

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

6th December 2024

School Values Winners

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect –
Kindness –
Honesty –
Resilience –

Key Stage 1 & EYFS

Faith – Godwin
Respect – Hanelle
Kindness – Quincy
Honesty – Abigail
Resilience – Maisie Lea

Whole School

Advent 2024

During the season of Advent, it is important to take time to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord Jesus. To celebrate this great event, we reflect on the year that has passed, pray and reconcile with God, and think about how we can show **kindness towards others** in our community who need help.

Our '**Faith in Action**' team would like to continue our annual collection for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). BCCS is a charity associated with our diocese, but it also supports many of the catholic schools in our local area.

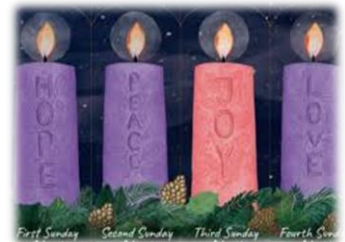
Your child has been sent home with an envelope this week. If you would like to contribute, please fill it with any spare change and either give to your child's class teacher or to the school office (no later than **Friday 20th December**).



Every penny raised can help to support a child in our diocese.

We wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Christmas!

Mrs Hall and the Faith in Action team



Nursery

Reception

Costumes: If your child is wearing their PE kit as part of their costume for the nativity – they will need it on the following days:

Tuesday 10th December (PE day)

Wednesday 11th December (dress rehearsal to KS1)

Thursday 12th December (performance to Nursery parents)

Friday 13th December (performance to Reception parents)

It is Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 11th December so they can wear their Christmas jumper on that day but should have their PE top and jumper in a bag with their name on it. Our Christmas nativity is on Friday 13th December for Reception parents – don't forget to bring your tickets along! Tickets are on sale via school comms.

Year 1

Christmas Card List

A list of first names will be in your child's book bag. Please use this list to help your child write their Christmas cards for their class friends.

Year 2

Reminder- KS1 Christmas Concert

Friday 13th December at St. Dominic's Church 10:30am

Tickets must be purchased in advance via School Comms.

Year 3

Following the success of our most recent trip, we are pleased to inform you that Year 3 will be visiting Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th March**. The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To visit a significant place in our Catholic faith.
2. To attend and participate in Mass at a cathedral.
3. To learn about the history and general day to day running of Brentwood Cathedral.

Click here for further details:

<https://brentwoodcathedral.org.uk/>

This trip will take place during the school day, so please ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up at the normal times. To cover the coach hire, the cost of this trip will be **£5.05 per child**. Payments should be made on SchoolGateway **by Monday 3rd February**.

If your child qualifies for pupil premium please email office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk providing your permission and any offer of a contribution would be appreciated.

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.

In order for our school trips to go ahead, we do require a specific number of adults. If you are available to attend as a parent helper for this trip, especially if you hold a DBS with the school, then please speak to either Mrs Rose or Mr Groome.

Year 4

Bits and Bobs!

We have noticed that many of the children in year 4 are bringing in extra things to school that are not needed. (For example, small toys, notebooks, keyrings, jewellery, lipgloss etc). These things should not be brought into school as they cause lots of distraction. We have had many cases of things going missing and children being upset. Issues like this end up taking time to investigate and this all eats into valuable teaching time.

We would really appreciate if you could speak to your child about this issue and ensure that they are not bringing anything of this nature to school with them. Things that are actually helpful and are permitted are:

- A pencil case with a few sharp writing and drawing pencils inside.
- A small ruler
- A sharpener
- A gluestick

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child is coming to school with a water bottle every day. We have about 10 children that don't bring one and have to keep leaving class to use the fountain.

St Paul's Class Only

We will be making Christingles in RE on Monday (6/12/24). Please could you send your child to school with an orange. Thank you!

Year 5

The children will be doing printing in Art next week. Please can they bring in any spare bubblewrap, pasta shapes, kitchen roll tubes, foil and any potatoes to use for their designs. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Year 6

St Joseph's