



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) can come into school from 8.40 a.m. – we will open our Rockingham Road entrance at this time. Please try to arrive before 8.45 a.m. so we can start our morning lessons on time (this gate will be locked at 8.50am).

**Pupils arriving at the main entrance (after this time) will be marked in the register as late.**

### Collection Times

All classes (Reception to Year 6) finish school at 3.15pm.

**Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school:**

Parents should access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

### P.E. Lessons

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) get changed in school for their PE lessons. The children have been asked to bring in their PE kits every Monday and then take them home again every Friday.

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the start of this week, we were visited by our school photographer who took individual photographs of all pupils. You should have already received a photograph proof with details of how to order.

On Wednesday, we held our 'No Pens Wednesday' event aimed at developing pupils speaking and communication skills. The children put down their pens/pencils for the day and were instead involved in a range of activities including performance poetry, debates and problem solving tasks. After school, our teachers joined staff from other local schools to take part in a Deanery Mass at St. Bernadette's Church on Long Lane. It was lovely to celebrate Mass with other local teachers and to reflect on this academic year ahead.

Thursday was National Poetry Day, pupils reflected on different poems in class and then had a go at writing their own. Next week, we plan to hold a special assembly to share some of the poems that the children produced in class.

### London Fire Brigade Workshops

Next Thursday, we will be visited by a representative from the London Fire Brigade who will lead fire safety workshops with Years 2 and 5.

Children in Year 2 learn that fire is dangerous, and can hurt people. They'll learn about common fire hazards, and to never play with matches and lighters. They will also talk about smoke alarms and how they keep homes safe from fire, what to do in an emergency if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

Year 5: This session for older children goes into more detail. It explains that fire kills, destroys homes and spreads quickly. It educates that smoke can be as dangerous as fire, how smoke alarms work, and how to make sure they are working properly. The children will learn about how to make fire escape plans from homes (including tower blocks), what to do if there is a fire, and how to call 999.

### Parents' Evenings

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. We are pleased to announce that these will be face-to-face meetings in school.** These meetings will provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss how your child has been getting on as well as targets and support for this term.

If your child is receiving any Special Educational Needs (SEN) support, their teacher will also discuss their latest Individual Education Plan (IEP) and the provision planned.

A letter will be sent home, **today**, inviting parents to request a convenient time to meet.

### Subscribe to our School Calendar

Please visit the 'Upcoming Events' section on our website for a complete list of diary dates including whole school events.

You can now subscribe to our Calendar which will add these events to your own device's calendar. Please click on the following tabs on our school website to create this link:

**'Upcoming Events' – 'View all events' – 'Subscribe' – 'Add school events to Calendar'**

## Clubs This Term

	Before School	Lunch Clubs	After School	Competition Teams
<b>MON</b>	Gymnastics  Breakfast Club	Eco Warriors (every half term)	Coding Club  <b>Multi-Sports (Years 1 - 3)</b>  School Friends	Panathlon Team  Kurling Team  Football Team
<b>TUE</b>	Gymnastics		Basketball (Years 4 - 6)  <b>School Friends</b>	Netball Team  Festival of Sport Team
<b>WED</b>	Gymnastics  Breakfast Club	History Heroes	Chess Club  <b>Art (Years 3 &amp; 4)</b>  School Friends	
<b>THU</b>	Gymnastics		Multi-Sports (UEYs)  <b>School Friends</b>	
<b>FRI</b>	Gymnastics  Breakfast Club		Multi-Sports (Years 4 - 6)  <b>School Friends</b>	
<b>MUSIC TUITION</b> (Stage Talent on request)		Piano, Guitar, Violin, Singing and Ukulele		

### Football Team

Our Football Team played their first match against St. Andrew's on Wednesday. They played brilliantly as a team achieving a 5-2 win. Well done to the players.

### Netball Team

Our Netball Team also played their first match against St. Andrew's this week. Mr Morris was really impressed by the players who achieved an amazing 4-1 win. An excellent result!

### Secondary School Applications

If you have a child born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 (Year 6 child), you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2023. The deadline for on-time applications is Monday 31 October 2022. Further information from the Hillingdon LA:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary#Key%20dates>

## Hillingdon SENDIASS website

Hillingdon SENDIASS is a free, confidential and impartial support service for parents and carers, children and young people up to 25 years where the child or young person has or may have special educational needs. Their website includes useful information and links to a range of support groups available:

<https://www.hillingdonsendiass.co.uk/>

## Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

- Piano,
- Guitar,
- Violin,
- Singing
- Ukulele

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

OR

Online at:

[www.stagetalent.co.uk/register](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



### Autumn / Winter is coming.....

If your child has asthma and a preventative inhaler (Beige/Brown/Orange/Red/Purple/Pink) please make sure it is being taken regularly **EVERY DAY** even if your child is well as we are heading towards the most troublesome time of year for children with asthma.

The Hillingdon Champions of Asthma Team.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For a list of TERM DATES - please visit our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Date	Event
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Trinity Homeless Charity – Whole School Assembly
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of One World Week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	School finishes for half term (normal time) Half Term (One World) holiday project
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Inset day (SCHOOL CLOSED)</b>
Tuesday 01 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Pupil's return to school</b>

