

# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 13.03.2026

### School Values Winners

#### EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Shekinah  
Respect – Jacob  
Kindness – Charlotte  
Honesty - Teddy  
Resilience - Archie

#### Key Stage 2

Faith – Dimana  
Respect –Kiyah  
Kindness –Matteo  
Honesty -  
Resilience -Alex

### Whole School



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Rights of the Week: Article 24 – Health, environment  
Article 27 – A safe home

### Nursery

### Reception

### Year 1

#### **Educational Visit to Thorndon Country Park**

Further to the consent that you gave at the beginning of the school year, we are writing to inform you that we have arranged a trip to Thorndon Country Park for all Year 1 children on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. To extend children's science knowledge on native animals and their habitats.
2. To be able to group animals and living things and understand food chains.
3. To develop children's love and respect for the natural world, which links to our CST – 'Creation and Environment'.

The activities the children will be involved in are:

- (a) Mini-beast hunting.
- (b) Pond dipping (water level dependent).
- (c) Nature detectives – looking for clues of what lives where and why.
- (d) Understanding food chains.

Departure: Pupils to be in school at 8:45am

Return to school: 3.10pm approximately

Dress: School uniform, waterproof jacket, school summer hat, sensible footwear (trainers are allowed), a zip-up rucksack.

Lunch: Packed lunch and named water bottle. Should you require a packed lunch from the school, please inform the school office by 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Cost: the cost of the trip is £18 (please pay by Schoolcomms). **Please ensure you have paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026.** Please note that 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 Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may still do so via Schoolcomms.

Medical Needs: Asthma pumps and other medication as agreed with our school nurse will be taken as needed.

Behaviour: Please remind the children of the importance of excellent behaviour throughout the day to ensure their safety and enjoyment.

The children will be accompanied by members of staff.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pearce, Mrs Le Roux & Mrs Reynolds

## Year 2

### Spelling Test

Next weeks spelling test will take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** due to the school trip on the Friday.

## Year 3

## Year 4

### **Easter Assembly**

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Year 4 **Easter Assembly** which will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9am**. We look forward to welcoming you to our performance.



### **Cardboard for Castles!**

Year 4 will be building their very own Norman castles. Therefore, we will need all the cardboard we can get! If you have any spare cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, toilet/kitchen roll tubes at home, we would be so grateful to receive them. Thank you in advance for your support.

### **Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral**

Year 4 will be visiting Westminster Cathedral separately on the following dates:

- ✠ St Philomena's visit: **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**
- ✠ St Paul's visit: **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

This trip will be an excellent opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of their Catholic faith. We will be travelling by public transport; details of our route will be shared with you closer to the time. 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. School lunches can be booked via School Gateway nearer to the time.

**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 School Comms as of now. You can also give any cash donations to your child's class teacher.

If you would like to **volunteer as a parent helper** for this trip, please email the school office and your child's class teacher will contact you.

## Year 5

### **School Trip**

On **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**, the Year 5 children will be visiting the Shakespeare Globe Theatre in London and take part in an acting workshop.

The children will need to wear their full school summer uniform and arrive by 8:30am promptly – we will not be able to wait for latecomers as we need to get to the Globe Theatre in time. A coach has been organised to take us to and from the Globe Theatre and we should arrive back at the normal dismissal time of 15:15. Your child will also need a packed lunch for the trip.

The school trip will cost £25 and will need to be paid by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** in order to secure a place for your child.

\*By paying, you will be providing permission for your child to travel to and from the Globe Theatre by coach and for them to participate in the drama workshop.

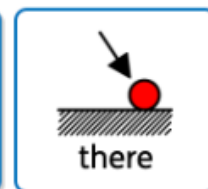
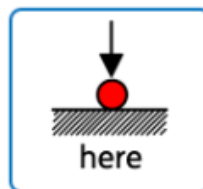
## Year 6

### St Joseph's

Core word of the week-

Next week's core word is 'here and there'.

<https://youtu.be/W3ZACMyDvWI>



## 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

LOVE - WE SAY 'YES!'

In the week beginning 9 March, children reflect on the Gospel of John, where Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well (John 4:5–42). Through this story, children learn that Jesus chose to spend time with someone who others ignored or avoided, showing that His love is offered to everyone.

Children hear how Jesus spoke openly with the Samaritan woman and helped her to understand more about who He is. They are encouraged to think about how Jesus knows each one of us personally and invites everyone to respond to His love. Through prayer and reflection, children consider how saying "Yes!" to Jesus' love can shape the way they treat others and the choices they make each day.



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

- Talk about how Jesus showed care and attention to the Samaritan woman, and why this was important.
- Encourage your child to think about ways they can show kindness and care to others, especially those who may feel left out.
- Take a moment to reflect together on how getting to know Jesus better can help guide everyday actions and attitudes.

## Church Community

### Easter Egg Donations

Our local churches - St. Dominic's and The Most Holy Redeemer - are looking for donations of Easter Eggs for raffle prizes for children on Good Friday. If you are able to donate any Easter Eggs, could you please drop them off at the School Office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

We hope that you can support our parish and church community.