



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. via our Rockingham Road entrance.

**This gate is locked at 8.45am each morning.**

### 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

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports sessions.

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) should bring their P.E kits into school **every Monday** and then take them home every Friday. Thank you.

### Pupil Bags in School

We ask that pupils only bring in book bags and draw string P.E bags for their P.E uniform. Each child only has a single peg for these bags (most often in the corridors) and we do not have the space for large rucksacks or other similar bags.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy St. David's Day. Some of our classes have been looking at the life of the patron saint of Wales and reflecting on key messages in our weekly pupil led prayer and liturgy sessions. Our Years 2 and 5 pupils walked to Church on Tuesday to celebrate Mass – a big thank you to all the parents who accompanied them.

### RE Inspection

Over two days, this week, we were visited by representatives from the **Catholic Schools** Inspectorate. They commented on how the children were living our Mission Statement through their day to day actions and said that pupil behaviour was exemplary. We will not be sent their report for a few weeks but will publish this on our website once we receive it. Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete their survey that we emailed home.

Our Mission Statement:

**With Jesus, we learn together through faith and love.**

### Eco Council Cake Sale - WEDNESDAY

Our pupil Eco Council will be holding a cake sale on Wednesday (6<sup>th</sup> March), to help raise funds that they can spend on bird feeders, a new outdoor recycling bin, planters and flowers. They will set up the stall, from 3pm, at the front entrance to school (just outside the EYs entrance). Please bring some loose change if you would like to purchase any cakes.

**Our school will be buying some cakes to sell but if any parents are able to donate any cakes (on Wednesday) this would be a fantastic help!**

**Please hand any cakes to either Miss Shevlin or Mr Ellis at morning drop-off. Thank you.**

### Year 4 Rainforest Photographs

In art, next week, our Year 4 pupils will be creating 'rainforest' collages. If any parents have any magazines, books, images of the rainforest that you don't mind us cutting up and using – please ask your child to either give these to Mr Beacham or our school office on Monday.

Year 4 pupils: if you are able to, it would be really useful if you could find some rainforest photographs online and then print them off in colour so that you can use these in your art lesson next week. Don't worry if you don't have a colour printer at home: we will provide photographs if you are not able to do this.

### Mass in Church for Years 3 and 4

Please join us walking to Mass (in the Church) with Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. We will leave school, at 9am, to walk to Church.

## Book Week

This year we will be celebrating Book Week in school, the week beginning Monday 11th March. This year's theme is growth mindset and all classes in the school will be reading a book linked to this theme, in order to help develop their resilience and determination to succeed. Parents are invited to read to their child(ren) in class on Monday 11th March from 8:55am to 9:15 or 2:40pm to 3pm.

On Wednesday 13th March children are invited back to school for our ever-popular Bedtime Stories. Children from **Reception to Year 5** can return to school in their pyjamas at 4pm to 4.45pm. In class they will enjoy stories, milk and cookies.

**Year 6 Please note: Only the Year 6 librarians should attend this session to help with our younger classes.**

### Dress-up Day Costumes – CHANGE DATE

On **Thursday 14th March**, children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character (please note this change of date). There will be a whole school assembly on this day to share costumes and one child from each class will receive a prize for the best costume.

Please see the links attached for ideas for homemade costumes.

<https://childrenslibrarylady.com/save-money-book-character-costume/>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/blog/easy-world-book-day-costume-ideas/>

**Some libraries are offering an opportunity for Book Week costume swaps.**

**Further details here:**

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/news/library-service-hosting-costume-swap-world-book-day>

### **Amazon Wish List – School Supplies**

Please help support our school by donating school supplies from our Amazon Wish List <https://amzn.eu/fgZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

### **School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details**

Website: [www.schoolfriendclub.com](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

New booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

## 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/>



Hillingdon Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers free, impartial, and confidential information, advice, and support. We aim to empower and enable parents/carers to be able to take an active role in decisions made about their child/young person regarding their education. Our drop-in sessions are for parents/carers to ask questions and share experiences.

### **Drop-in sessions for January and February**

- 31<sup>st</sup> January 1 – 3pm  
McMillan Children's Centre, Judge Heath Lane, Hayes UB3 2PD
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 9 – 11am  
Cherry Lane Childrens Centre, West Drayton, Middx UB7 9DL
- 19<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 – 1.30pm  
Nestles Early Years, Nestles Avenue, Hayes, UB3 4QA
- 26<sup>th</sup> February 1 – 3pm  
Hayes End Family Hub, College Way Hayes UB3 3BB

Please use the link below to register with the setting before attending, you will be asked to sign in. You do not need to print, please just register electronically. Do not worry about the age of your child when registering for these drop ins, all parent/carers of children and young people 0-25 welcome.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7409/Hillingdons-childrens-centres-Registration-form>

## **Tiny Happy People**

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

## **Instrumental Lessons**

Instrumental lessons

Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson

For children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele and violin at our school.

Register by text to: 07782503260 and include:

Child's Name, Age, Music Instrument

Or

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



## **Attendance**

We are sure that like us, you as parents and carers, realise the importance of attendance and punctuality. At St. Mary's, we continue to work hard to try to raise attendance levels and to reduce instances of lateness. There is much evidence to show that good attendance plays a vital role in helping your child to achieve their potential. We also know that poor attendance can lead to other problems for children. How can you help your child attend school regularly?

- Talk to your child about school. Make sure your child understands why school is important;
- Get everything ready for school the night before;
- Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays;
- Take holidays during school holidays and not during term time;
- Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock- see who can beat the clock!
- Only grant days at home for genuine illness (you will know!)
  - If your child is slightly under the weather, still send them into school- children often start feeling better as the day goes on and they get busy, and if the school is worried, we will call you.

## **Safeguarding Our Children**

If you are worried about a child's safety please do not hesitate to contact the school straight away. You can always speak to Miss Shevlin, the Designated Safeguarding lead, if you have any concerns about a child. You can also call Hillingdon Stronger Families Hub on [01895 556006](tel:01895 556006). If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

**It is all our responsibility to safeguard children**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 and Year 4 are walking to church to attend Mass. The children will leave school at 9am.
11 <sup>th</sup> March to 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	8:55am to 9:15am or 2:40 to 3pm- Parents invited to read to their children.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	4pm-4:45pm: Reception to Year 5. Bedtime stories
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Book character dress-up day