



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 1st July 2022

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.50am - at the Rockingham Road gate. Teachers will take the morning register shortly after 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 Parent/Carer,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Early Years Sports Day and the children really enjoyed competing in the various events. Unfortunately, we needed to postpone our main school event due to rain but we are very much looking forward to our revised day next week (further details below).

On Tuesday, we held our Curriculum Afternoon. Our Year 6 pupils led group tours of our school followed by a sharing of curriculum information in our school Hall. We do hope you were able to attend and that you enjoyed seeing our school in action.

On Wednesday, Father Nicholas visited school to lead Mass celebrating the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It was fantastic to finally get our whole school together again after so long.

Yesterday, our Year 2 pupils performed their class assembly for the whole school (and family members) teaching us lots about the Great Fire of London. They recited their lines and performed brilliantly!

Today we are all looking forward to a visit by author Banji Alexander's who will lead workshops with each class. It has been a busy week!

Teachers for Next Year – Transition Day

Our Transition Afternoon will take place on Tuesday 5th July. The majority of our Year 6 pupils will visit their new secondary schools on this day. If you have a child in Year 6, and their transition is on a different day, they should still attend school on the 5th July. Our existing pupils (EYs to Year 5) will spend the afternoon with their new teachers. We have set out our staff allocation for the 2022 – 2023 academic year below. We hope you will join us in welcoming our new Year 4 teacher – Mr Beacham.

Year Group	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Goff
Reception	Mrs Chandarana
Year 1	Miss Gahan
Year 2	Mrs Park
Year 3	Mrs Parry
Year 4	Mr Beacham
Year 5	Mr Morris
Year 6	Mr Stringer

Sports Day Back-up

Our back-up Sports Day, for Years 1 to 6, will take place on Wednesday 6th July. This event will take place on Uxbridge Recreational Ground (the field adjacent to our school) from 9.15am. We anticipate it will finish by 11.30 a.m. All pupils will sit in their House groups to cheer their teams on and it would be helpful if children could come to school wearing their PE kit and a top representing their House colour. We will provide coloured stickers if this is not possible. If your child is unsure of their House group – please ask them to speak to their teacher.

St. Francis: Green top

St. Bernadette: Blue

St. Thomas: Red

Considerate Parking

The Hillingdon Council were contacted, this week, regarding parents parking in restricted areas on Rockingham Close including double yellow lines and disabled bays. They have said that they plan to send a traffic warden at pick-up times throughout next week.

Early Years Assembly

EYs Assembly will take place on Thursday 7th July (at 2.45pm) in our school Hall. All family members are most welcome to attend.



St. Mary's vs Heathrow

Our school Football Team have had an amazing year reaching Wednesday's Cup Final at Brunel University. We are delighted to announce that they won 4-3 in this cup final against Heathrow Primary School. Well done to the team and a big thank you to Mr Stringer, Mr Morris and Mr Keaveney for all their help with the team games.

Year 6

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils took part in a WW2 workshop led by a representative from the Freshwater Theatre Company. The children plunged themselves into the blackouts, rationing and evacuations of Home Front Britain as they imagined what life was like for wartime children during WW2. The Freshwater facilitator visited them in role as a news reporter, writing an article about WW2. Activities included responding to safety commands and roleplaying an Air Raid siren situation. Year 6 then helped the reporter write an article about the lives of everyday people living during wartime.



Year 5 Visit

On Monday, our Year 5 pupils walked to St. Andrew's Park, in Uxbridge, to carry out fieldwork as a part of their Geography topic. This site has undergone a lot of change since the RAF camp closed in 2010. The children looked for evidence of change and recorded their findings using notes, sketches and photographs.

Grapes

The size and shape of grapes means they can completely plug a child's airway. If including in your child's lunchbox, please cut them in half lengthways. Thank you.

Sunglasses

Pupils are encouraged to bring sun hats into school but please do not send your child into school with sunglasses unless there is a medical reason for doing so. We have had issues this week with pupils losing their glasses, mixing them up with other pupils, breaking them and lending them to other children.

PTA Summer Stalls

Our PTA Summer Stalls event will take place next week on Friday 8th July. This will take place from 3.25pm - 5.15pm in our school Hall and playgrounds.

There will be much to enjoy including the following:

- Adult Tombola (luxury items)
- Food and refreshments (including Bar)
- Games and other children's activities
- Sweet Cup Tombola

We hope to see you there!

Year 6 Leavers' Production

This will take place on Tue 19th July at 2pm. All family members are most welcome to attend.

ARCHAEOLOGY DISCOVERY DAY

Sunday 17th July, 11am to 4pm

Venue: Manor Farm Ruislip



Drop in and take part in a variety of activities for all the family, to discover how we lived in bygone times:

- Make a clay pot in prehistoric style
- See the making of flint tools and how textiles were spun and dyed
- Create music using the natural environment
- Go on a discovery trail and find more about prehistoric Hillingdon.

Cost: Free. Just drop in

Find out more: archives@hillingdon.gov.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates (including TERM DATES) - please visit our school website:

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

Date	Event
Tue 5 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Thu 7 th July	Early Years Assembly at 2.45pm

Thu 7 th July	Year 6 - Go Ape - Black Park
Fri 8 th July	Summer Stalls (School Hall and Playgrounds) 3.25pm - 5.15pm
Mon 11 th July	Year 6 Bikeability starts
Fri 15 th July	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony at 9am (Hall) Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Mon 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (Church) at 9.30am
Tue 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production at 2pm
Wed 20 th July	Last Day of Term - Early finish at 1.30pm Nursery Combined in the morning
Thu 21 st July	Teacher INSET Day 5 (School Closed to Pupils)


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