

# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly News Bulletin

Date: 14.02.25

### Whole School

#### INSET DAY

The school will be closed on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – INSET Day.

### Nursery

### Reception

### Year 1

On Wednesday 12th March the Year 1 children will presenting their 'Celebration of Learning' assembly. Your child has been given words to learn and you will find this in their book bag. Please help your child to learn their words over the half term. We will also be singing the following songs that you may wish to practice over the break.

[While we live we learn - BBC Teach](#)

[CBeebies | Nick Cope's Popcast - I've Lost My Bobble Hat \(Song\)](#)

[Give Me Joy in My Heart \(Give me Oil in my lamp / Sing Hosanna\) \(Singing the Faith 76 / StF 76\)](#)

Also, during parents consultations, many parents requested a copy of the speed sound chart. You will find a copy in your child's book bag. Please encourage them to use this to support their reading and writing.

### Year 2

### Year 3

#### **Trip and Payment Reminder – Brentwood Cathedral**

A reminder of the Year 3 trip to Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th March**. Click here for further details: <https://brentwoodcathedral.org.uk/>

**Due to coach and travel timings, we will need the children to arrive at school slightly earlier than usual. Please ensure that your child has arrived at school by 8:10am, as we will be leaving promptly at 8:25am.** The coach will not wait be able to wait for latecomers.

To cover the coach hire, the cost of this trip will be £5.05 per child. **Payments should now have been made on SchoolGateway.** By paying for the school trip, you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment has not been received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

**If your child qualifies for pupil premium please ensure that you have emailed [office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk) providing your permission.**

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

### **Roman Workshop:**

We have also booked an all-day Roman workshop on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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, including payment, will follow nearer the time.

### **Times Table Rockstars Heatmaps:**

This week, your child will have come home with their Times Table Rockstars heatmap. This shows how quickly and accurately your child can answer each of the times tables. The greener the colour, the greater the speed and accuracy. The sums that are orange-red are the ones that your child needs to focus on. Please ensure that they are completing **at least 20 minutes of TTRS per week** and that they are focusing on the times tables that they are less confident in (using the heatmap). They should also be regularly using the **Soundcheck** game on TTRS to practise their times tables under timed conditions.

## **Year 4**

### **SCHOOL TRIP REMINDER RE: Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral**

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 4 pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March (St. Philomena's) and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (St. Paul's)**.

This trip links to our Spring RE topics – Community and Giving & Receiving, and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of their Catholic faith.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. **Spiritual Experience:** Visiting a place of worship like Westminster Cathedral provides students with an opportunity to engage in personal reflection and spiritual growth, deepening their faith and understanding of religious practices.
2. **Liturgical Education:** Children can take part in a Mass, helping them to understand the liturgical elements and the significance of the rituals performed in a setting different to their own parish.
3. **Historical Significance:** They will learn about Westminster Cathedral as an important part of London's religious and cultural history. This includes the historical context and architectural elements that make it such a special place of worship.

#### Journey

We will be travelling by public transport and therefore it is important that your child arrives promptly at 8:25am. We will take the 256 Bus Charlbury Crescent to Hornchurch Station, and then board a District line train to Victoria Station. During our journey, we will be making time for prayer and reflection. We will be back at school ready for the children to be collected at their usual time. Please see the planned journey below:

#### Donations

There is no cost to this trip. However, Westminster Cathedral would greatly appreciate any donation you can spare. If you would kindly like to make a donation of £3 or more, payments can be made via **Gateway** as of now. You can also give any donations to your child's class teacher.

Your child will need a packed lunch. If you require a school packed lunch, then please book this using the 'Dinner Money' option in **Gateway** beforehand.

Please complete the Google Form that will be emailed in the next couple of days, giving permission for your child to attend. If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Year 5**

## **Year 6**

## **St Joseph's**

## Church Community

### **Girls Club**

There will be no Girls Club on 14<sup>th</sup> February and 21<sup>st</sup> February. It will re-open on 28<sup>th</sup> February.