



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

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, after school, to avoid congestion in our narrow 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 rucksacks** or other bags. Thank you.

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.

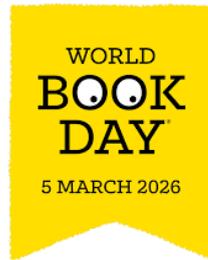
Pupils should not wear their trainers to school on any other day – thank you.



Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have taken part in lots of exciting activities this week as a part of our Book Week in school. On Tuesday, it was lovely to see so many of you at our Read with Me event whereby parents were invited to come into classes to read with their child in the morning and then again in the afternoon.

Our Bedtime Stories event, on the same day, was as popular as ever. The children returned to school, in their pyjamas, to enjoy milk and cookies and of course a bedtime story!



Yesterday was World Book Day and to celebrate pupils took part in workshops and other book themed activities. Our Year 1 children took part in an online workshop linked to The Snail and the Whale book and our Year 2 class were lucky enough to visit the Roald Dahl Museum and Story Centre. This Yr2 visit included a walking trail around the village of Great Missenden: the long-time home of Roald Dahl.

This morning, we were greeted by some amazing costumes as the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. Our KS2 (Years 3 to 6 pupils) are looking forward to an online Charlotte's Web themed workshop planned for later on today. It's been a busy, book themed, week! A really big thank you to Miss Gahan (English Subject Leader) for organising all of these events.

School Lunches

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by Menu changes this week. Our school caterers (Accent) changed the Menus for the remainder of this term and deleted previous orders made via iPay.

Please log-in to iPay over the weekend and ensure your child has a school lunch ordered for next week. We are not sent any spare lunches for pupils who do not have an order.

Thank you.

Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 will perform our next class assembly on Tuesday (10th March) at 2.45pm. All family members are most welcome to attend. We will open up the front entrance, shortly before 2.45pm, for all visitors to make their way to our school hall.

You can view a full list of class assembly dates at the bottom of this Newsletter.

Year 5 Class Assembly – Postponed

Unfortunately our Year 5 class assembly, scheduled for 24th March, has been postponed due to Mr Stringer's paternity leave. We will send home a revised date, for the Year 5 class assembly, when Mr Stringer returns to work. Thank you.



Dinosaur Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered our Dinosaur Competition inspired by the book Meet the Dinosaurs by Caryl Hart. We have seen some amazing designs, creations and models this week – the standard of work was amazing! We will award book prizes for the most unique and original dinosaurs at a special assembly on Monday morning.

Test Week – Parents’ Evenings

Pupils will take various age/level appropriate tests throughout next week.

The results will be shared at our next online Parents’ Evenings scheduled for: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April.

Year 6 Parents’ Evenings: Mr Morris will be holding earlier Parents’ Evening events on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March (before the Easter holiday). This is so he can talk about the results of our recent Mock SATs tests (including targets and planned support) before the statutory SATs rests in May.

Early Years - URGENT Help Needed



We have just purchased a small trampoline for our Early Years pupils to use outside. Our Early Years pupils are looking forward to using this new trampoline but we are looking for a parent who might be able to give up some of their time to put it together. It is currently sitting in a flat pack box outside our school office. If you may be able to help our Early Years children (and teachers), we would be REALLY, REALLY grateful. Please let our school office staff know if you might be able to help. We would love to hear from you:

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Tel: 01895 232814

Caryl Hart - Author visit

We are delighted to inform you that Caryl Hart, children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday 19th March

Caryl will be running workshops throughout the day and will have a book sale after school at 3:15pm. The book sale will take place in the Year 1 classroom which can be accessed from the Junior playground and exited through the main entrance leading to Rockingham Close.

Easter Holiday Club

There are only 3 weeks left until the 2 week Easter holiday.

Fun Fest will once again be holding their club, on our school premises, over this Easter break. Bookings are now live through the Fun Fest website:

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>

This club will run across both weeks, Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm.

Prices start from £24 (for half a day) and there are discounts for siblings and block bookings for a full week. Further details are available online.

Please note: This club is led by an outside company (not St. Mary's School staff) and the club is also open to children from outside our school.



BOOK FOR EASTER!

Easter Holidays
We are open Mondays to Fridays during Easter!
Book full or half days with us now!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOK NOW

www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Open From 8am to 6pm
Monday - Friday

Choose Fun

Prices
Full Day
£ 42
Half Day
£ 24

Discount Offers
Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri)
£ 190
Sibling Full Day Rate
£ 39

Email
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play

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>

Road Closure - Next Week

We have been told (by one of our parents) that one of the main roads leading to school will be closed throughout next week. There is a sign at the start of New Windsor Street, leading onto Rockingham Road, stating that it will be closed for 5 days from Monday 9th March. There is a road closure diversion in place - if possible, please allow extra time for your journey to and from school if travelling by road.



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>

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 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 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>

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>

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/>

Safeguarding

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 of our responsibility to safeguard children.

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.

Class Assembly Dates

We have planned for each class to lead an assembly either this, or next term. All class assemblies will take place in our school Hall on the dates listed below. All family members are most welcome to attend – please save the dates in your diaries:

Date	Class	Time
Tues 10 th March	Year 3	2.45pm
Tues 28 th April	Year 2	2.45pm
Tues 19 th May	Year 1	2.45pm
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 (Leavers' Production)	2pm
Thur 16 th July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	2.30pm

Diary Dates:

Please check our school website for a complete list of diary dates.

Date	Event
09/03/26- 13/03/26	Test Week
10/03/26	Year 3 Class Assembly
18/3/26 and 19/3/26	Early Year 6 Parents' Evening
27/03/26	End of term -School finishes at 12:15 for Easter break
	FUN FEST Holiday Club
13/04/26	School opens at 8:40am
21/04/26	Main Parents Evening online (Early Years to Year 5)
23/04/26	Main Parents Evening online
04/05/26	May Bank Holiday
11/05/26- 15/05/26	SATS week
18/05/26	Class photographs
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half Term
01/06/26	School opens at 8:40am.
08/06/26- 12/06/26	Swimming-Year 5
15/06/26-17/06/26	Year 6 Residential trip
18/06/26	Sports Day -EYS
18/06/26	Year 2- Windsor Castle Trip
30/06/26	Sports Day-KS1
02/07/26	Sports Day-KS2
03/07/26	Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Trip
10/07/26	Year 5 School Trip
14/07/26	Year 6 – Leavers Production 2:00pm
16/07/26	Year 6- Graduation
17/07/26	Last day of term. School finishes at 12:15.