

# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 06.02.2026

### School Values Winners

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Irawo  
Respect – Quincy  
Kindness – Luca  
Honesty – Ava  
Resilience – Emily

#### Key Stage 2

Faith – Theodora  
Respect – Olivia  
Kindness – Frankie  
Honesty – Aishwaryan  
Resilience – Mimi

### Whole School

#### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week, all children and staff will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year is 'belonging'. On **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, we would like all pupils and staff to arrive to school wearing 'comfy clothes'. Your child could wear their comfiest set of pyjamas, their favourite snuggly jumper or relaxed loungewear; whatever your child feels comfortable and cosy in! However, please avoid sending your child in with slippers as these are not suitable footwear for walking/running on the playground.

On this day will be fundraising money for the Anna Freud charity. Therefore, we would kindly ask that all children bring a **£1 donation** in on the day. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.



Articles of the week: Article 17 – Access to Information (safer internet day) and Article 24 – Health (children's mental health week).

### Nursery

### Reception

#### Storytelling session

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our first story telling session this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Whittet and Mrs Doyle for their wonderful story sharing with the children and parents. If you were unable to attend the session will be hoping to run another one in March.



## Year 1

### Storytelling session

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our first story telling session this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Pearce for their wonderful story sharing with the children and parents. If you were unable to attend the session will are hoping to run another one in March.



## Year 2

### Spelling Test

There will be no spelling test next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> February) as it is an Inset day. The next spelling test will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Children will have 3 weeks to learn their spellings!

### Storytelling session

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our first story telling session this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mrs Stone for their wonderful story sharing with the children and parents. If you were unable to attend the session will are hoping to run another one in March.



### Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Colchester Zoo on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March.**

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

## Year 3

### **Enrichment trip to Gootopia – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

We are pleased to announce that as part of British Science Week, we have booked an enrichment trip to **Gootopia in Romford** where the children will take part in a slime workshop. The slime workshop gives pupils the chance to explore real scientific concepts such as the chemical properties of slime and the fascinating role slime plays in the natural environment. They will also have the opportunity to make their own slime, including a giant pot of slime!

We will be travelling by bus to Gootopia. **St. Jude's will visit on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March and St. John's will visit on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.** The trip will take place during the school day and we will be back at school for our usual lunch time, so please order your child's lunch as normal.

**The cost of this workshop will be £13.00 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026. By paying for the workshop, you will be providing your consent for your child to attend the trip. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.**

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may do so via Schoolcomms.

Although Gootopia usually provides aprons for the children to wear, making slime can be a fairly messy activity, so **your child will need to wear old clothes to school on the day of the trip.**

## Year 4

## Year 5

## Year 6

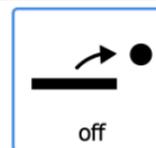
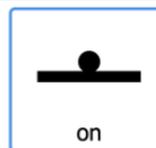
There will be no swimming lessons for **St Margaret's** next week. Lessons will resume after the half-term break. Children in Groups 2 and 3 (who swim in the deep end) will be starting their life-saving lessons. They should bring their usual swimming kit, as well as a T-shirt and shorts to wear in the water. It is also recommended that children bring a carrier bag for their wet clothes.

## St Joseph's

### **Core word of the week**

Next week's core of the week is 'on' and 'off'.

<https://youtu.be/6U0aPLpJeEw>



## 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

### **February 2026**

February brings the first signs of Spring and new life, and our resources offer gentle inspiration for learning and growing. This month invites children to reflect on how we can be encouraged by the lives of the saints and faithful followers of Jesus. As the month continues, we begin Lent, a time to prepare, pray and renew our friendship with God. Through the Lenten assembly series, children explore what it means to say "Yes!" to God, and the series of daily prayers helps them grow in confidence as they walk along with Jesus on their Lenten journey.

### **FRASSATI - THE MAN OF THE BEATITUDES**

In the week beginning 2nd February, children have been introduced to Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), learning that true happiness comes from friendship with God and choosing ways of living that reflect the Gospel.

Through the example of St Pier Giorgio Frassati, children see how we can put others first through simple, thoughtful choices, allowing the Beatitudes to guide our own words and actions. You might want to watch our video about St Pier Giorgio on the Online Parent Portal and discover how he received the title 'man of the Beatitudes'.

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

- Talk about the word "blessed" in the context of Jesus' words (which is also translated as 'happy') and what this might mean in everyday life.
- Share examples of people who, like St Pier Giorgio, show kindness quietly and consider small ways to put others first during the week.

**Extra Challenge:** *This week you could encourage your child to look into the story of St Pier Giorgio Frassati, further. They could create a poster, piece of art, prayer or fact file about him. If any children do give this task a go please ask children to send this work to Miss Gilligan.*

**Church Community**