



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. via our Rockingham Road entrance. This gate will be locked at 8.45am. **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

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and extra sports coaching 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 for your help.

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday, we were visited by a representative from the 'Active Outdoor Discovery'. The children started the day by taking part in an interactive 'Rainforest' themed assembly which followed a group of children who took part in an expedition to Borneo exploring native animals and their habitats. This assembly was followed by an individual class "Map Skills and Mini-Orienteering" session for Years 1 to 6. The children really enjoyed hunting for hidden markers and plotting these on a map of our



school grounds. Pupils developed their map skills including using grid references and Ordnance Survey symbols and keys.

After school, our teachers travelled to Botwell House Catholic Church to attend our annual Deanery Mass with staff from the other Hillingdon Primary Schools. It was lovely to come together as a Catholic school community to reflect on this academic year ahead.

Parents' Evening

Our first **Parents' Evening** meetings will take place next week on Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th October between 3.15 and 5.45pm. You should have received a letter this week with further information about these meetings and how to request an appointment with your child's class teacher.

The Year 5 Parents' Evenings are taking place over 2 weeks – please see the separate Year 5 letter sent home.

Curriculum Information

You can view curriculum information on our school website including an overview of the topics covered in each class:

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

Jewellery Reminder

We have been reminding pupils this week that the only jewellery allowed, in school, is a pair of plain stud earrings. Due to health and safety reasons, no other jewellery may be worn by pupils including chains and necklaces of any type. Thank you for your support.

School Photographer Visit

Our school photographer (Tempest) will visit school on Monday 2nd October to take individual pupil photographs. Pupils should wear their full school uniform.

House Point Winners this week:	St Francis	265 points
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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/>

Autism Surgery

Who can attend an Autism Surgery? Members, non-members and professionals who are supporting children/families with autism. This session is free to attend

Date: Wednesday 4th October 2023

Time: 10am- 11:30 am

Location: HACS Resource Centre, Dudley PI, Hayes UB3 1PB, UK

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/autism-surgery-morning-f2f-04-10-23>

Please see flyer for more dates

Coffee Morning

This is a chance for parents/carers to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoy tea or coffee and a sweet treat alongside our Family Support Team and access up-to-date information about what's going on both at HACS and locally.

Date: Wednesday 11th October

Time: 10am- 11:30 am

Location: HACS Resource Centre, Dudley PI, Hayes UB3 1PB, UK

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/coffee-morning-11-10-23>

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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.stagetalent.co.uk/register



Secondary School Applications for Year 6

If you have not already applied for secondary school, the closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school(s), please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon council cannot be held responsible for any problems with internet providers; they are therefore recommending you submit your application online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon **by Friday 20th October 2023**. If you live out of borough you need to apply to your own local authority.

Eligibility for Household Benefits

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for help with fuel payments or Early Years Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you have any problems with your application on the above website please contact Mrs Taberer directly on jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk This application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 2 nd October	Individual Photo Day – School Photographer
Mon 2 nd October	Parents' Evening 3.15 – 5.45pm
Wed 4 th October	Parents' Evening 3.15 – 5.45pm
Mon 16 th October	Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm
Wed 1 st November	All Saints Mass 2.15 in the school hall