

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 06.03.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Naomi
Respect – Evelyn
Kindness – Leonard
Honesty - Oliwia
Resilience – David

Key Stage 2

Faith – Renee
Respect – Isaiah
Kindness – Sophia
Honesty - Osman
Resilience -Olamma

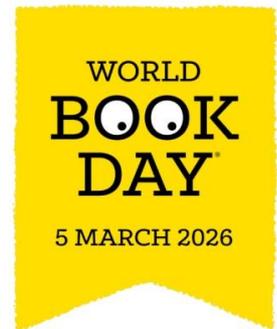
Whole School

Book Week –

We would like to thank the whole school community for their effort during book week!

As we have said before, it is not enough to celebrate books for just one day and throughout this week pupils and staff have enjoyed a variety of activities:

- Sharing books with other classes
- Mystery readers coming in to share a story
- Attending author workshops
- Teachers from other year groups coming to share their favourite book
- Guessing the staff in the masked reader
- Entering our story in a box competition
- And of course, **dressing up!**



As it is the National Year of Reading, we want to keep fostering this love of stories and of books!

Please make use of your book token, they can be used at many local supermarkets and book stores such as: Asda, Sainsburys, Tesco, TG Jones, The Works, Waterstones and many local book stores.

The following link shows you some of the books available this year:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



Rights of the Week: Article 2 – Non Discrimination
Article 31 – Rest, Play, Culture and Arts

Science Week



Next week is Science Week. On Friday 13th March we would like all pupils and staff to wear clothing that is linked to science – children are asked to bring in a **£1 donation**. Children can come into school dressed as a doctor, nurse, lab technician, science teacher, astronaut, astronomer, dentist, vet, a famous scientist etc – it has to be linked to science. Be creative with your costumes (you do not need to buy anything new).



****We look forward to celebrating Science Week!**

Nursery

Parents' Evening:

Next week, parents evening appointments will be held inside the classroom.

Parents will need to enter via the Nursery door and wait in the cloakroom area until your teacher is ready to see you. Once you have had your appointment, your child's teacher will give you their Learning Journey book to look through their work. Please leave these in the trays provided in the cloak room area.

When leaving, please exit through the same door you entered in and out through the gate.

All children must be accompanied by parents. Children are not to play with toys and resources in the classroom and children are not to be left unattended outside. Please support us in keeping your children safe and respecting the classrooms. Thank you – we are looking forward to seeing you all 😊

Reception

Parents' Evening:

Next week, parents evening appointments will be held inside the classrooms.

Parents will need to walk through the classroom (using the doors you come to when you pick up your children), please walk through the classrooms respectfully as meetings will be going on. You will need to wait for your appointment in the children's cloak room area, which is just outside of both Reception classrooms.

Once you have had your appointment, your child's teacher will give you their Learning Journey book and Maths folder to look through their work. Please leave these in the trays provided in the cloak room area.

When leaving, please exit through the same door you entered in and out through the gate.

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Year 1

Reminder: Year 1 Assembly- Celebration of Learning

Next Wednesday (11th March) at 9am, parents and carers are invited in to the school Hall to watch our Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

PE Day Swap

Next week, children will have PE on Monday (9/3) and Wednesday (11/3); **not Tuesday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit on the correct days.

Year 2

PE Day Swap

Next week, children will have PE on Tuesday (10/3) and Thursday (12/3); **not Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child is wearing their PE kit on the correct days.

Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

We would like to take both Year 2 Classes on a visit to Colchester Zoo on **Friday 20th March 2026**.

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 Spring 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 **£20.10 per child** is requested, to help to cover the cost of transport and entrance to the zoo for the day. **Please note, payment can be made in instalments.**

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 **Friday 13th March**.

Please note that if payment has not been received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate in the trip.

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 **Monday 16th March**.

The children will be required to wear full uniform on the day.

Art

Polite request if you have any unwanted shirts/t-shirts that you no longer need, could you please send them in with your child for us to use as art aprons. Thank you.

