



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 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,

Yesterday, Father Nicholas visited school to lead Mass in our school hall for the feast of 'The Ascension of the Lord'. It was lovely to come together as a school community to celebrate this feast day together.



Our Year 3 pupils visited Chiltern Open Air Museum, this week, to take part in a pre-history themed day as a part of International Museum Day. Guided by costumed educators, the children experienced life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.

This page, on our school website, lists some local museums and other sites supporting learning across our humanities curriculum:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=History&pid=52>

This week was also designated as Mental Health Awareness Week and in school we focused on anxiety, how this makes us feel and what we can do if we feel anxious. You might find these websites useful for ideas on how to support your child: supporting children.

- <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>
- <https://www.mind.org.uk/>
- <https://www.place2be.org.uk/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>



### Walk to School Week

This week was the national Walk to School Week. Thank you to all of our family members who made an extra special effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school this week.

You may like to carry this work on by going for a local walk over the weekend. This could

link with history by challenging your child to identify local landmarks on their walk e.g. the years in which houses were built. Alternatively, you could support some of the work we are doing in our Geography lessons using maps, satellite images, compass directions and following walking routes.

If you're looking for some inspiration of where to walk – you may find these trail links useful:

Hillingdon Trail

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/4888/Hillingdon-Trail>

Denham Country Park

<https://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk/things-to-do-2/walks/>



### **EYs Windsor Castle Outreach**

On Wednesday Early Years children attended an outreach session from Windsor Castle. The topic was "Once upon a castle". The children got the opportunity to learn about our King and Queen and also explored this Windsor Castle themed story:

*'Five naughty dragons are causing trouble in Windsor and at the Castle. The chef is angry with the dragons for eating all his food and Little Miss Muffet is scared because spiders are being dropped on her. Something needs to be done, so The King must send for George to*

*save the day - after all, he's good with dragons!'*

They loved the props and joining in with the singing and dancing.

### **Sports Day Dates 2023**

Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June: Years 1 and 2 at 9.15am

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July: KS2 (Years 3 to 6) at 9.15am

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> July: Early Years at 9.15am



### **Cricket Competition**

Yesterday afternoon, Mr Beacham accompanied our Year 4 girls on their cricket competition. They were the youngest pupils to take part but amazingly won 8 wickets. We are really proud of the fantastic effort they made and for their outstanding behaviour. Thank you to Mr Beacham for organising.

### **National Share a Story Month**



The month of May is National Share a Story Month. National Share-A-Story Month (NSSM) is an annual celebration of the power of storytelling and story sharing. The theme this year is

for children to read stories that sail them away on a new adventure.

**Please come into school and share a book with your child on Monday (22nd of May) at 9am.**

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>262 Points</b>
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### Summer Fete

Volunteers needed for our school Summer Fete on Saturday 8th July.

Our PTA are in need of more volunteers for this year's Summer Fete. With more helping hands, we can make it a bigger and better event for everyone. There are volunteering opportunities to suit all, either behind the scenes or helping out on a stall. All positions are broken down into time slots that make it possible for you to still have free time to enjoy the fete. Help us make this Summer Fete one to remember!

Look out for the volunteer posters, displayed around our school, to join our volunteer WhatsApp community or please reach out to any member of the PTA or your class rep.

### Upcoming Class Assembly Dates

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 WW2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery and Reception (EYs)	2.45pm
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (Church)	9.30am
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony	9.15am

### 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/>

## Instrumental Lessons

We offer the following instrumental lessons:

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

You can register by text at: 07782 503260

Online at: [www.stage talent.co.uk/register](http://www.stage talent.co.uk/register)



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Share a Book Day – Parents are invited to come in and read with their child at 9am
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 and Year 1 will go to Mass in the Church
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 5 and Year 2 will go to Mass in the Church
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> of June	Eucharistic Procession with all our First Communion Children
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 6 and Early Years will go to Mass in the Church
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Assembly at 2.45pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June – Thu 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability (please complete the online registration form emailed home).
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years Assembly at 2.45pm
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Class Assembly at 2.45pm

