

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 5.6.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Jonathan
Respect – Kai
Kindness – Mia
Honesty - Erik
Resilience - Arlo

Key Stage 2

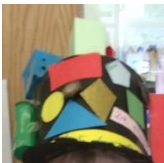
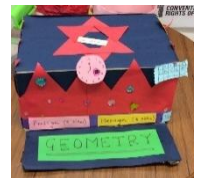
Faith – Daniel E
Respect –
Kindness –
Honesty -
Resilience -Alexie

Whole School

Summer Maths Week

We have had lots of fun taking part in a number of activities to celebrate Summer Maths Week, this week. Children have completed a variety of fun Maths activities across this week.

A massive thank you and a well done goes out to all of the wonderful Maths Hats that the children have made. We are really impressed with how hard the children have worked! We hope that the children have enjoyed taking part this week.



The Maths Hat competition was incredibly tricky due to such a large number of wonderful entries!

The following children have been chosen as our winners this year:

Nursery: Thomas
St Helen's: Sahir
St Luke's: Vyana
St Martin's: Venetia
St Catherine's: Conor
St Anne's: Advika
St Edmund's: Alayna

St Jude's: Haniel
St John's: Aitashe
St Paul's: Alessia
St Philomena's: Olivia
St Teresa's: Davina
St Thomas': Sophia
St Matthew's: Ella
St Margaret's: Imiqhele



Well done everyone!

The winning children will be receiving their certificates and prizes during our Monday assembly.

Nursery

Reception

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will all be aware, end-of-day collection is a very busy time. To help us keep dismissals safe and running smoothly, we kindly ask:

**To support safe dismissal, please form a single queue and stand a short distance from the classroom door while waiting.*

**If you need to speak with the class teacher, please wait until after all pupils have been dismissed.*

**If someone unfamiliar to staff will be collecting your child, notify the school office by 3:00 pm on the day. Remind the collecting adult to use the password your child's class teacher has on record.*

Thank you for your understanding.

Book Changing

Children will change their books on Thursday 11th June. Please ensure that your child's reading folder and books are in their book bag.

Year 1

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Educational workshop –Monday, 15th June - Where in the UK is Baxter Bear?

Following our Geography work on the United Kingdom earlier the year, the Year 1 pupils will be participating in an on-site workshop presented by **Freshwater Theatre**. The workshop is entitled 'Where in the UK is Baxter Bear'. The workshop will take place in school.

Baxter Bear has lived in London his entire life, but he is keen to discover what the rest of the United Kingdom has to offer. Under the supervision of the workshop facilitator, the children will join Baxter as he uses his trusty compass and handy maps to navigate his way around the United Kingdom.

The workshop will support the children's understanding of aspects related to Geography according to the National Curriculum:

*Being able to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom;

*Using world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries;

*Using simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.

The workshop will take place during school time, with each class having a workshop slot before lunch.

A contribution of £5 per child is requested, to help to cover the cost of the visit. All payments should please be made by **Monday, 8th June, using SchoolComms**. Without these voluntary contributions, we would not be able to offer these unique and valuable educational experiences. If anyone is having any difficulties signing up to Schoolcomms please contact Mrs Homes in the School Office as soon as possible.

We look forward to exploring with Baxter Bear.

D&T: This term, the children will be making their own models of a vehicle as part of our Design & Technology work. This is also linked to our History topic focussing on the way in which different forms of transport have changed over time.

Please send an **empty tissue box** with the child's name clearly visible to school by **Friday, 19th June** as these will be used to create the vehicles. Thank you.

Year 2

Spelling test

Next week's spelling test will take place on Thursday 11th June 2026.

Book Changing

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Year 2 Visit to Southend and Southend Sealife Centre

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Southend and Southend Sealife Centre on **Tuesday 7th July 2026**.

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

Whilst at Southend the children will be consolidating their learning about the history of a local area and looking at how Southend has changed overtime. They will also visit the Southend Sealife centre to link to their learning to how we look after the environment including seas and oceans.

A contribution of **£23.00 per child** is requested, to help to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the Sealife centre 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 3rd July 2026**.

Please provide your child with a packed lunch for the day in a backpack and a water bottle. If you need a packed lunch to be provided by the school, please let the office know by **Friday 3rd July 2026**.

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

Year 3

Year 3 trip to Brentwood Cathedral Thursday 18th June

We are pleased to announce that we have arranged a visit to Brentwood Cathedral for Year 3 on the morning of Thursday 18th June. The children will attend Mass at the Cathedral followed by a tour of the Cathedral by Father Matus. This will help support them in their understanding of the parts of Mass, the signs and symbols within the cathedral setting and their understanding of different roles within the church.

We will be travelling to Brentwood Cathedral via coach which will need to depart promptly in order for us to ensure we have enough time to travel and arrive before Mass. Therefore, we ask that on this date the children **arrive at school at 8.10 am** to allow us enough time to register and board the coach. Due to time constraints, it will not be possible for us to wait for late comers.

