



St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week brought with it our Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs. The children have worked towards these tests since they arrived at the school, so were well prepared by their teachers and support staff. The confidence and resilience displayed by our children this week was outstanding. During the week, to calm pre-test nerves, the children of Year 6 were invited in from 8.20am for hot chocolate, toast and juice. This gave them, a chance to relax and prepare themselves for the tests — It was wonderful to hear them singing on the morning of their final test. A big 'thank you' to all the staff who supported them during this week!

PARENTS & CARERS HAVE SPOKEN!

We received 102 responses to our Parent and Carer Survey. As you'll see from the data below, the vast majority were extremely positive! We'll be using this feedback to make changes at St. Ursula's.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
My child is happy at school.	70	29	1	2	0
My child feels safe at this school.	78	22	1	1	0
My child makes good progress at this school.	70	29	2	1	0
My child is well looked after at this school.	72	27	3	0	0
My child is taught well at this school.	71	28	3	0	0
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	54	37	4	0	7
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved.	68	28	2	0	4
This school deals effectively with bullying.	56	33	3	0	10
This school is well led and managed.	61	38	2	0	1
This school is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.	70	30	1	1	0
The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	65	34	2	0	1
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	61	36	2	2	1
There are a good range of extracurricular activities (Clubs) for my child to enjoy.	45	42	4	1	10
I would recommend the school to another parent.	75	23	1	1	2

Attendance TOP FIVE

1	St Matthew's	100%
2	St Martin's	99.26%
3	St Margaret's	98.85%
4	St Luke's	98.81%
5	St Anne's	98.78%

SUMMER TERM DATES

- 16th—19th May: Key Stage 1 SATs
- 20th May: Class photos
- 23rd May-25th May: Parent Phone Consultations
- 25th May: Yr 4 Weald Park trip
- 26th May: Yr 2 Eastbury Manor House trip
- 27th May: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Picnic
- 30th May - 3rd June: Half Term
- 6th June: Yr 3 Verulamium Roman Museum trip
- 7th -10th June: Year 6 Residential
- 13th June: Year 5 trip to Rainham Marshes
- 20th—23rd June: Sports Week
- 24th June: Yr 6 Citizenship trip
- 1st July: Bouncy Castle Day
- 6th July: Yr 6 Leavers' Mass
- 7th July: Yr 6 Leavers' production & Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- 11th July: Class Transition Day
- 14th July: Curriculum Celebration Afternoon and End of Year reports sent out
- 22nd July: Start of School Holidays

2022 SURVEY OVERVIEW

97.1%

Feel their children are happy at St Ursula's.

98.1%

Say their children feel safe at St Ursula's.

97.1%

Feel their children are looked after at St Ursula's.

97.1%

Feel their children are well taught at St Ursula's.

94.1%

Feel pupils are well behaved at St Ursula's.
3.9% don't know.

87.2%

Feel the school deals with bullying effectively.
9.8% don't know.

98.1%

Feel St Ursula's is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.

97.1%

Feel St Ursula's responds well to concerns raised.

85.2%

Feel we provide a good range of extracurricular clubs. 9.8% don't know.

96%

Would recommend the school to another parent

97.1%

Feel their children make good progress at St Ursula's.

89.3%

Feel homework is age appropriate. 6.8% don't know.

97%

Feel the school is well led and managed.

95%

Feel they receive valuable information about their child's progress.

PARENT & CARER FEEDBACK

We asked: "What are the best things about our school?"

"Our school is like a second home, where teachers are guardians. This is the best place to gain knowledge from experts, develop and discover new things and meet friends. For me, the best thing about our school is definitely the teachers. They not only teach but really support everyone." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

"All staff are incredibly hard working and care a lot about their pupils. My child has really enjoyed their first year at the school – Thank you!" **EYFS Parent**

"The teaching staff are very good at nurturing and developing childrens' academic skills. Also, they have been great at keeping us updated with my child's school life." **Key Stage 1 Parent**

"I find the staff to be very caring and nurturing. They care about the well-being of the students and are extremely attentive." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

"Every child is treated in their own unique way to mirror their needs." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

"Giving parents the opportunity to support their children." **Key Stage 1 Parent**

"Promotes and encourages the Catholic way of life." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

"There are a wide range of themed days/ topic days which make students excited about their learning." **Key Stage 1 Parent**

"The diversity, wide range of in-class activities and the teachers." **EYFS Parent**

"Communication with parents and good ethos." **Key Stage 1 Parent**

"The school produces children that are well behaved, with good morals and who are academically excellent." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

"Pupils are supported to understand more about their faith." **Key Stage 1 Parent**

"St Ursula's is a fantastic school. As a Catholic school it helps our children become respectful and responsible." **Key Stage 2 Parent**

PARENTS' PHONE CONSULTATIONS 23RD -25TH MAY

The booking system for Parents' Phone Consultation Evening will be live from Monday 16th May 2022.

During your phone consultation appointment, your child's teacher will discuss your child's personal development and academic progress since the Spring Term; highlight any attendance or punctuality concerns if relevant and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. The call will be made from a withheld number, so please ensure that you are available at the time of your booked call, so that the teachers can keep to time for the ongoing appointments.

FUNDRAISING @ ST URSULA'S

At St Ursula's, we recognise the importance of following the call of Jesus to live our lives with a commitment to the greater good. Through fundraising and other works of charity, we are developing in our children their understanding of the responsibility that has been placed upon us to do what we can, to show our support of God's family. Our commitment to the support of those less fortunate than ourselves leads us to support both local, national and international organisations and charities in their work with those in need throughout the course of the academic year.

Last term our children completed a 'Walk Against Hunger' where all classes took time to walk as many steps as possible to raise awareness of malnutrition and hunger around the world. The winning class was St John's with 189,480 steps in a week. We raised £139 for CAFOD in total -half will be sent to the 'Walk Against Hunger Appeal' and the other half to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal to support all those fleeing conflict in their country. Thank you for your donations.



This week, we received the following email messages following fundraising earlier in the academic year:

Dear Mrs Jones,

On behalf of all the team here at the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, we would like to thank all the staff, the children, and the parents of the school for the very kind and generous donation of £195.50 that we received in the post today from the donation boxes you used at Advent. We would like to assure you that your donation will help us continue our work with children, young people and their families who turn to us for our specialist services. Please accept our heartfelt thanks for continuing to take an interest in our work, responding to our need and supporting us in our endeavours. With kind regards and thanks.



Good afternoon,

I wanted to write and thank you for your generous donation of £600, please find an official receipt attached. We are so grateful for your support; it does really mean a lot to us here at The Charlie Waller Trust. We are continuing to expand our charitable activity as the need for our work is more important than ever, following the pandemic and its impact on mental health. Without donations such as yours we could not do this.

Best Wishes.



Kind regards,

Mr Ashburn