

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 23.01.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Ayrton
Respect – Almaia
Kindness – David
Honesty - Ayden
Resilience - Ilaria

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect – Ella
Kindness –
Honesty -
Resilience – Marlea-Jo

Whole School



RRSA: Article of the Week: Article 2 – No Discrimination
This links to our Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity.



National Year of Reading.

In 2026, the National Year of Reading is reconnecting reading with the things that already inspire us – from playlists and football matches to films, food and family time. It's reading that fits how we live, not the other way around. Explore how you can join the movement at home, in your setting, or across your community. Please watch the following link:

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

Over the next year in school, we will be encouraging children's reading for pleasure in different ways. Starting with **National Story Telling Week** (2nd February.) Created by the *Society for Storytelling*, this fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

Throughout **National Story Telling Week** Reception and KS1 teachers will be inviting parents to come into school with their child to listen to a story. Whilst KS2 will be attending some virtual Author events hosted by the National Literacy Trust focused around the theme of ***Soundtrack your Story.***

Other events will take place throughout the year and during Book Week in March.




Free Online Courses for Parents and Carers

Learn simple, practical ways to support your child's wellbeing and learning - all at your own pace.

Access a library of short, expert-led courses. Each course offers clear, practical ideas to help you:

- Understand your child's needs
- Build their confidence and wellbeing
- Strengthen learning at home



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Nursery

Reception

National Story Telling Week

You are invited to join your child to listen to a story read by your child's class teacher on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026 at 3.30pm**. Please wait for all children to be dismissed and then your child's class teacher will invite you into the class to sit with your child and enjoy listening to a story together.

Year 1

D&T: Thank you to everyone who has already paid the £1 contribution towards the ingredients for our fruit smoothies. It would be appreciated if the contributions could be paid no later than 6th February. Thank you.

National Story Telling Week

You are invited to join your child to listen to a story read by your child's class teacher on **Thursday 5th February 2026 at 3.30pm**. Please wait for all children to be dismissed and then your child's class teacher will invite you into the class to sit with your child and enjoy listening to a story together.

Year 2

National Story Telling Week

You are invited to join your child to listen to a story read by your child's class teacher on **Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 3.30pm**. Please wait for all children to be dismissed and then your child's class teacher will invite you into the class to sit with your child and enjoy listening to a story together.

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Colchester Zoo on **Friday 20th March 2026**.

Children will need to be in school at 8:30am prompt on the day, as we will be leaving at 9.00am. We are aiming to return to school by **3.15pm**, but any delays will be alerted via Schoolcomms.

Whilst at the Zoo, the children will be going to find "The Big 5" animals of Africa, which will support our learning about Kenya during the Spring Term. The school trip is always a highlight of the children's year and this trip will help

to consolidate their previous learning. A contribution **of £20.10 per child** is requested, to help to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the zoo for the day. **Please note, payment can be made in instalments.**

Please pay via the Schoolcomms system. If anyone is having any difficulties signing up to Schoolcomms please contact the school office as soon as possible. The payment can be paid up to and including **Friday 13th March.**

Please provide your child with a packed lunch for the day (in a disposable bag) and a water bottle. If you need a packed lunch to be provided by the school, please let the office know by **Monday 16th March.**

The children will be required to wear full uniform on the day.

Year 3

Year 4

Football trials – Girl's and Boy's Football Team

Tuesday 27th January after school -15:30-16:15

Bring clothes that are both comfortable and suitable for football.

Boots, trainers and shin-pads.

Year 5

Football trials – Girl's and Boy's Football Team

Tuesday 27th January after school -15:30-16:15

Bring clothes that are both comfortable and suitable for football.

Boots, trainers and shin-pads.

Year 6

Football trials – Girl's and Boy's Football Team

Tuesday 27th January after school -15:30-16:15

Bring clothes that are both comfortable and suitable for football.

Boots, trainers and shin-pads.

St Joseph's



Core word of the week: Next week's core word is 'up and down'.

<https://youtu.be/crdweGHGg80>



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

True Identity

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist understands Jesus' true identity. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.

Loving Eyes

Just as John the Baptist was a witness to Jesus, this week our classroom prayers encourage children to be witnesses by seeing the world through Jesus' loving eyes. Using 'Visio Divina' prayers, each day children will focus on a picture to help them prayerfully consider how they can be Jesus' witnesses through their words and actions.

Suggestions for at home...

- Look at an image of Jesus, ask him to help you to look at the world through loving eyes
- As you are walking or travelling to school consider how you can see the world through Jesus' eyes
- Encourage children to talk to Jesus for a while, maybe before bed or just before meals.

Church Community