We also ask that you provide your child a packed lunch for this day as we will be due to return back to school during the lunch period. If you would like the school to provide a packed lunch, please order a packed lunch via the school gateway app. We will not be able to provide a packed lunch if it is not ordered prior to the trip.

The cost of this school trip is £8.39 to cover the cost of the coach. Please can you ensure that payment is made **before Monday 15th June** via School Gateway.

*By paying, you will be providing permission for your child to travel to and from Brentwood Cathedral by coach.

Year 4

Year 5

Swimming

Starting from **Thursday 11th June**, the children in **St. Thomas'** will be attending swimming sessions at the Everyone Active Gym. These sessions will be on Thursdays and run every week between Thursday 11th June to Thursday 9th July. Children should wear normal PE kit on Thursdays when they go swimming.

IMPORTANT: They will need a swimming costume, a swim hat, towel, goggles and a bag. Please check your child's bag before they come to school to ensure they have all their kit, as they will not be able to participate without it.

Year 6

Medication for Residential

Please could you ensure that any medication is handed in to Mrs Shields no later than **Thursday 11th June 2026**



Gilwell Park – Kit list

When we travel to Gilwell Park on **Monday 15th June 2026**, children **must** wear their **P.E kit** and bring a **packed lunch**.

You must ensure that you have the following items:

- Suncream (*Clearly labelled with your name*)
- Refillable water bottle (*clearly labelled with your name*)
- 2 pairs of trainers
- **Sleeping bag and a pillow**
- Thin waterproof jacket
- Hoodies
- t-shirts which cover the shoulders
- shorts that reach above the knees
- pyjamas, underwear and socks
- Sun cap
- Toiletries bag
- Shower cap
- Face towel and a large towel
- Hair bands
- Crocs or flip flops for when showering
- slippers or sliders for indoor use
- mini fan (**optional**)
- non- smartwatch (**optional**)
- bag for dirty clothes
- Party outfit for the disco

- × No crop tops or vest tops to be worn
- × No jewellery
- × No money
- × No phones or devices
- × No smart watches
- × No cameras
- × No excessively bulky hairstyles

Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Children should be involved in packing so that they know where their belongings are and take responsibility for them during the residential.

Citizenship Trip – 19th June

Year 6 will be taking part in The Junior Citizen Programme which is again taking place at the Territorial Army base on London Road. They will learn about the roles the police force, firefighters and medical staff play in our community, and will take part in a variety of scenarios in order to test their knowledge and enable them to become well-rounded citizens in our local area. As they make their way around the event, each group will be given scores. At the end of the two weeks, the scores will be checked and the winning team will be invited to the Town Hall to meet the Mayor for a small presentation and lunch.

This event will take place on Friday 19th June. Children will be leaving on the coach at around 8:45 am. The coach will leave the Territorial Army base at around 11.45am and we anticipate our return to school at about 12.15pm traffic allowing. There is no cost to this trip. Please confirm your consent Via Google Forms.

Induction Days

We understand that pupils will be attending induction days at their secondary schools over the coming months. Please could you inform the school of your children's induction days as it may affect school trips and lesson plans.

Leavers' photobook - It is the time of year that we start to put together the Year book.

Each child will have the opportunity to purchase a book that has photos from their time at St Ursula's and messages from their friends. There will be pages for class bios, teacher messages and of course many of their key memories and milestones from their time at St. Ursula's. Please could you send any school related photos of the children from the ages of Nursery to Year 6 to the following email address:

yearbook@stursulascatholicfederation.co.uk

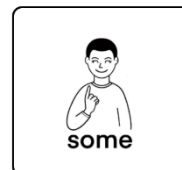
Photos will need to be sent in by no later than 12th June so as to allow for the year book to be put together.

St Joseph's

Core Word of the Week

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

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



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#

June 2026

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, offering an opportunity to reflect on the love and mercy of Jesus Christ, shown through His death and Resurrection.

This focus connects with the themed series 'Amazing Mysteries', which begins this month with an exploration of two key solemnities: 'The Most Holy Trinity' and 'The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus' (Corpus Christi). These assemblies help children to understand more about who God is and how Jesus continues to be present with us.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout June, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

AMAZING MYSTERIES: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

In the week beginning 1 June, we begin the 'Amazing Mysteries' series as children explore one of the important mysteries of the Church. They are introduced to the mystery of the Holy Trinity, learning that God is one God in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, united in a perfect relationship of love.

In the Gospel for this week (John 3:16-18), Jesus speaks about how much God the Father loves the world and He sent His Son to Earth. Children learn that God wants us to experience His amazing love for us, through each person of the Trinity. During prayer, children spend time reflecting on different artistic representations of the Trinity to help them think more deeply about this mystery.

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

- *Prayerfully make the Sign of the Cross and explain that it is a sign of our faith in who God is.*
- *Look at an image of the Trinity, ask what your child notices and talk about what it means that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- *Think of ways your family can show love and care to one another each day.*

Church Community