St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 02.10.2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Faith – Brume	Faith – Caden
Respect – Vyana	Respect – Quincy
Kindness – Zara	Kindness – Chidinma
Honesty - Michael	Honesty - Samuel
Resilience - Teodor	Resilience – Eva

Whole School

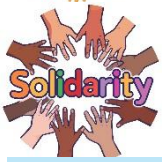
Harvest Donations

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!







Nursery

Uniform
Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including coats and shoes. If your child comes home with something which does not belong to them, please return to Nursery.
Thank you 😊

Book bags & key rings:
Just a reminder that children need their book bags in Nursery each day as the children creating drawings to share with you at home. Although key rings on the book bags help children to identify their bags, please ensure that these key rings are **small** and are **not soft toys**, as these become a distraction and cause the child to become distressed if lost / broken. Children should only have **one small key ring** on their bag for identification purposes only. Your support in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Reception

Year 1

Phonics Meeting
If you were unable to attend the 'PHONICS MEETING' this afternoon (**Friday 2nd October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm)** The power point used during the meeting will be put onto the school website. The first handout contains the **Common Exception Words** that children need to learn read and spell in Year 1 and 2 and on the opposite side a speed sound chart with all the set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. The second handout has a selection of recommended reads for your child in Year 1 and 2. These are books that are for you to read to your child and enjoy together.

RWI Virtual Classroom
In your child's reading folder last Friday, you will have found a sheet with QR codes which will allows you to access the RWI Virtual Classroom. Please continue to 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.** We look forward to seeing you all!

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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

Grammar Pages: Please complete pg. **74 and 75**

Maths – Column Method
Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing the written column method for addition and subtraction, a fundamental method that will be used throughout Key Stage 2. When first introduced, the children often find this method quite difficult and so in order to best prepare your child for these lessons, it would be incredibly beneficial for them to start practising it at home. Please use the following guidance to support the practise of the method at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z3kmrwx#zb8xfdm
It would be useful if you could go through the method with your child and help them to practise 2-digit + 2-digit sums, 3-digit + 3-digit sums, 3-digit - 2-digit sums and 3-digit -3digit sums.

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 but they may bring a small snack for the trip. Please also ensure they wear sensible clothing appropriate for the weather, such as a warm jacket and welly boots if needed.

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.



Class Dojo Trial

A letter went home last Friday informing Year 4 parents about our Class Dojo trial. Thank you to the parents who have already signed the Parent User Agreement. If you have not signed it yet, you can follow this link: Class Dojo Parent User Agreement – Fill in form. Only once you have signed this, you will be given your child's log in details.

Important note: It may say that Mrs Clark is your child's class teacher – this is only because Mrs Clark has set Class Dojo up for every class and is therefore linked to all the classes. Your child's class teacher is linked and will be the main person awarding points to your child.

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:

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. Please do not encourage your child to complete more pages than those given.
4. This week the children will be completing pages 62,63 and 64 (extra page to be completed this week).
5. Please check that you child **uses capitals and full stops**-they should be using these consistently in Year 5.

Thank you for your continued support.

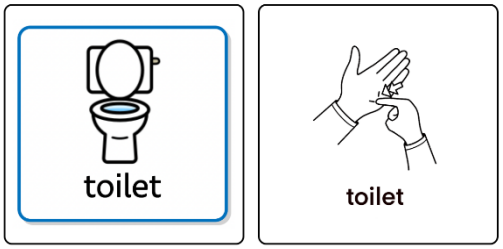
Collection: Please remember to **email the office if there is someone else (other than a parent) collecting your child, who is unknown to the Year 5 teacher**. This will enable staff to dismiss children quickly, without delays. Please note that siblings collecting children must be aged 16 or over. Thank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

Year 6

St Joseph's

Core Word of the week

Next week's core word of the week is 'toilet'.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjJ6wgJoWSM



Parents Evening

Mrs Butler and Mrs Kent will be holding Parents Evening for parents of pupils who access St Joseph's. Mrs Upton, St Joseph's class teacher, will also be available. These slots are additional to the main class slots and are bookable by telephoning the school office and speaking to Mrs Homes.

Supporting Faith At Home



The Pope's Monthly Prayer Intentions – October

For mental health ministry.

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

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#

ACTIONS LOUDER THAN WORDS

In the week beginning 28 September, children will think about listening carefully and responding with their actions. Through a modern-day version of Jesus' parable of the 'Two Sons' (Matthew 21:28–32), children are encouraged to reflect on how what we do is more important than what we say we will do.
Children will also learn about St Thérèse of Lisieux, who showed that little actions of gratitude and helpfulness can make a big difference to others. They will be invited to consider how they can follow Jesus through their choices, words and actions.
With your child/ren, you may also like to…

- Talk about the importance of doing something you say you will do, or a time when someone's actions spoke louder than their words.
- Discuss small acts of kindness your family could do this week.

- Watch and discuss the modern day parable with your child/ren ‘A Tale of Two Brothers’, available on the Parent Portal.

October – Rosary Challenge
This October, our school is celebrating the Month of the Holy Rosary. Throughout the month, children across all year groups will be exploring the Rosary—learning some of the key prayers, learning about the meaning behind the beads, exploring the mysteries, and discovering how this special prayer helps us hold Mary’s hand as she leads us closer to Jesus.

To support your children at home, you could take part in ***The Mark 10 Mission's 2026 Rosary Challenge***.
https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge
Every weekday in October, there is a short, guided video uploaded to support you in praying a single decade of the Rosary together. This year's daily mystery videos are led by Greg, Fr Paschal Uche, and Fr Toby Lees OP from the Rosary Shrine in London. The little liturgies videos support our younger pupils with the Mark10Mission videos supporting our older pupils.

Church Community