



# St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers

This week, we have been celebrating Book Week and World Book Day. The purpose of this annual celebration is to promote reading for pleasure, ensuring every one of our pupils has the opportunity to have a book of their own. It has been a fun filled 5 days, with children of different ages, sharing their favourite stories with one another. Throughout the week we have had family members come in as 'Mystery Readers' who visited classrooms to read stories to our pupils. I would like to thank those family members who gave up some of their time this week to come in and take part — the children absolutely loved it!

Today, we held our 'Dressing up as a Book Character Day' and it was great to see all our children dressed as their favourite book characters – our staff joined in too! As well as dressing up, our pupils were also encouraged to bring the book that their character appears in, to share with their class. I would like to say thank you to all our parents and carers who helped with their children's costumes this year, whether they were purchased or made at home, these costumes and Dress up Days are what many of our children will remember as they grow older.

The Masked Reader returned for another year and the identities of the masked readers were revealed in our Achievement Assemblies this morning. It was another tricky one this year, so well done to those who guessed them all correctly! The big reveal is always fun and I must say that we have some budding detectives at St Ursula's who were able to see minute details that weren't spotted by everyone. Did you manage to guess all the masked readers?

Lastly, my biggest 'thank you' goes to Mrs Stone and Miss Gilligan, whose creative thinking and thorough planning has made this week possible and successful!

### THE BIG LENT WALK - CAFOD

During Lent, the RE Monitors have discussed ways in which we can support our global neighbours and put our faith into action! With this in mind, they decided to choose the charity CAFOD in order to raise money.

Mrs Hall and our RE monitors sent out a letter to parents and carers today explaining The Big Lent Walk. During Lent, St Ursula's pupils will be walking as much as possible to reach a whole school target of 200km. The children will be walking during school time with their teachers and the distance will totalled up at the end.

Any donation will be gratefully received. Please send cash in an envelope to the school office with CAFOD donation clearly marked on it. Alternatively, you can donate via Schoolcomms.

Today, our Science Lead, Mrs Claydon, met Coopers Coburn STEM coordinator and science specialist, Mr Galvin, to discuss creating Science links between St Ursula's and The Coopers' Company and Coborn School. The meeting was extremely useful, and we will be looking to run Science workshops, lessons, and visits to Coopers in the future. To further develop our Science plans, Mrs Claydon took the opportunity to ask Mr Galvin about gaps in Science Knowledge that Secondary schools see when children arrive in Year 7.

Mr Galvin met with our Super Scientists and they were able to share their favourite aspects of Science and discuss what science workshops they would like to see at St Ursula's.



Mr Ashburn

### Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Matthew's	99.17%
2	St Jude's	98.75%
3	St Martin's	98.75%
4	St Philomena's	98.75%
5	St Paul's	98.33%

### SPRING TERM DATES

- 10th March — PTA Meeting and Coffee Morning
- 16th March — Year 5 Miles the Mole Air Pollution Workshop
- 17th March Science Dress-up Day
- 28th March — Easter Production
- 29th March — Yr1 & Yr2 Road Safety Workshop
- 30th March – End of Term reports sent out (KS1 & KS2)
- 30th March – Curriculum Celebration Afternoon (KS1 & KS2)
- 31st March – Whole School Mass & Easter Egg Hunt

### EASTER RAFFLE

Following the success of our Christmas Raffle, we are now running an Easter Raffle for our families. To be in with a chance of winning a luxury Easter hamper, please make a donation via our Schoolcomms system.

For every 50p you donate, one raffle ticket will be put into the draw with your name on. The winning tickets will be drawn on Wednesday, 29th March and the winners advised by telephone. Arrangements will then be made for the collection of the prizes.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

# You are a reader

There is a book for everyone -  
our top tips will help you find yours!



EXPLORE  
the books in  
front of you

1. Check out the  
front cover

Does it make you  
want to find out more  
about the book?

2. Drawn in by  
what you see?

Read the blurb on the  
back - does it make you  
want to read the book?

5. Still stuck? Get a  
recommendation

Ask a friend, family  
member, teacher or  
librarian to recommend  
a book they enjoyed.

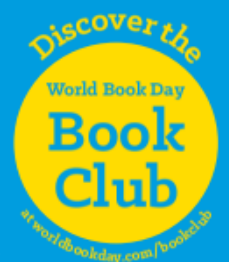
4. Get reading or  
have another  
go at finding  
the right book  
for you!

3. The first  
page check

Does the first page make  
you want to carry on  
reading the rest of  
the book?

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- Audiobooks
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# SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
2023  
11.00am – 3.30pm**



**FREE ENTRY**

**Inflatables | Arts and Crafts Stalls | Refreshments & Hot Food | DJ & Karaoke | Games and Fun | Raffles | Face Painting | Dance & Music performances | Much much more!**



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