



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 10th March 2023

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. via our Rockingham Road entrance. 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

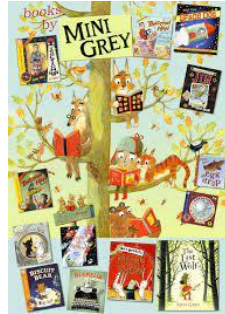
All classes (Reception to Year 6) finish school at 3.15pm.

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

Parents can 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 Parent/Carer,

The children have enjoyed a range of book related activities this week. On Tuesday, pupils returned to school in their pyjamas (with their favourite book from home) to share stories and enjoy milk and cookies as a part of our Bedtime Stories event. Parents had the opportunity to browse some children's books and reading advice materials in our school Hall and to enjoy a tea or coffee. A special thank you to Eissay, Catherine and Orlaith who prepared and presented their own Powerpoint about the importance of reading. Thanks also to our PTA for

providing refreshments. Thank you to all the children and parents who attended Bedtime Stories and our Read With Me morning. It is with your continued support that we can continue to expand on the positive reading culture of our school. Nursery pupils came into school on this day with their favourite book and teddy bear. On Thursday, we were delighted to get the opportunity to welcome renowned children's writer and illustrator Mini Grey to our school. Mini led workshops with each class (Years 1 to 6), she read one of her stories to our Early Years pupils, signed books and also picked a winner of our 'create your own character' competition. It was an amazing day for the children!

Mini was blown away and honoured with all of the effort that had gone into the character homework that the children created. She took time to look at all of them and to comment on them all. She sent us an email yesterday with these kind words about her visit:

***'It was a delight to meet the children and staff, and a joy to do a visit to a school that had immersed themselves in my books, and used them to inspire their own ideas.'* Mini Grey**

Year 4 Class Assembly

Thank you to all the family members who came along to watch Year 4's assembly on Tuesday. The children performed brilliantly and they really enjoyed celebrating their History work exploring the achievements of the Ancient Egyptians. I'm sure you will agree – they did a great job!

Year 5's Easter Assembly

Our next class assembly will take place on Wed 29th March - at 2.45pm. All family members are welcome to attend.

Please see the table below for a list of all upcoming class assembly dates.

PTA Event – Mothers' Day Raffle

10th March until the 15th March - Sale of Mothers' Day Raffle tickets

Thursday 16th March - Draw of Mothers' Day raffle

NEW PTA WEBSITE

Our PTA have launched their new online website. Please log on to find more information about the PTA and their fundraising work for our school. All upcoming events and competitions are listed, including a very easy way to purchase event tickets and make donations.

Link to the page: <https://stmarysptauxbridge.sumupstore.com/>

Link to our Mother's Day Raffle:

<https://stmarysptauxbridge.sumupstore.com/product/mother-s-day-raffle>

First News

We have been trying to encourage our pupils, in KS2, to keep up-to-date with news stories and current affairs. We have subscribed to the First News weekly children's newspaper and our pupils in Year 6 (and Year 5) have had the opportunity to read the articles in class reading time.

You might also like to encourage your child to watch the daily news bulletins on CBBC's Newsround:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>



Communications

Please can you remember to update us if you change your address, email address or phone numbers. This is preferred by email rather than telephoning or sending via a bookbag as we get the information immediately and accurately. If you have not been receiving text messages recently you may need to update with your correct mobile number or indeed if another member of your child's contacts gets the text message it may be necessary to inform us of the preferences i.e. main contact is no. 1, then contact 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. We will also be sending a text out to see if the newsletter is received too.



Girls' Football Tournaments

Our Year 4 girls had their football tournament this week at Uxbridge High School. They achieved a very impressive mid-table position. They won two games and drew another match - scoring a total of 8 goals. The players worked well as a team and they all played with great courage and determination making the whole of St Mary's very proud.

Year 5 and 6 had their football tournament on Monday, where the weather was not so pleasant. This did not deter the girls from putting in a

fantastic effort and maintaining their focus in every game, winning one match and drawing another. They were unlucky not to win more games - if only the weather conditions were a little more favourable I am sure they would have progressed further!

Well done to everyone who took part in these two competitions and thank you to all the family members who came along to cheer our teams on. Thanks also to Mr Beacham and Mr Morris for supervising these events.

Class Assembly Dates

Date	Class	Time
Wed 29 th March	Year 5 (Easter Assembly)	2.45pm
Tue 25 th April	Year 1 (Explorers)	2.45pm
Tue 20 th June	Year 2 (The Great Fire of London)	2.45pm
Tue 4 th July	Nursery and Reception	2.45pm
Mon 17 th July	Year 6 (WW2)	2.45pm

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term is on Fri 31st March. School finishes at the earlier time of **12.15pm**. There are no hot lunches on this day. The Pantry has blocked out this day to prevent any hot meal orders.

Steam – Uxbridge Library

Friday 17 March to Friday 14 April, during library opening hours

All aboard! Come along to learn about the days of steam!

This Archives and Museums Service exhibition tells the story of local railway travel – the stations, trains and locomotives – before the advent of diesel or electricity.

Cost: Free, no need to book

Useful SEN Websites and Information

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/>

Hillingdon Local Offer

The Hillingdon local offer provides information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. It allows families to see what they can expect from a range of local agencies and how to access them.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4654/SEND-local-offer>

Hillingdon Talks, Moves, Plays

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<https://www.cnwl.nhs.uk/children-integrated-therapy-service>

Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support (HACs)

A charity providing support for children with a diagnosis of autism and their families:

<https://www.hacs.org.uk/>

Register here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/project-search-hillingdon-civic-centre-virtual-open-evening>

Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

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

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

Online at: 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:

Date	Event
10th March until the 15th March -	PTA Sale of Mothers' Day Raffle tickets
Mon 13 th March	Start of Test Week
Tue 14 th March	Yr4 Trip to Chiswick River Centre – Thames Trust
Wed 15 th and Thu 16 th March	Possible NEU Strike Days
Thu 16th March	PTA Draw of Mothers' Day raffle
Wed 29 th March	Yr5 Easter Assembly at 2.45pm
Fri 31st March	School finishes at 12.15pm (no lunch provided on this day)
Tue 25 th April	Yr1 Explorers Class Assembly