St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 9th October 2026

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Faith – Louis	Faith – Caydence
Respect – Lillyanne	Respect – Alexandra
Kindness – Christiana	Kindness – Katie
Honesty - James	Honesty – Lydia
Resilience -Hallel	Resilience - Edgar

Whole School

International Day –

Our much-anticipated International Day is scheduled for Thursday 15th October. On this day, Year 6 pupils will create an international market of food and games, which each year group will have the opportunity to visit. On this day, all pupils from nursery to Year 6 are invited to wear the traditional clothes from their country or dress in the colours of their countries' flag.

The International Day market will be open for children from Year 1 to Year 5.

Please note that important changes have been made this year to support the latest guidance on food safety and allergens:

- All recipes will be completely nut-free.
- Allergens will be clearly displayed at every food stall.
- No hot food will be sold at the market.
- Food is not to be eaten at school. The school will provide each pupil with a Tupperware container so they can safely bring their chosen food items home to be enjoyed.

The children will need the following for the day:

- Money for the market stalls (Most items and games cost between £0.20 to £1.00, so children will not need more than £5).

Pupils from all year groups are invited to wear Traditional clothing or clothing representing their country that day.

Rights Respecting

Our right of the week is: Article 24 – Health and Environment

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

Harvest festival – Thank you



Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and support during our Harvest collection for the Harold Hill Foodbank.

Thanks to your kindness, our children have wonderfully demonstrated our Catholic Social Teaching values of Solidarity, Human Dignity, and the Common Good in a practical and meaningful way. The generous donations of tinned goods, packet foods, and breakfast essentials sent into the classrooms will provide vital relief and comfort to local families in our community.

Nursery

'Achievements at Home – Wow Moments'

We are kindly asking to complete the 'Achievements at Home' sheets of any **new achievements**, **successes** or **special events** in your child's experience. Write a brief explanation and return them to nursery so that we can share these 'wow moments' and display them in the child's 'Learning Journey' book.

Remember that every new skill is an achievement which could be celebrated and acknowledged.

We look forward to sharing each child's achievements.

Reception

Reception phonics Meeting

We will we be hosting a phonics meeting on Friday 16th October from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. During this meeting Mrs Stone speak to you about the Read Write Inc Scheme that is used to teach phonics throughout the school and how you can support your child at home with their phonics development.

Year 1

KS1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the KS1 phonics meeting. If you were unable to attend please click on the link to the Power Point used within the meeting.

https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/curriculum/phonics

Year 2

KS1 Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the KS1 phonics meeting. If you were unable to attend please click on the link to the Power Point used within the meeting.

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Year 2 Harvest Assembly

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our Year 2 Harvest Assembly. We are very proud of the children and how they presented themselves. They used their biggest voices and sang beautifully. Thank you for your support and amazing donations.



Year 3

Money for D&T cooking:

A reminder that the payment of £1.25 is due to cover the cost of ingredients for our D&T cooking lessons. Please make the payment via SchoolComms. If payment is not received, then we will take this an indication that you do not wish for your child to take part.

Grammar Pages: Please complete pg. 38 and 39

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

Reminder Educational Visit to Weald Country Park.

Just a reminder regarding our school trip:

Location: Weald Country Park

Date: Wednesday 14th October.

Leaving time 9.15am

Return time: 11.30am.

Your child will not need a packed lunch but they may bring a small snack and water bottle for the trip. Please also ensure they wear sensible clothing appropriate for the weather, such as a warm jacket and welly boots if needed.

Gently reminder that the cost of this trip will be £6.00 per child. Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Monday 12th of October if not already made.

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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.

Thank you to our parent helpers who will be attending.

Year 5

Grammar Pages: Please complete pages 16 and 17.

Year 6

International Day Preparations

International Day is also our children's official Enterprise Day. Working in groups, students are fully encouraged to take ownership and plan their own stalls. Together, they will be deciding:

Food: What cultural dishes or treats they will be making and sharing.

Decorations: How they will design and decorate their stall to represent their chosen theme.

Activities: Any fun competitions, quizzes, or traditional games they want to run.

Please encourage your children to work together, share ideas, and collaborate at home as they start this exciting project. We cannot wait to see their entrepreneurial spirit and cultural pride shine!

A letter was sent to parents last week detailing the expectations for parents. Please ensure all recipes and ingredients have been sent to the school office no later than Monday 12th October. Thank you to all those parents who have already sent their recipes in, we have been looking over them. You will only hear back from us if you need to make a change to one of the ingredients.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to school at 8am on Thursday 15th October; the KS2 school hall will be open for parents to help their children set up their stalls. At 2pm parents and family members of Year 6 will be allowed to attend international day as customers. We love having some time for all of our families to celebrate this day together, and we look forward to seeing you all. We thank you for your continued support.

A reminder that the child who is bringing in the float will need to bring this in on Monday 12th October to ensure it can be counted and verified before Thursday so we are able to record totals in order to give floats back after the event.

St Matthew's - No Swimming 15th October - Due to international day St. Matthew's will not be swimming on Thursday this week. Swimming will resume the week after half term.

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

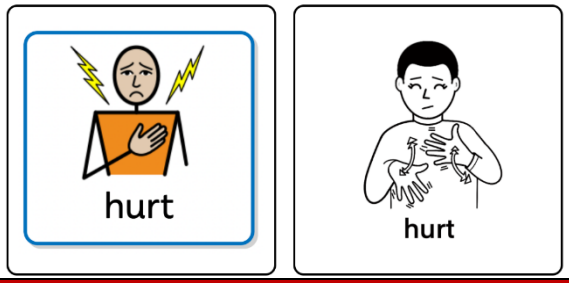
Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the recent Year 6 Residential Meeting. For those who were unable to make it, the presentation PowerPoint will be uploaded to the school website within the next week so you can access all the shared information. https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/year-6-residential-trip-2027
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 'hurt'.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZCki9uaeGI



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.

The 10th October is world mental health day, please think of those who may need your prayers on this day.

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#

LOVE AND RESPECT

In the week beginning 5 October, children will reflect on the difference between showing respect and rejecting others. Through Jesus' parable of the tenants in the vineyard (Matthew 21:33-43), they will consider the choices people make and how their words and actions can show love and respect.
The assembly encourages children to listen to Jesus' message of love and think about how they can respond to Him each day. They will also hear about St Francis of Assisi, who listened to God's message of love and showed care for people who were poor, welcomed those who were forgotten and treated Creation with kindness.
With your child/ren, you may also like to…

- *Talk about what respect can look and sound like at home, at school and in your community.*

- *Try the assembly's one-minute challenge: spend one minute in silence when you wake up or before bedtime, remembering Jesus' message of love.*
- *Find out a little more about St Francis of Assisi and choose one way your family could follow his example by caring for other people or for Creation. You may like to use our prayer resource for St Francis' feast day (4th October) from 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

This Sunday 11 October, Most Holy Redeemer church is collecting at 11am Mass for the Harvest Festival. Please bring non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Bank.