



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 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 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 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,

This week we held our annual Friendship Week in school. On Monday, all pupils attended a special friendship themed assembly. They completed PSHE activities in class, including an Anti-Bullying Hero Poster Challenge competition and the children made an extra special effort to be kind to each other throughout this week.

On Tuesday, Angela visited school to lead our parents' Prayer Group – a big thank you to the family members who were able to attend.

Friendship Prayer

Thank you for giving us each other and helping us to stay strong together.

Help us to bond together and be healthy.

Thank you for giving us all our friends and school.

We trust in Jesus and give him our attention.

Help us to care for each other and follow Jesus' example.

May we show kindness and care in all we do.

Amen

New School Website

We hope you are enjoying using our new website.

You will find relevant school information by clicking on the 'Parent information' tab at the top of our Homepage.

The 'News & Events' tab includes term/diary dates and archived Newsletters. You can find out more about what your child is learning under 'Our Curriculum.'

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



Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight runs until the 24th November 2023. Our Eco-Council are encouraging each class to save energy.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to switch off devices/lights when they are not in use. You can find out more about the work our Eco Council are doing on our

school website under 'School Information' – 'Eco Council'.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will start swimming lessons at Hillingdon Leisure Centre for five consecutive days from **Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December.**

The appropriate swimwear must be worn:

Boys – swimming shorts/trunks no longer than 1 inch above the knee.

Girls – a one-piece swimsuit.

Hillingdon Leisure Centre state that both boys and girls must wear swimming hats. Pupils who forget their swimming hat will not be permitted to enter the water. Children need to bring a towel and they may wear goggles if they wish.

Football Team

Our Football Team played St. Catherine's on Wednesday evening. They played really well as a team and drew 2 – 2.

Portrait of Mary, Our Lady Competition for our School 2023

I am excited to launch a whole school competition (from Lower Early Years to Year 6) to use a variety of media:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Collage
- art poetry
- pop art
- abstract



to create a portrait of Our Lady, Mary. Invite your child to consider images of Mary from around the world and different types of media.

We will have an assembly to celebrate the children's achievements and choose one lucky winner from each year group. Please send all entries via your child's book bag by Friday 1st December 2023.

Clearly label your child's art with their name and year group on the back of all entries.

Good luck

Mrs Bowen

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)

Our school staff are doing lots of work this year on supporting pupils with their SEMH needs. This includes training from our LA Inclusion Team and also support from the charity Place2Be. We will be adopting a graduated approach to supporting pupils with their SEMH needs. This will include whole school PSHE work, targeted support for smaller groups including social skills training and more enhanced interventions for individual pupils who need it.

You may find this page on our school website helpful:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Social%2C+Emotional+%26amp%3B+Mental+Health&pid=56>

Christmas Events in School

In the lead up to Christmas we have organised the following events:

Tue 12 th December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 th December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 th December	Christmas Carol Concert (in our Church) at 4pm Our Year 3 pupils will lead the singing in our Church

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.

House Point Winners this week:	St. Francis	262
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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/>

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



Instrumental Lessons
Register Today!

 Piano

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 Singing

 Cello

 Flute

 Violin

Book Your Free Lesson Now!
Register by Text: 07782 993 260
State: School • Instrument • Child's name • DOB
www.StageTalent.co.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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