



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 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,

We hope you had the opportunity to look at your child's exercise books this week (or last week). If you have any follow-up questions, please speak to your child's class teacher (after school) or make an appointment via our office.

This week was national Fieldwork Week. On Tuesday, Years 2 to 6 took part in an 'Awesome Arctic' assembly followed by a class map skills and mini-orienteering workshop including the following elements:



- Looking at what information we can get from Ordnance Survey maps – what the colours and symbols mean, the map's grid, contours and the concept of scale;
- Making a huge map from climbing ropes on the playground with children acting as locations to look at compass directions [KS1]. Using compasses and learning how to set a simple bearing and finding out how to locate North without a compass [KS2];
- Seeing how we can measure distance by counting paces and use this as a giant ruler;
- Taking part in a mini-orienteering challenge – using a specially drawn map of the school, the children use their new skills to find as many hidden flags as they can!

### Year 6 – This week

Mr Stringer returned to work on Monday after his recent operation. Year 6 have lots of activities to look forward to this half-term.

They enjoyed the following this week:

- 'Explorers' Assembly and Workshop led by 'Active Outdoor Discovery'
- Swimming Lessons
- Junior Citizenship online sessions
- Leavers' Assembly Practice



active outdoor discovery

### Curriculum Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey asking if you would prefer a morning or afternoon Curriculum Event. We have analysed the results:

- **62% of parents said they would prefer an afternoon**
- **38% responded they would prefer a morning**

As a result, we have planned a Curriculum Afternoon for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm.

Our Year 6 pupils will give parents/carers a tour of the school between 2pm and 2.45pm.

This tour will be followed by curriculum information and refreshments, in our school Hall, between 2.45 and 3.15pm.

### **Year 4 MTC Test**

Year 4 pupils completed the statutory government Multiplication Tables Check this week. Further information for parents, about this check, can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents-text-version--2>

### **Sweet Cups**

Our PTA will send home an empty cup with each child today. The PTA are asking if all parents could please fill these cups with sweets (or any other small treats e.g. party bag gifts) and then return the filled cup to school on Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for your help.

### **Year 2 Class Assembly - REVISED DATE**

Unfortunately, we need to change the date of Year 2's Class Assembly due to staff absence. This assembly will now take place on Thu 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2.45pm. All family members are most welcome to attend. We will open up the main entrance at 2.45pm so visitors can make their way to our school Hall. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

### **Early Years Assembly**

EYs Assembly will take place on Thu 7<sup>th</sup> July (also at 2.45pm).

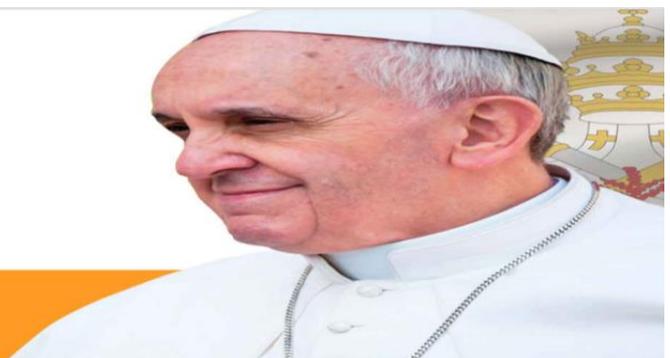
### **Year 6 Leavers' Production**

This will take place on Tue 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm.

### **Eucharistic Procession**

Please come and join us for our Eucharistic Procession led by our Year 3 First Communion class on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of June at 2.15 pm. It will be an opportunity to be with the children as we process around the playground and sing hymns. As a school community we can join together for the prayer service.

### **World Meeting of Families 2022**



Next week is the start of the world meeting of families in Rome. In school we want to join in by praying for our families and being thankful for all our families. The link to the website for the World Meeting of Families is <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/>. It would be good if families could join in praying together and thanking God for our families. Pope Francis is asking us to celebrate the World Meeting of Families at home.

If the children could write prayers at home they could bring them in or email them to share their prayers.

### Sun Protection

St Mary's Primary School believes in promoting sun safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. We encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection and use sunscreens where appropriate. We also remind children to seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips. We will regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils. Children are reminded to drink plenty of water during the day, particularly when the weather is hot.

### Avoid the Queues

St. Mary's is delighted to welcome writer Banji Alexander to our school on Friday 1st July. He will be leading writing workshops with our Keystage One and Keystage Two children. Who is Banji Alexander?

Banji Alexander is an exciting new author, bursting onto the scene with his debut book, 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party'. An International Politics BSc graduate, and a University College London/Institute of Education trained/qualified teacher, his arrival into the world of literature, promises to be one full of adventure, laughter, and linguistic prowess. A former teacher within higher education, and primary school practitioner, Alexander knows his audience well.

Copies of 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party' are available now to pre-order at a cost of £10. If you would like to pre-order a copy then please send £10 in an envelope, with your child's name and year group clearly labelled, via their book bag. Please send all money by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Your child will receive their copy on the day of the Banji's visit. Banji will also be available for book signings after school on this day.

Miss Gahan (English coordinator)

## 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](mailto:archives@hillingdon.gov.uk)

## Book of the Week



### Window by Jeannie Baker

To help celebrate National Fieldwork Week. In this visually compelling look at our changing environment by Jeannie Baker, illustrator of the critically-acclaimed *Mirror* and *Where the Forest Meets the Sea*, a mother and baby look through a window at a view of wilderness and sky as far as the eye can see. With each page, the boy grows and the scene changes. At first, in a clear patch of forest, a single house appears. A few years pass and there is a village in the

distance... When the boy is twenty, will he recognize the view from his window? Illustrated with elaborate and gorgeous collage constructions, *Window* is a wordless picture book that speaks volumes.

### 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
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper Early Years (Reception) Cake Sale - Naughty Friday (please bring your cakes to the school at drop off) <b>Sweet Cups sent home in book bags (please fill with sweets)</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Upper EYs Trip to Windsor Castle <b>Year 6 Trip - Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge</b> Please return filled Sweet Cups to school
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Non-Uniform & Crazy Hair Day in exchange for donating luxury items (bottles of wine, spirits, chocolates, toiletries etc.)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Eucharistic Procession in School at 2pm</b> Nursery Cake Sale - Naughty Friday (please bring your cakes to the school at drop off)
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Early Years Sports Day at 9am (School playground)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Main School (Years 1 to 6) - Sports Day from 9a.m. at Rockingham Recreational Ground
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Assembly at 2.45pm <b>REVISED DATE</b>
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years Assembly at 2.45pm
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 - Go Ape - Black Park
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July (TBC)	Summer Stalls (School Hall) Time TBC
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Production at 2pm
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of Term - Early finish at 1.30pm</b> Nursery Combined in the morning
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Teacher INSET Day 5 (School Closed to Pupils)



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