



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It is time to create a new 'Vision' at St Ursula's. A vision is a statement outlining where the school is heading. Our vision will be our aim for what we want our school to be like in three to five years' time. It will define the pupil experience and what we want our pupils to take away when they attend St Ursula's.

For our new vision to be effective, we must ensure that the whole school community is aiming for the same goal. It is important to listen to everyone's ideas. By listening to everyone in the wider school community, we can look out for recurring themes, to find the essence of what our school's future means to us all.

School staff and governors were given an opportunity to share their ideas during a Vision Day on September 2nd 2021. Now I would like parents and carers to give me their views. If you would like to support the school in creating a new vision, please answer the questions below:

1. What do you consider to be the school's strengths?
2. What would you like to see more of at St Ursula's?
3. What do you hope for each child as they journey through the school?
4. What have you seen in our school recently that you really liked?
5. If you were talking to a friend who didn't know our school, how would you describe it?
6. What changes would you like to have made to our school five years from now?

Please send your answers to : office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk

NEXT WEEK'S THEME: PUPIL VOICE

Next week's theme is 'Pupil Voice'. Pupil voice groups provide children with the opportunity to have a real say in the issues that affect them and allow them to make positive contributions towards the development of our school.

Pupil Voice is central to the ethos of St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. Our children are enthusiastic and confident to share their views and opinions. They listen to each other and are passionate about keeping each other safe. These groups help promote British values such as democracy that will ensure our pupils develop a strong sense of social and moral responsibility.

Next week pupils will be voting for who they want to represent them in the pupil voice groups. New members will be announced on Friday, 24th September 2021. More information can be found by clicking the following link: <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/school-life/pupil-voice>

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL MEETING—FRIDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER

This year, our Year 6 pupils will be attending a 4 day residential at Essex Outdoor, Danbury. The trip will take place on the 7th – 10th June 2021. Mr Fielder and Miss Gilligan will be hosting a Year 6 residential parent/carer meeting to share key information about this trip. This meeting will take place on Friday, 24th September at 2:45pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. For those who cannot attend, all information shared during this meeting will be uploaded on the school website.

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Martin's	100%
2	St Jude's	100%
3	St Catherine's	99.57%
4	St Paul's	99.07%
5	St John's	98.7%

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Breakfast Club is open. To book a place for your child/ren please use our Schoolcomms booking system. If you require any help or guidance with this booking system, please contact the school office on 01708 345200.

WONDERYEARS

Wonderyears After school club takes place between 3:00-6:00pm in the KS1 hall. For any enquiries or to book please either email, call or WhatsApp:

Tel: 0770 777 1114

Email: enquiries@wonderyears.co.uk

Website: <https://wonderyears.co.uk/>

PARENT WORKSHOP

Parent Zone is running an online parent workshop that focuses on keeping children safe online. Internet safety has never been more important – and parents/carers need the tools and knowledge to help their children stay safer online.

The workshop takes place on Thursday 30th September at 10am. Join the session by clicking this link: meet.google.com/lbr-cuje-opy

The session lasts for approximately 45 minutes

HELLO YELLOW

We will be joining thousands of other schools, offices and communities on Friday, 8th October by taking part in #HelloYellow and raising money to support the work of Young Minds. We are asking all pupils to wear yellow - let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health! Saying #HelloYellow this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health



SEASON OF CREATION

From Wednesday, 1st September, until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October, we are in the "Season of Creation", an initiative from Pope Francis. At St Ursula's we have marked the Season of Creation by ordering over 100 tree saplings that will be planted on our school site. The saplings will be delivered in March 2022. Our pupils will be planting a variety of species such as hawthorn, rowan, blackthorn, silver birch, hazel and common oak. These types of trees are perfect for establishing food and shelter for wildlife and will create a living legacy for future generations.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WEEK - GOOD FRIEND AWARD

To celebrate the end of this week's theme, one child from each class was chosen to receive a 'Good Friend Award'. These pupils have shown a positive attitude towards friendships in school. Congratulations to our winners and thank you to PC Wayne for visiting today!



AUTUMN TERM 1 DATES

- 24th September— Year 6 Residential Trip meeting
- 24th September—Nearly New Uniform Shop
- 12th October — Year 2 & 4 Harvest Festival assemblies
- 15th October—Nearly New Uniform Shop
- 18th—20th October—Parent Consultation Evenings
- 21st October—St Ursula's Day
- 22nd October—International Day
- 25th—29th October—Half Term Break
- 1st November— Inset Day — SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2nd November— Pupils return

UPDATE ON COVID-19

CONTROL MEASURES

Our updated Covid-19 documents are now viewable on the school website.

Previous communication stated that parents can help us keep the school safe by having their children take a lateral flow test prior to returning to school each Monday & Wednesday morning.

This advice was given in error. Children under 11 are not required to take lateral flow tests; however the Government has encouraged members of nursery and primary school children's households to take part in twice-weekly tests using rapid lateral flow tests.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SHOP

Our Nearly New Uniform shop will be open on Friday, 24th September between 8:30 and 10:30am. This will take place in the Key Stage 1 building. Please be aware that we can only accommodate 5 adults at a time. We would like to request that parent wear masks when visiting the shop.