

St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 25.09.2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1

Faith – Charlotte
Respect – Eliza-Grace
Kindness – Luca
Honesty - Nuriel
Resilience - Danny

Key Stage 2

Faith – Joy
Respect – Boris
Kindness – Iuliana
Honesty - Isaiah
Resilience - Giselle

Whole School

Please join us for a coffee and a chat,
All welcome in the library @8.45am.
Looking forward to seeing you.
2nd October 2026.



Harvest Donations

We are once again collecting non-perishable items for the Harold Hill Foodbank as part of our Harvest charitable activities.

This collection is a wonderful opportunity for our children to put our Catholic Social Teaching values into action – specifically demonstrating Solidarity, Human Dignity, and the Common Good by supporting local families.



Please send donations into school with your child to be collected in their classrooms by **Monday 5th October**.

The following items are always needed:

Tinned goods: Vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, and soup.

Packet foods: Rice, pasta, and instant noodles.

Breakfast essentials: Cereals, porridge oats, long-life milk, and fruit juice.

Thank you for your continued kindness and support!



Rights Respecting

Our rights of the week are: Article 7 – Name and nationality.

Article 2 – No Discrimination

These both link really well with our Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity.



Nursery

Nursery Library Books

Your child will be bringing home a book every **Friday** from our Nursery library. At St. Ursula's we want to develop a love for reading. Sharing books together is an important stage in your child's reading development. All children in Nursery will have the opportunity to borrow a book from our book corner to share with you. The children can choose any book that interests them. We kindly ask that books are returned on every **Friday** before a new book is sent home.

It is expected that each book is read and shared at least three times at home.

The first time you read is to familiarise with the story and the characters.

The second time you read is to encourage your child to point at the pictures and remember some new words.

The third time you read is to gain a deeper understanding and to encourage your child to use simple or complex sentences about the story.

Before reading the book:

Point to the title and look at the front and back covers.

What do you think this story will be about?

During the reading of the book:

What is happening in the pictures?

What sort of character is...? Is he/she friendly, nice...?

At the end of the book:

Did you like this book? Why?

Encourage children to develop their opinion about books by encouraging them to explain their reasons.



Reception

RWI Virtual Classroom

At St. Ursula's we use the Read Write Inc. Scheme to teach phonics. We have access to the virtual classroom which enables us to send you links to videos that the children can watch at home to help them with their developing phonic knowledge. Your child will have come home today with a letter that has QR codes which will allow you to access the RWI Virtual Classroom. Please use these links to support your child with their phonics development.

Water Bottles: Can you please ensure that your child comes to school everyday with a water bottle and the water bottle is named. Thank you.

Reading Folders: Your child will be coming home with a reading folder. Please read with your child. We ask that you read with them 5 times a week. There is more information in the folder. We will change the books every FRIDAY. Thank you.

Milk: A reminder for all parents to register with **Cool Milk** to receive free milk in school for your child until they are 5 years old. <https://customers.coolmilk.com/V2/register/> .

If your child is telling you they **DO NOT** like the milk, please de-register them from the milk list. Thank you.

Year 1

KS1 Phonics Meeting

We will be hosting a 'PHONICS MEETING' on **Friday 5th October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm**. During this meeting Mrs Stone will demonstrate a Read Write Inc. Phonics lesson with the children for you to observe. There will then be an opportunity for you to participate in a lesson as you explore and learn about the Read Write Inc. resources your child is using. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the Read Write Inc. scheme and the Year 1 Phonic Screening test and learn how you can support your child in this area.

RWI Virtual Classroom

In your child's reading folder you will find sheets with QR codes which will allow you to access the RWI Virtual Classroom. Please use these links to support your child with their phonics development.

Visit to Hildene Library – Thursday, 12th November

The Year 1 classes will be walking to Hildene library during our morning session on Thursday, 12th November. The visit forms part of our Geography work on our local area and gives the children the opportunity to

develop their knowledge of significant places within their own locality whilst using simple fieldwork and observational skills to identify human and physical features in the surrounding area.

