmas jumpers to add to the celebration and atmosphere. **Please bring along an orange to decorate.**