



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have had a good week. As stated in my previous newsletter, Pupil Voice is central to the ethos of St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. Last week, our pupils voted for other children in their class, who they thought would best voice their views and ideas to the school. Congratulations to those who were voted in!

This week our pupils were given the opportunity to share their ideas for our new school vision and we received some wonderful comments. Below are a few examples:

"We love and care for each other. We are a big family." Year 1 pupils

"The school is special because it is culturally diverse which is celebrated." Year 6 pupils

"Our relationship with Jesus and God makes our school special. No matter what happens we always stick together." Year 3 pupils

"We have Bounce Back that teaches us how to deal with problems— At St Ursula's we are allowed to express our feelings." Year 5 pupils

"Our school is different to other local schools because of our faith. We learn about other religions and are taught about being equal and fair." Year 4 pupils

As well as sharing their views, our pupils also gave us ideas on how to improve the school. Below are some of their ideas:

1. Creating a wellbeing room for pupils to relax and share their emotions.
2. More playground equipment at break and lunch time.
3. Greater opportunities to cook during the school year.
4. More plants and flowers planted around the school grounds.

The views and ideas of our pupils are extremely important and I'm looking forward to using them to create our new vision. Mr Ashburn

PARENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to those parents and carers who answered the questions from my previous newsletter. It was great to read your views and to hear about the changes you would like to see made at St Ursula's Catholic Primary School. A few ideas stood out:

1. Increasing sports clubs to support mental health.
2. Providing clubs specifically for SEND pupils.
3. To provide opportunities to bring the school community closer again, now that Covid-19 restrictions are loosening.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As part of Black History Month we will be celebrating Black History through assemblies, lessons and events. This year, these activities will focus on inspirational Holy men and women. Children will be learning about Holy people who lived their lives in Ghana, the Sudan, Madagascar, Uganda, the Congo, Nigeria, South Africa, Peru, Haiti, Cuba, the United States, Spain, Italy, and Papua New Guinea.

Celebrating Black History Month through our faith will provide our children with a broad and balanced perspective of our world.

We will end October with "Cultural Diversity Week" and during this week children will take part in activities including arts and music from around the world. The week will conclude on Friday 22nd October with International Day where Year 6 will be creating an international food market. On this day, children can dress up in traditional dress or the colours of any country they have links with

Finally... I would like to say a big thank you to the **Harold Hill Wombles and Mc Donald's staff** who cleared the woodlands and grass verges next to our school. Now safe, we hope to start using the woodlands as part of our Science lessons!

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Teresa's	100%
2	St Edmund's	98.28%
3	St Jude's	98.21%
4	St Matthew's	98.05%
5	St Margaret's	97.84%

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/>

ASSEMBLIES

I am pleased to announce that Class/Year group assemblies are returning this year. Those occurring in the Autumn Term can be found on the school calendar on our website. Parents/Carers are invited back to celebrate our assemblies with our pupils but there will be control measure in place to ensure our halls are well ventilated as per government guidance. We ask that where possible Parents/Carers take a lateral flow test prior to visiting the school and not to attend if they are not well and/or if they are showing any symptoms associated with Covid.