Year 3

Reminder: Enrichment trip to Gootopia – 11th and 12th March 2026

Next week, our trips to Gootopia will be taking place. Please remember to send your child into school wearing old clothes.

St. Jude's need to wear old clothes on Wednesday 11th March.

St. John's need to wear old clothes on Thursday 12th March.

Please note that if payment has not been received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate in the trip.

Year 4

Stubbers

Final payments should now have been made for the Stubbers trip. We will be making the final payment next week to Stubbers. The initial payment reserved your child's place but full payment is required for them to attend the trip.

Deposit	£20	12 th December 2025
Payment 1	£20	30 th January 2026
Payment 2	£17	27 th February 2026

Details of activities and clothing needed for the day will be sent to you nearer the time.

Uniform

Please can you check your child's uniform has their name in it. As the weather improves, children frequently remove jumpers and cardigans and leave them all around the school. It can save us a lot of time if there is a name in an item.

Easter Assembly – Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 9am

Year 4 will be performing their annual Easter production on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 9am. Doors will be open 5 minutes before this time for you to enter the KS2 Hall. Parent seating is at the back of the hall. We look forward to welcoming you to our performance.



Year 5

School Trip

On Monday 20th 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 attend school in their full school uniform and arrive at the usual 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.

This school trip will cost £25 and will need to be paid by Monday 13th April in order to secure a place for your child.

Year 6

Naming Jumpers

As we begin to see more sunshine, please could you make sure your child's jumper is clearly named. They often take off their jumpers when on the playground and naming them ensures children don't lose their uniform.

St Joseph's

Next week's core word of the week is: where?

<https://youtu.be/nktlHlxOGQA>



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

March 2026

March continues the season of Lent, a time when children are encouraged to slow down, reflect, and prepare their hearts for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

Across the month, children will listen to Scripture, take time to pray, and reflect on how Jesus guides and strengthens them, during their Lenten journey and throughout their lives.

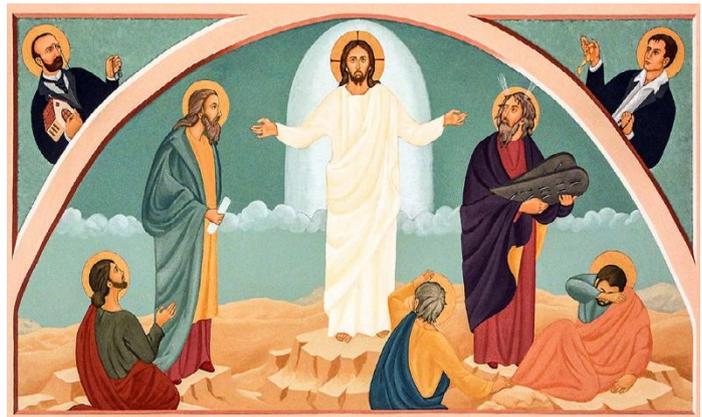
This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

GLORY - WE SAY 'YES!'

In the week beginning 2nd March, children reflect on the Gospel account of when Jesus revealed His glory to some of His closest friends. Through the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), children learn how Jesus chose to show who He truly is to Peter, James and John, helping them to see more clearly and grow their faith and trust in Him.

In this special moment of revelation, God the Father's voice affirmed Jesus as His beloved Son.

Children are encouraged to think about what it means to believe in who Jesus truly is and how they can grow closer to Him as His friends. They are also invited to reflect on ways they can recognise and give thanks for Jesus' presence in their own lives, even when they cannot see Him as the disciples did.



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

- Look at an image of the Transfiguration and ask what your child notices about Jesus and the disciples.

- Talk together about what it means to give God glory, perhaps by noticing good things in your day and saying thank you for them.
- Share a quiet moment together, inviting your child to talk about what they are learning about Jesus and how they are getting to know Him better.

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 20th March.

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