Please use SchoolComms to give your consent for your child to walk to the library with their class by Thursday, 15th October. The children will be back in time for lunch.

Year 2

Year 2 Harvest Assembly

Thank you for supporting your child in learning their words for the upcoming Harvest assembly. Please continue to help your child to learn these lines and to use their big voices! Our Year 2's will be presenting a Harvest assembly to parents on Tuesday 6th October at 9am.

Phonics Meeting

We will be hosting a 'PHONICS MEETING' on **Friday 3rd October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm**. During this meeting Mrs Stone will demonstrate a Read Write Inc. Phonics lesson with the children for you to observe. There will then be an opportunity for you to participate in a lesson as you explore and learn about the Read Write Inc. resources your child is using. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the Read Write Inc. scheme and the Year 1 Phonic Screening test and learn how you can support your child in this area.

RWI Virtual Classroom

In your child's reading folder you will find sheets with QR codes which will allow you to access the RWI Virtual Classroom. Please use these links to support your child with their phonics development.

Great Fire Of London Theatre Workshop

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 2 visit from Trunk Theatre on Thursday 26th November 2026. This visit links to our Autumn 2 Inspire Curriculum topic – The Great Fire of London and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in the story of what happened.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. Learn the story of the fire of London.
2. Understand how we know about the fire of London.
3. Find out what happened after the fire.

The timings for the day are as follows: The Theatre troupe will arrive in school hours. The visit will take place in the afternoon in the school hall and finish well before home time.

The cost of this visit will be £8.75 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Friday 20th November 2026. By paying for the school visit you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may do so via Schoolcomms. Please contact the School Office to give permission for your child to participate in the visit.

Year 3

D&T – Cooking:

As part of our current D&T unit, we will be planning and cooking a savoury tart. In order to cover the cost of the ingredients, we are asking for **a donation of £1.25 per child. Please make the payment via SchoolComms by Monday 28th September.**

Grammar Pages: Please complete pg.8-9 this week.

Year 4

Educational Visit to Weald Country Park.

We are pleased to inform you that we have arranged a Year 4 trip to **Weald Country Park on Wednesday 14th October**. This trip links to our current Inspire topic – "What is it like to live in The United Kingdom?" and will be an excellent opportunity for the children to put their Geography learning into practise.

The educational objectives for the visit are:

1. Improving fieldwork skills by partaking in a scavenger hunt.
2. Identifying and classifying a variety of plants and wildlife.
3. Making detailed observations and applying sketching skills to drawings.
4. Using compasses to follow directions.

The timings for the day are as follows: Children will be leaving school at **9.15am** and staying at the park for 2 hours, returning to school at **11.30am**.

Your child will not need a packed lunch.

The cost of this trip will be **£6.00 per child**. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by **Tuesday 9th October**. By paying for the school trip you will be providing your consent for your child to participate. If payment is not received, then we will take this as you not consenting for your child to participate.

If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding and you would like to contribute towards the cost, you may do so via Schoolcomms. Please contact the School Office to give permission for your child to participate in the trip.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hackett, Mrs Marshall or Mrs Clark.

Year 5

Egyptian Workshop – Year 5

On Friday 9th October, all children are welcomed to take part in our immersive Egyptian workshop at St. Ursula's Catholic Primary School. The school hall will be transformed into an Egyptian workshop with the morning involving crafting, acting and storytelling and ending in a performance and an Egyptian style banquet. **The cost of the experience is £13.50 per pupil and must be paid by Friday 2nd October. This can be paid via schoolcomms.**

We also ask the pupils to dress-up as an Egyptian for the day (along with the adults) in order to get into the spirit of the workshop. These outfits can be very simple (tunic and sandals) and made from items at home. For the tunic an oversized XL men's t-shirt or an old bedsheet with some string as a belt will suffice. As this workshop is occurring during October and the weather will be colder, it is acceptable for children to wear suitable footwear such as trainers or plimsols.

