



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 6th June 2025

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) arrive from 8.40am 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.

Afternoon Nursery finishes at 3.30pm.

Please use our 1-way system when collecting, after school, to avoid congestion in our Rockingham Close alleyway.

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 (in most cases in the main corridor) and we **do not have the space for large rucksacks** or other similar bags. Thank you in advance.

PE Kits

Each class has two set days for PE each week. Pupils may wear their PE kits and trainers to school on the days they have PE.

Pupils should not wear their trainers to school on any other day – thank you.



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a good break over the May holiday. We are looking forward to a busy half-term ahead before we finish for the Summer.

Throughout this week, our Year 6 pupils completed their Local Authority led 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency training. The first day was spent cycling in our KS2 playground and our more confident cyclists then spent the next few days cycling around the roads surrounding our school.

The majority of our Year 4 pupils took the government's statutory Multiplication Timestables Check (MTC) this week. We will publish the Year 4 MTC test results in each pupil's end of year report.

Thank you to the parents who attended our SEN Coffee Morning today. This was a good opportunity to hear from the Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum and to share experiences in an informal setting.

We are celebrating Fieldwork Fortnight over the next 2 weeks. All of our teachers attended staff training, on Tuesday, looking at planning fieldwork lessons in our local area as well as in our school grounds. Pupils now have various trips, visits and outdoor lessons planned (further details about some of these visits can be found below).

Year 4 Trip to Denham Country Park

On Monday, Year 4 are visiting Denham Country Park as a part of a river study. All Yr4 pupils require a packed lunch and a bottle of water (our caterers are unable to provide a school packed lunch on this day). Children should wear a coat, or bring a sun hat, depending on the weather on the day of their trip.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Our Year 1 pupils will begin their statutory phonics screening check next week. The phonics screening check contains 40 words divided into two sections of 20 words. Both sections contain a mixture of real words and pseudo-words. Pseudo-words are words that are phonically decodable but are not actual words with an associated meaning. They are included in the check specifically to assess whether your child can decode a word using their phonics skills. All pseudo-words in the check are accompanied by a picture of an imaginary creature. Children are taught that when a word has a creature next to it, it is a pseudo-word. This ensures that they are not trying to match the pseudo-word to a word in their vocabulary. The check is designed to give teachers information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage, so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill. More information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/phonics-screening-check-information-for-parents>



Year 5 Hyde Park Trip

Our Year 5 pupils will visit Hyde Park, on Wednesday, to complete a full day of map work and orienteering activities. The children will learn to use a compass, map and key before setting off on an orienteering adventure around Hyde Park. They will locate landmarks on an Ordnance Survey map as they search for the next clue.

The children will then create a key to a map of a garden area in Hyde Park to bring back to school.

Year 2 Trip to the Tower London

Year 2 have planned a trip to the Tower of London on Thursday. This is to support some of their work in History exploring 'what is a monarch'.

Year 3 Literacy Festival

This year, Year 3 have been lucky to have the experience of writing Pen Pal letters. We have been paired with another school, in Guildford. The organisers of this opportunity have planned a complimentary festival called, The Literacy Festival. This will give the children the chance to meet their Pen Pals and take part in many different activities linked to Literacy.

The Literacy Festival will be held on Thursday, at The Windsor Building, in Royal Holloway University. For this trip, the children should be dressed in school PE kits and wear a coat, or sun hat, depending on the weather.

You must provide a packed lunch and a drink in a named plastic bag for easy disposal. Alternatively, a packed lunch from our caterers can be ordered. The procedure for ordering school trip packed lunches has changed. We will send a form to be filled out through the teachers to Parents App where you can select what your child would like to eat on the trip. You MUST order your child's meal by Monday 9th June.

Please send a bottle of water even if you are ordering a school packed lunch as it does not include a drink.

Eucharistic Procession

Please join us on the 20th of June at 2.30pm for our Eucharistic Procession.

During the procession we will crown Our Lady and have a procession around the junior playground. Year 3 are invited to dress in their First Communion outfit for the procession. All families are welcome to join us for this special annual event in school.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Year 1's Class Assembly will take place on Thursday 10th July at 2.30pm in school (not the 10th June as previously advertised). All family members are most welcome to attend.

Sports Days

We are looking forward to our Sports Days this term. All of our sports days will be held in the morning. We will send home further details closer to each event.

Date	Event	Location
17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day	Junior School Playground
19/06/2025	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Junior School Playground
25/06/2025	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6)	Uxbridge Recreational Ground

Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

For Special Educational Needs: Mr Ellis (using the contact details above)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maureen Thorpe (using the contact details above)

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

The Parenting Smart website is open to all parents and includes practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>



U12 Cup Winners - Ballylanders Co. Limerick

On Saturday 24th May, Órlaith and Sophia and 23 of their St. Clarets Under 12 and Under 14 teammates (and over 75 members of their families) travelled to Ballylanders, Co. Limerick to play against the home teams. Both the U12 and U14 St. Clarets teams won their Cup Finals and came home with trophies. On Sunday 25th they all travelled to Mallow, Co. Cork to watch the Kerry Ladies Gaelic Football team beat Waterford in the Munster Senior Final in what turned out to be a thrilling match!

Amazon Wish List – School Supplies

Please help support our school by donating school supplies from our Amazon Wish

List <https://amzn.eu/fqZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

Donations

We are kindly asking for donations of boxes of tissue for the classrooms. It is that time of year again where pollen is on the rise and we get through a lot. Any donations would be appreciated

Tiny Happy People

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website has been designed to help parents develop their child's language skills. You can explore their simple activities and play ideas here:

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

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:01895556006). If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

It is all our responsibility to safeguard children

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

Hillingdon Talks, Moves, Plays: Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS) is a team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people aged 0 to 19.

CITS operates an open referral system, which means anyone can refer a child or young person to any of the therapy services. We recommend parents, carers and professionals contact the advice line on 01895 488 200 to speak with a therapist for advice and to decide whether a referral is needed. You can find further information and parent advice on their website:

<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/>

Stronger Families Hub

The Stronger Families Hub operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide families in Hillingdon with information, advice and support.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/stronger-families-hub>

Hillingdon Parent Carer Forum (PCF)

A team of volunteer parents/carers whose aim is to improve services and processes for Hillingdon SEND children. They exist to harvest the voice of parents/carers in Hillingdon, to help shape the services accessed by SEND children, by way of engagement with parents and co-production with the Local Authority.

If you wish to receive information emails, please sign up to their database. They have different levels of volunteering options:

<https://hillingdonpcf.com/>

Speech Link – Parent Portal

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

Children's Centres

Children's centres offer a range of services to support parent/carers and 0 to 5-year-olds.

You can view the Hillingdon centres here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/10473/Contact-details-for-our-family-hubs-and-childrens-centres>

Kooth

Kooth.com, NHS-commissioned and BACP accredited, offers free, safe and anonymous online mental health support and counselling for 11-25 year olds across north central London.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

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



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.

House Point Winners this week:	St Thomas	163
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Date	Event
09/06/2025	Year 4 trip- Denham
11/06/2025	Year 5 trip- Hyde Park Orienteering
12/06/2025	Year 2 trip – Tower of London Year 3 trip -Literacy Festival
17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day
19/06/2025	Key Stage One Sports Day
20/06/2025	Year 6 trip- Battle of the Bunker
20/06/2025	Eucharistic Procession
25/06/2025	Key Stage Two Sports Day
27/06/2025	Year 3 trip- Chilter Open Air Museum
30/06/2025-02/07/2025	Year 6 Residential Trip