

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 24th April 2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Olek
Respect – Zuzanna
Kindness – Cristina
Honesty – Kai
Resilience -Larosa

Key Stage 2

Faith –
Respect –
Kindness – Elsie
Honesty –
Resilience -

Whole School

The Crowning of Mary

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In order to make this a suitably bright and colourful celebration, we are asking for donations of potted flowers that can be planted afterwards. These plants are then planted around our school grounds to remind us of Mary's constant love. We invite **all** year groups to bring in potted plants from the start of May – every donation aids our celebration of Mary and brightens up our school.

Nearly New Uniform shop 30th April - 3.30-4.00pm

Nursery

We have arranged for 'Wellgate Farm' to visit the Nursery and Reception children in school on **Wednesday, 13th May, 2026**. The 'mobile farm' will bring a wide selection of farm animals, providing a unique hands-on experience!

Groups of children will visit the 'mobile farm' throughout the day, with enough time 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



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Reception would be really grateful for any cardboard boxes or shoe boxes for this week, please.

Year 1

Year 1 Phonics Screening Meeting

A meeting about the Year 1 Phonics Screening will take place on **Friday 1st May 2.30 – 3.00pm.** This meeting will provide you with information about the Year 1 phonics screening test that takes place in June and how you can support your child's phonics development.

Educational Visit to Thorndon Country Park – Payment reminder

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

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 1st May.**

Cost: the cost of the trip is £18 (please pay by Schoolcomms). **Please ensure you have paid by 1st 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.

Games Bag- Please ensure that you **return all items** that your child brings home within the games bag. We have found that there are now items missing from this bag, which means other families will not be able to use the games bag to its full potential. If you have any of these missing items, **please return them to the class teacher as soon as possible.**

Missing items include: puzzle pieces, Dobble cards, stacking blocks and the instructions that explain the use of the bag.

Maths- Counting in 2s, 5s and 10s

Please see below some links to songs that will support your child in learning their 2s, 5s and 10s times tables. Children have been using these within their Maths lessons this week and it is important that children have a secure knowledge of them.

Counting in 2s:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvTcpfSnOMQ&list=RDGvTcpfSnOMQ&start_radio=1

Counting in 5s:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EemjeA2Djjw&list=RDEemjeA2Djjw&start_radio=1

Counting in 10s:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ftati8iGQcs&list=RDFtati8iGQcs&start_radio=1

When using the songs, please also support your child in using **concrete resources** to count along and support their understanding.

Year 2

Espresso Coding

The Espresso Coding can still be accessed until 31st May 2026. We have been told that it is not working but hopefully they will now with the extended date. If you scan the QR code it will take you to the login page.

<https://app.discoveryeducation.com/learn/signin>

Please select student/pupil and select the Use QR code and scan the code again. This should allow your child to access their assignments.

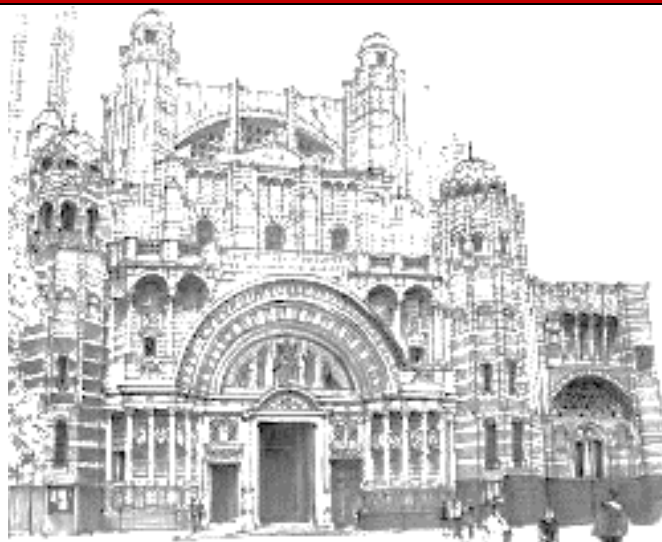
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All Year 3 parents and carers are invited – please arrive between 1:50-2pm.

Year 4



Pilgrimage to Westminster Cathedral

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

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

This trip will be an excellent opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of the 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.

Lunches:

Your child will need a packed lunch on the day of their trip. If you would like your child to receive a packed lunch provided by the school, these should be booked in advance using School Gateway.

Donations:

There is no official 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 have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Great Brazilian Bake Off!

This term, the children will be learning all about the country Brazil. As part of their upcoming D&T project, the children will be making Brigadeiros, which are Brazilian chocolate truffles.

To support this, we kindly ask for a contribution of **£3 per child** to go towards the cost of ingredients and decorations for both a test batch and a final batch, allowing each child to explore, taste, and evaluate their work as part of the learning process. Payments can be made via School Comms as of now. You can also give any cash donations to your child's class teacher.

We will adapt the recipe for any children with dairy allergies. We would also like to reassure our parents that this will be a nut free recipe. We really appreciate your support in helping us provide this exciting and hands-on experience.

Year 5

Year 6

SATs Revision

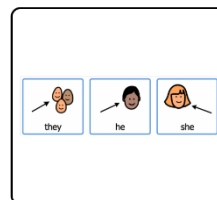
You may notice your children are bringing extra homework home over the next few weeks, please encourage your children and support them with their revision for their upcoming exams, they have been working incredibly hard and the more you can support this learning at home the more confident they will be!

St Joseph's

Core word of the week:

Next week's core word of the week is 'they/he/she'.

they / he / she



Supporting Faith at Home

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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

ACTS OF KINDNESS

During the week beginning 20 April, the daily prayers focus on acts of kindness, inspired by the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Children reflect on how Jesus walked alongside the disciples, offering comfort, understanding, and care, even when they did not recognise Him at first.

Across the week, children are encouraged to think about simple, everyday ways they can show kindness to others, such as spending time together, listening carefully, offering help, and including others.

You might like to use this prayer in your family prayer time:

Jesus,
Thank you for showing us love in hidden ways.
Help me to quietly show love
to the people I am with today.
Amen

Church Community