St Ursula's Catholic Primary School

Weekly News Bulletin

Date – 16.10.26

School Values Winners

EYFS & Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Faith – Seraphine	Faith – Nkunim
Respect – Adonnaya	Respect – Jommy
Kindness – Ayzel	Kindness – Josephine
Honesty - Oliwia	Honesty - Iremide
Resilience -Sienna	Resilience - Riva-Mae

Whole School



Next week our pupils will be taking part in the NSPCC's PANTS rules lessons. During these lessons we will aim to teach our pupils important safety skills. We will be teaching our pupils how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse.

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons will introduce a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age appropriate. If you want to find out more, please watch the parents/carers video on the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lWxcah_qMRM

Rights Respecting

Our right of the week is: Article 27 – Food, clothing and a safe home.
This link really well with our Catholic Social Teaching of Distributive Justice.



Nursery

During this term and after, we are having a drive on independence. At this stage in your child's development, promoting independence is extremely important. Independence is about learning to do things for oneself, which includes making decisions and taking on responsibility. As children master new skills or take on some responsibility, they begin to see themselves as being capable. This gives them added confidence and makes them more likely to try out new things.

If you could clearly name all coats, shoes, clothes and water bottles to help your children in taking responsibility for their own things, it will be greatly appreciated!

Please check your child's book bag regularly, as they work really hard throughout the day and are very keen to share their precious drawings and pictures with you ☺

Reception

Reception Phonics Meeting

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Reception 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/parents-and-carers/parent-support-workshops
Children will come home today with sheets to support their phonics development including the sound pictures and handwriting phrases, a speed sound chart and common exception words.

Freshwater Theatre Visit

We are pleased to inform you that on Thursday 12th November 2026, we have arranged a visit from Freshwater Theatre for our reception children. The children will be learning about classic stories from Hans Christian Anderson through active participation, role-play and character embodiment. The cost for this exciting experience will be **£5 per child.** Payments should be made via SchoolComms by Friday 6th of November 2026. By paying for the school visit you will be providing 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. This visit will be taking place on school grounds. The children will not be going anywhere.

Year 1

Year 2

Year 2 Spellings

There will be no spelling test next week due to the Inset day. The next spelling test will take place on Friday 6th November. You will find your child's spellings in their spelling book.

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. 90 and 91

Year 4

Year 5

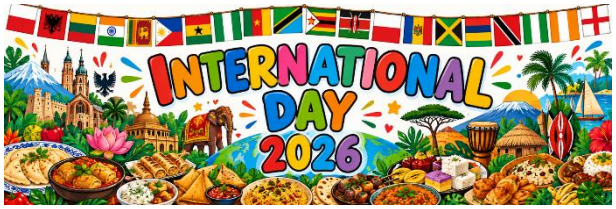
Homework-Grammar Pages: P.56 and 57.
Please ensure that your child reads the instructions on the homework and answers in full sentences with capital letters and full stops.

Remembrance Assembly for Year 5
We are starting to prepare for our assembly on Tuesday 10th November and would like to ask for your help. If the children have any relatives that served in either WW1 or WW2 and would like to talk about them in the assembly, then please email in a photograph of their relative and a few sentences explaining who they are and how they helped during the war. Please email them in no later than Tuesday 20th October if you would like them to be included in the assembly. Thank you in advance for your help.

If your child attends Cubs or Brownies and would like to wear their uniform for the assembly then please arrive at school wearing it. Please make sure that you bring your school uniform in a bag to change into afterwards. Thank you.

Year 6

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Year 6 Parents!



A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to our amazing Year 6 parents and carers who went above and beyond to make our International Day so special!

We were truly overwhelmed by the incredible generosity, love and effort that went into preparing such a beautiful variety of cultural dishes. From treasured family recipes to traditional favourites, the food was absolutely amazing!
Thanks to you, the whole school was able to enjoy a wonderful feast of flavours from around the world, celebrating the rich diversity that makes our St Ursula's community so special.

We are so lucky to have such generous and supportive families. You really did pull out all the stops, and we couldn't be more grateful!
Thank you for sharing not just your delicious food, but a little piece of your culture and heritage with us all.

Aylesford Trip
On Friday 13th November 2026, Year 6 will be visiting Aylesford Priory for a special day of prayer, reflection and fellowship.
Children should arrive wearing their full school uniform and will need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle for the day.
As the Priory is in Kent, children must arrive at school no later than 8:15am. The school gates will open from 8:00am for Year 6 children only, and the coach will depart promptly from St Ursula's at 8:30am.
The coach will collect us from Aylesford Priory at approximately 2:15pm, and we expect to return to school by 3:15pm, in time for the usual end-of-day dismissal. Should there be any changes or delays to our journey on the day, parents will be updated via Schoolcomms.
We are asking for a contribution of £14 per child, which can be paid via Schoolcomms.

Homework

Please help support your child's learning by encouraging them to complete their weekly homework and hand it in before the deadline. Consistent homework habits are crucial not only for their current progress but also as excellent practice for the transition to secondary school, where independent study and time management become essential skills.

To best support your child's academic development, we ask that you focus on two key areas every week:

• Daily Reading: Reading every single day unlocks the whole curriculum. Whether it is reading aloud to you, discussing a chapter together, or independent reading, just 15–20 minutes a day drastically improves vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills.

• TT Rockstars: Fluency in times tables is the foundation for almost all upper-level maths. Spending just 5–10 minutes a day on TT Rockstars builds the quick recall your child needs to tackle more complex mathematical problems with confidence.

St Joseph's

Core word of the week-

Next week's core word is 'poorly'.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EbVYmK6fjI&t=24s





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

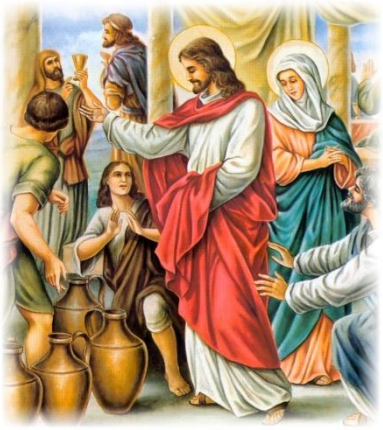
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COME TO THE PARTY!

In the week beginning 12 October, children will explore Jesus' parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1–14). Children will take time to wonder how it might have felt to be invited to the king's party. This will help them think about what it means to receive an invitation that is both generous and unexpected.

Through the story, children will reflect on what it means to be ready to accept God's invitation, and how being part of His Kingdom involves choosing to follow Jesus and growing in love each day.

With your child/ren, you may also like to…



- *Plan a simple 'family party' and let each person choose one thing that would make everyone feel welcome.*
- *Think of one way your family could say 'yes' to getting more involved in the life of your school or parish.*

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

Girls' Club

The last Girls' Club before half term will be on Friday 16th October. There won't be Girls' Club on Friday 23rd October or during the school holidays.

Multi-Cultural Gathering

After 11am Mass on Sunday 25th October, there will be a social gathering in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church. All parishioners of Most Holy Redeemer and St. Dominic's are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the wonderful diversity of our parish community. Please wear your national costume and, if possible, bring along a dish representing your culture to share. Come along, enjoy some dancing, good food and fellowship, and help us celebrate the many different cultures that make our parishes so special. Everyone is warmly welcome! See Theresa for further information.

Light Party

On Friday 30th October there will be a Light Party at the Most Holy Redeemer Church Hall from 5-7pm. All families welcome. Fancy dress is optional - princesses, super heroes etc- No Halloween costumes please!