

# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 13.02.2026

### School Values Winners

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Caydence  
Respect – Ilaria  
Kindness – Oliwia  
Honesty - Ezekiel  
Resilience -Beatrice

#### Key Stage 2

Faith –  
Respect – Emiyah  
Kindness – Nana  
Honesty -  
Resilience -

### Whole School

#### Reminder

This is a reminder that dogs **are not allowed** on site – this is for safety and hygiene reasons.

#### Maths

Maths Newsletters – Spring Newsletters have been put on the website to share information with you to support your child with their maths.

#### Colouring books

If you have any colouring books that your child no longer wants, that have unused pages please can you send them into school. Our children are always grateful for pages to colour and we are helping to save the environment too. Many thanks

### Nursery

### Reception

### Year 1

**Year 1 Library visit (Enrichment activity) Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March:** The Year 1 classes will be walking to the local Library at Hilldene on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, during the school day as part of our Book Week activities. The pupils will be required to wear their school uniform as usual, but please ensure that they have a waterproof coat and cardigan / jumper with them on that day.

**Year 1 'Celebration of Learning' Assembly, Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March (9am):** The Year 1 children have all received the words that they will be saying during our Celebration Assembly. Please support the children in preparing for their Assembly by helping them to learn the words. Encourage them to say the words loudly and clearly – having the children saying the words from the opposite side of the room will help them to project their voices more.

We're looking forward to having the Year 1 parents join us for this special assembly.

### Year 2

#### **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 16th March.**

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

On **Thursday 26th February from 9.30 children in Year 2 and 5** will be attending St Dominic's church for our **Christian Unity Mass.** Parents are welcome to attend.

Have a lovely break and thank you for all of your support this half term.

### Year 3

#### **Enrichment trip to Gootopia – 11th and 12th 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 11th March and St. John's will visit on Thursday 12th 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 18th 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 provide 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

#### **Stubbers Trip Payment Reminder**

Just a polite reminder that the deposit and payment 1 should have now been paid. Please can I remind you the full payment should be made by 27th February. I will be confirming details with Stubbers after this date and will then send information about activities we will be completing and final arrangements for the day.

	Amount	Payment Deadline
Deposit	£20	12th December 2025
Payment 1	£20	30th January 2026
Payment 2	£17	27th February 2026

#### **Reading Reminder**

Children should be reading their library book or another book that interests them each evening. Parents should write the name of the book, the pages read and please sign.

### Year 5

## **Year 5 Retreat - Walsingham House**

We are pleased to confirm that the Year 5 Retreat to Walsingham House is going ahead on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**. This trip is themed around the message of Our Lady of Walsingham and 'Sharing the joy' through a range of workshops.

The cost of this trip will be **£15.45** per child. Payments should be made via **Schoolcomms** by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. 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.

\*\*Please see the Google Form for further information.

## **Year 6**

### **St Margaret's Swimming Lessons:**

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**

## **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

### **SALT OF THE EARTH**

The assembly for the second week of February, gives children another opportunity to reflect on Jesus' words: "You are the salt of the Earth." (Matthew 5:13-16) Just as salt enhances and brings out the best in food, Jesus calls us to consider how our words and actions can bring out the best in themselves and others.

Children learn that they can be a positive influence on others as they grow in faith and love, and that even small actions can help to brighten the world around them.

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

- Try a simple cooking activity together, noticing how a little salt changes and brings out the flavour of food, just as through following Jesus we can help bring 'flavour', to enhance our lives and the lives of others.
- Talk about how small acts of kindness and encouragement can make a difference to others, and think of ways they can help people this week.

## **Church Community**