

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date - 6th June 2025

School Values Winners

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect –
Kindness – Emma R ~Y6
Honesty -
Resilience -

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Faith – Dominion
Respect – Makayla
Kindness –
Honesty - Hannah
Resilience - Andrea

Whole School

Nursery

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 2 Visit to Hertfordshire Zoo

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Hertfordshire Zoo on Monday 14th July 2025.

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 Summer 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 £23.79 per child** is requested, to help to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the zoo for the day.

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 **Monday 30th June**.

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 **Friday 11th July**.

The children will be required to wear full summer uniform on the day. Please ensure that sun protection is applied **before** they come to school on the day. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GOOGLE CONSENT FORM.**

Author event with James Sellick - Havering Libraries

Year 2 children took part in a zoom session on Wednesday 4th June where they listened to Bestselling author James Sellick talk about his new picture book **Wave Warrior and the Reef Rescue**. This event was been arranged by Havering Library Service. James Sellick is the writer of *There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom*, and *Storm Goliath* and *Saving Piku* both of which were part of the Empathy Lab primary collection. His latest book **Wave Warrior and the Reef Rescue** is a brand-new Greenpeace-backed book and the first in a series of books focussing

on 'Green machines'. This interactive event involved an introduction to our reefs and the creatures that call them home. James then discussed why our reefs are important for us humans, too, as well as the dangers they're in, focussing on industrial scale fishing and bottom-trawlers. James read Wave Warrior and chatted about the true story upon which the book was based, a story of hope, resilience and action. At the end, they played a game called 'Which endangered creature is Wave Warrior saving?'

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and created their own posters about saving the sea creatures.

Year 3

Year 4

MTC

During next week your child will be completing their multiplication tables check. This will be completed with a year 4 teacher using an ipad. All children have been working hard throughout the year to improve their fluency and knowledge. The children will answer 25 questions and have 6 seconds to answer each question.

Please support your child by encouraging them to complete TTRS to either complete their heat map or check out their latest score using Sound check or the MTC simulator on Maths Shed.

Year 5

Year 5 to Year 6 Parent Workshop

On Thursday 12th June, Miss Gilligan and Mr Fielder will be running a workshop for Year 5 parents and Pupils. The workshop aims to give parents an understanding of what to expect in Year 6, with a particular focus on the SATs exams and how you can support your children. Please sign up using the following link to confirm your place.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV5ljUw93so1jpPeITDBEp05AvedKARW8tx1nfvD6wXDimGw/viewform>

Note: we will be changing the start time to 3.30pm to allow staff to set up the hall. Timings will be 3.30-4.15pm

YEAR 5 ST THOMAS' SWIMMING DATES-STARTING FROM NEXT WEEK

Thursday 12/06/25, Thursday 19/06/25, Thursday 26/06/25, Thursday 03/07/25 and Thursday 10/07/25.

We will be travelling to the pool by public transport where possible, if unavailable we will be walking. Pupils will be leaving school at 12.50 pm and aiming to return by 2.40 pm.

Please provide your child with a towel and swimming kit every Thursday. This must include an appropriate swimming costume or swimming trunks and a swimming hat, as it is the policy of Central Park Leisure Centre that every child must wear one. Swimming hats can be purchased from leisure centres, Amazon or sports stores and they can be any colour. Please check at home that your child knows how to put on their swimming hat, and that it fits. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit in a rucksack that they can carry, as they will need to carry it to and from lessons.

Children **do not** need to bring talcum powder, deodorant, soaps or snacks with them; however, they may need a comb or hairbrush if they have long hair. All medication will be taken to the swimming pool for children with medical needs.

Children should be wearing their **PE kit to school on swimming days** and will need to ensure they have both their PE jumper and a coat in school.

Year 6

Medical form for Residential

Earlier this week we sent a final reminder out about what is needed for the residential trip including information about when medicine needs to be given into school. Attached to the email was a copy of the **3B Form**, this will need to be printed by parents and completed if handing in medication. If you are unable to access a printer please ask the school office for a copy, or write a note in your child's reading record for the class teacher to provide a copy.

Deanery Jubilee Mass – 10th June

On Tuesday 10th June, our Year 6 pupils will be joining all the Havering Deanery Primary schools at Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. This is a momentous occasion in our Catholic educational calendar, reflecting a profound tradition within our Church.

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year, during which all members of the global Church family are called to participate. It is a deeply spiritual time designed to help us grow in our faith and prayer life, drawing us closer in our relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation. This Mass represents a unique opportunity to remind our pupils that they are pilgrims of hope.

Practical arrangements for the day are as follows: pupils will arrive at school as normal and will be transported by coach at **9:40am** to St Mary Mother of God Church in Hornchurch. Following the Mass, pupils will have the opportunity to have lunch on the school field at St Mary's Primary School.

We kindly request that you provide your child with a **packed lunch** for this day. Remember we follow a strict **no nuts** policy.

If you would prefer the school kitchen to prepare a lunch, please notify the school office by **Friday 6th June**. There is no cost for this event.

This event is not only a chance for pupils to celebrate Mass but also an opportunity to meet pupils from other schools who are likely to be attending the same secondary schools. Pupils will return to school at **12:45pm**.

Citizenship Trip – 25th 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 **Wednesday 25th June 2025**. Children will be leaving on the coach at around **12:45pm**. The coach will leave the Territorial Army base at **3.00pm** and we anticipate our return to school at about **3.30pm** **traffic allowing**. There is no cost to this trip. ***Please confirm your consent Via Google Forms.***

St Joseph's

Upcoming Visit: We have arranged for 'Wellgate Farm' to visit the Nursery and Reception children in school on **Tuesday, 17th June, 2025**.

ALL children who attend St Joseph's will have the opportunity to attend this also. The 'mobile farm' will bring a wide selection of farm animals, providing a unique hands-on experience! The children who attend St Joseph's will visit the 'mobile farm' in the morning, either with their Reception class or with the St Joseph's staff. Time is allocated for them to have a close look at the animals, pet them, feed them and even hold them within the safety of the school environment. The visit will aid children's learning about different animals, their features, what they eat and how they help us. It will also help to them to understand how to care for and be responsible for living creatures. The appropriate Risk Assessments for handling the farm animals will be put in place, and Staff will ensure that all children wash their hands thoroughly after the visit.

A contribution of £4.80 per child is requested, to help to cover the cost of the visit. Please pay the £4.80 using the Schoolcomms system. If anyone is having any difficulties signing up to Schoolcomms please contact Mrs Homes in the School Office as soon as possible. The contribution can be paid up to and including **Monday, 16th June, 2025**.

Core Word of the Week

Next week's word of the week is 'where'.



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