In addition, there is a **payment of £0.75 per pupil to be paid on schoolcomms**. This payment is to purchase the food for both the banquet at the workshop and for our Inspire cooking lesson towards the end of October. The children will be baking their own Egyptian style flatbread.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS AND REMINDERS:

Homework Expectations

Home Learning	Year 5						
	RE	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times tables	CLC
Weekly	RED: Strand based projects 1 piece per half-term	Reading daily for 15 minutes – school library book	Spelling Shed Spelling Shed worksheet	Grammar CGP – 2 pages to be assigned by the class teacher each week	Maths Shed	Times tables Rockstars	Topic based project - Complete 1 piece per half-term
Optional extra	Complete an additional project task.		Weekly Spelling Book - Writing Weekly spelling in a sentence Handwriting Pack (Please request a pack from the class teacher)				Complete an additional project task.

Important Information:

1. Please ensure that you check your child's homework before they hand it in every Thursday.
2. Please ensure that they only use grey writing pencil - no pens please.
3. In the CGP Grammar Book, children should only be completing 2 pages a week. These will be allocated by the class teacher and match the topic studied in class for that week.
4. Please do not encourage your child to complete more pages than those given.
5. This week, children should complete pages 30 and 32 (on tenses)

Thank you for your continued support.

Collection: Please remember to email the office if there is someone else (other than a parent) collecting your child, who is unknown to the Year 5 teacher. This will enable staff to dismiss children quickly, without delays. Please note that siblings collecting children must be aged 16 or over. Thank you.

Year 6

Apply for a secondary school place for September 2027

Important dates

Secondary school applications open on 1 September 2026

Secondary school applications close on 31 October 2026

Secondary National offer day is 1 March 2027

If your child is born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, they are due to start secondary school in September 2027. <https://www.havering.gov.uk/school-admissions-1/apply-secondary-school-place>

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent Year 6 Residential Meeting. For those who were unable to make it, the presentation PowerPoint will be uploaded to the school website within the next week so you can access all the shared information. <https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/year-6-residential-trip-2027>

As a summary, the children will be attending the Gilwell Park Scouts Adventure centre.

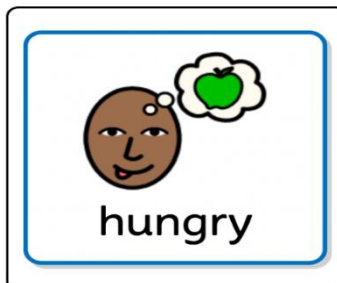
The total cost of the trip is £275 per child. A £50 deposit is required in October to secure your child's place, and a flexible payment plan is currently being set up via SchoolComms to help spread the remaining cost.

- £50 Friday 2nd October
- £45 Friday 6th November
- £45 Friday 4th December
- No Payment in January
- £45 Friday 5th February
- £45 Friday 4th March
- £45 Friday 2nd April

St Joseph's

Core Word of the Week-

Next week's core word of the week is 'hungry'.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=91C4CNdzK68>

Supporting Faith At Home



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions – September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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#

Generous and Just

This week, our children are exploring the beautiful truth of God's limitless love and mercy as we reflect together on the Sunday scripture.

In the Holy Gospel, Jesus shares the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. The vineyard owner calls workers at different times of the day—some early in the morning and others at the very last hour. Yet, when evening comes, he pays every single worker exactly the same. This story reveals a comforting truth: God's loving invitation is always open to every person, no matter when they choose to follow Him.

Living the Gospel: Generosity, Justice, and Trust

This parable challenges us to look at the world through God's eyes rather than our own. Human justice often says we should only get exactly what we earn. But God's justice is rooted in infinite generosity. He does not ration His love based on a stopwatch or a checklist; He gives it fully and abundantly to anyone who opens their heart to Him.

We are invited to:

Be Generous: To celebrate when others receive blessings, rather than feeling envious or comparing our journey to theirs.

Be Just: To recognise that every person is equally valued and loved in the eyes of God.

Trust in God's Decisions: To let go of our need to control the outcome and trust that God's ways are always higher, wiser, and more loving than our own.

Church Community