

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date: 24.01.25

School Values Winners

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Faith – Isaiah
Respect – Daniel
Kindness – Chloe
Honesty - Folarin
Resilience -Mikayla

Key Stage 2

Faith – Nicole
Respect – Eliana
Kindness – Kasper
Honesty - Josephine
Resilience - Temilade

Whole School

Jubilee Year Launch

Our school community has come together to celebrate the launch of the Jubilee year this Friday. We are excited to embark on this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope and look forward to involving the entire school community in our plans.

Faith In Action

Mrs Hall will be taking our Faith in Action group to help in our local community on Friday 31st January – they will be finding out about the great work of charities.

Reminders

***Nail varnish:**

Nail varnish should not be worn to school. If your child wears nail varnish over the weekend or for a special occasion, then please make sure that it is removed **before** they come to school in line with our School Policy.

***Book bags / Rucksacks:**

Children in EYFS and KS1 should only be coming to school with book bags. These are used to store their reading books, reading records and any letters from school. This also ensures that there is adequate space in the cloakroom area for everyone to store their coats and book bags.

Children in KS2 should only be coming into school with a small rucksack – with enough room for their reading books, reading records and homework.

We are having a number of children bringing in massive bags and bags on wheels – these are not allowed and are not necessary in Primary School.

***Hair:**

As per our School Policy, children should not have multi-coloured beads or strands in their hair. Hair that is to the shoulder or longer should be tied up (regardless of gender).

***Birthdays:**

As a school we are happy to celebrate our children's birthdays but we ask that if you are sending sweets in for the whole class, then please only send in Haribo or a sweet that all children can eat – they must be Nut free. We will not be handing out party bags or tubs of chocolates due to allergies.

Nursery

Reception

Phonics

You will have received a letter to support your child's development of phonics. This letter provides links to the RWI Virtual Classroom that you can access and the children can watch the phonics videos at home that support the scheme that we use within school. Please encourage your child to watch the videos at home.

Year 1

Year 1 library visit

We are pleased to inform you that Year 1 will be visiting Harold Hill Library on Thursday 6th March 2025. The visit will take place during the school day and there is no cost for this trip.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To learn about how the library works and supports our community.
2. To expose the children to a free resource that will allow them to access a wide variety of books in order to promote a love of reading for pleasure.

D&T lesson – Wednesday 29th January 2025

Next week we will be making smoothies as part of our D&T lesson. Please can you send your child to school with either a **banana, tin of peaches or tin of pears**. Thank you.

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Year 2

Please check that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their names.

We have had several items of uniform go missing this term, which have had children's names on. Please check your child's school uniform and belongings and **ensure that anything not belonging to them is returned to school as soon as possible**. Thank you.

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Year 3

Trip and Payment Reminder – Brentwood Cathedral

We are pleased to inform you that Year 3 will be visiting Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th March**. The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To visit a significant place in our Catholic faith.
2. To attend and participate in Mass at a cathedral.
3. To learn about the history and general day to day running of Brentwood Cathedral.

Click here for further details:

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

This trip will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times. **To cover the coach hire, the cost of this trip will be £5.05 per child. Payments should be made on SchoolGateway by Monday 3rd February.** If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

By paying for the school trip, 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.**

Thank you to the parents who have offered their help with this trip. We will soon be in contact to confirm the finer details.

We have also booked an all-day Roman workshop on Wednesday 25th June where we will require additional adults. Please speak to Mrs Rose or Mr Groome if you are able to support with this day. This workshop will take place in school. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Year 4

Times Table Rockstars

Please could you encourage your children to complete the TTRS homework. Ideally, logging on for 2/3 times for at least 10 minutes would be ideal. Regular practice will help consolidate the learning we have been completing in school and help prepare them for the MTC test in June. Your support with this will be greatly appreciated.

Year 5

Space Dome

We are pleased to inform you that Year 5 will be having a Space Day on **Monday 17th March 2025** - this will involve a Space Dome coming into school.

The educational objectives for the Space Dome are:

1. Exploring our planet, moon, sun and solar system;
2. Seeing how the above move and identifying what we see in the sky.
3. Star-spotting to discover the constellations.

This experience will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times.

The cost of this experience will be **£10.50 per child**. Payments should be made on SchoolGateway **by Monday 3rd February 2025**.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

By paying for the Space Dome, 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.

Year 6

Homework

We have noticed a decline in the number of pupils completing their weekly homework. The homework set in Year 6 is a vital tool to support both our learning in class as well as our revision for our SATs exams.

The Year 6 team are currently working tirelessly to support the children through our intervention groups and extra support sessions. However, it is imperative that the children are taking ownership of their learning and continuing their work at home.

Homework should be handed in by Thursday the latest, to allow staff to mark it to be given back out on Friday; if this homework is not handed in on, time staff are unable to check it.

Please remind your children of the importance of completing their homework.

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