

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 16.01.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Maro
Respect – Jaylon
Kindness – Chloe
Honesty - Edward
Resilience - Emily

Key Stage 2

Faith – Alessia
Respect – David G
Kindness – Kosi
Honesty - Abigail
Resilience - Noah

Whole School



RRSA: Article of the Week: Article 14 – Freedom of thought and religion.
This links to our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Human Dignity.



FINAL CALL FOR ALL BCCS ENVELOPES. PLEASE BRING IN ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY-OR ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN GIVE YOUR DONATION DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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.

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.



NSPCC

We will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme** over the next 2-3 weeks. The *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child-friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed (Years 1-6), alongside NSPCC volunteer led face-to-face workshops for Year 2, 5 & 6 children. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. Our Reception children will have an in-class PANTS assembly – With the mascot Pantasaurus.

Parents and carers are asked to let the school know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
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Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
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Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants .

Nursery

Reception

Booking Lunches

Please remember to book your child a lunch by **8am** the same day. If your child does not have a lunch booked, they will have to have a packed lunch or whatever is available from the school dinners, which may be food that they would choose and may refuse to eat, this will have a negative impact on your child and their view of eating at school.

Reading

We kindly remind you to record your child's reading in their reading record books. The expectation is to read 5 times a week.

All books will be changed on a **FRIDAY**. If your child has finished the book, please encourage them to answer questions about it, read another book from home or visit the library.

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Young Writer's Poetry Competition – in school deadline: Friday 23rd January

This week, we have given the children an application for a poetry competition from the Young Writer's Association. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to display their excellent writing skills and develop their love of writing. The theme is: I Have A Dream

To enter, the children need to plan and write a poem about their hopes, dreams and/or imaginary worlds. For example, a world run by kids, travelling back to Ancient Egypt, their future career, wishes for a kinder world, or exploring a crazy dream. The top 5 published writers will each win a goody bag, including a fitness watch and a trophy! 5 x runners-up will each win a £20 Smyths voucher.

Plus, every entrant will receive a bookmark and a sticker for taking part. Some poems will also be chosen to be published! More details can be found on the Young Writer's website:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-7-12/dream26>

If your child would like to take part, then they need to have written their poem on the provided sheet and returned it to school by Friday 23rd January so that the entries can be posted. Please ensure that an adult completes the child's name and school information so that it is clear and legible.

Year 4

PE Lessons next week ONLY:

St Philomena's – PE is on a **Wednesday** and Friday

St Paul's – PE is on a **Wednesday** and Thursday

Our usual PE sessions are as follows:

St Philomena's – PE is on a Tuesday and Friday

St Paul's – PE is on a Tuesday and Thursday

Uniform

Please can we remind you children should be wearing their winter uniform. They should also have a jumper in school as the weather is temperamental.

Homework

Children should be completing 20 minutes of TTRS, Maths Shed and Spelling Shed. They should also complete the 2 pages from their grammar books.

Please can we ask you read with your child every evening, write the book, page numbers and sign to say you have read with them.

Year 5

St Thomas' Class only - Our PE day will be swapping just for next week. It will be on Friday instead of Thursday.

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on Friday instead. They will still have PE as usual on Wednesday.

Back to normal days next week. Thank you in advance for your help.

Homework

Children should be completing TTRS, Maths Shed and Spelling Shed every week. They should also complete the 2 pages from their grammar books.

Please can we ask you read with your child every evening, write the book, page numbers and sign to say you have read with them.

Year 6

PE Lessons next week ONLY:

St Matthew's – PE is on a Monday and **Tuesday**

St Margaret's – PE is on a **Tuesday** and Thursday

Our usual PE sessions are as follows:

St Matthew's – PE is on a Monday and Wednesday

St Margaret's – PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday

Booster Groups

Over the coming weeks we will be beginning to introduce extra revision sessions to our weekly lessons. On Thursday mornings children will be working in smaller groups with the support of Mrs D'Cruz, Miss Gilligan, Mr Ashburn and Mrs Claydon to further support their learning in English and Maths in preparation for the SATs.

Homework

Next week the children will be receiving their CGP Maths homework book to further support their learning. Children will need to complete the directed pages weekly.

Children should be completing 20 minutes of TTRS, Maths Shed and Spelling Shed. They should also complete the 2 pages from their grammar books. Please can we ask you read with your child every evening, write the book, page numbers and sign to say you have read with them.

St Joseph's

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

BOLD STATEMENT

In the week beginning 12th January, the assembly points to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Matthew 3:13-17).

Performed as a short Gospel drama, children will hear of Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan, where God the Father declared from Heaven that Jesus is His beloved Son.

Through this, children will understand that Jesus' Baptism was a bold statement about who He is – God's Son – and that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit were all present at this significant event. Children are given the opportunity to reflect on how the sacrament of Baptism welcomes people into God's family and invites them to make a bold statement for God in their own lives, knowing that they too are God's beloved child.

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

- Look at photos or keepsakes from your child's Baptism, and talk about what it means to be "God's beloved child".
- Encourage your child to make a simple "bold statement for God", e.g. "Today I will include someone who is left out."
- Trace a small cross on your child's forehead at bedtime and quietly say, "You are God's beloved child".