



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 12th July 2024

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should 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.

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 (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.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to everybody who came along to our Summer Fair on Saturday. Despite the rainy weather, there were lots of stalls and attractions to enjoy. A particular thank you to all of the volunteers who helped set up and run the stalls and to Mrs Allen (PTA Chair) for ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. It was also lovely to see so many of you at our Year 6 Leavers' mass on Monday. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and to pray for them as they get ready to transition to their new secondary schools. Our Year 6 pupils have lots of exciting activities planned for their final week in school, including their 3-day residential visit to Ufton Court and their graduation ceremony on Thursday. We have also booked a DJ for an end of Yr6 disco party on their final day of school.

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed performing their assembly for the whole school and their parents on Tuesday. They taught us lots about the Vikings in a fun way through their acting and some very catchy songs! We are very much looking forward to our Year 6 Leavers' assembly taking place this afternoon – further details below.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Our Year 6 pupils will perform their WW2 themed Leavers' Assembly for parents/carers this afternoon. We would like to invite family members, into school, from **1.45pm**, for tea and coffee. Thank you for all the donations of cakes and biscuits. This assembly will start at 2pm

and finish before the end of the school day.

8.30am Support Groups

All 8.30am support groups (Years 1 to 6) finished today. There are no before school groups next week. All pupils need to arrive from 8.40am at the Rockingham Road green gate.

Year 6 – Remaining Diary Dates

Monday 15th at 9.15 am	Weather permitting we will have our KS1 Sports day in the junior playground.
Mon 15th to Wed 17th July	Year 6 Residential Visit to Ufton Court (near Reading)
Thursday 18th July at 2.15pm (School Hall)	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in School – all parents/carers are most welcome to attend
Friday 19th July	Yr6 Disco in school Hall (morning) – the children do not need to bring in any snacks

Term Ends

This academic year ends next week on Friday 19th July - at the earlier time of 12.15pm. Pupils will not eat lunch, in school, on this day.



Summer Holiday Club

The FunFest holiday club will take place, in our school, over the Summer break. Please see the flyer below for further details.

Next Year

Pupils return to school on **Wednesday 4th September**.

You can view the term dates for 2024 to 2025 on our school website:
<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Message from our PTA

HUGE THANKS to all for making Saturday a success. From donations to set up, running stalls & clearing up – you made it an amazing day (despite the weather)!

RAFFLE TICKETS

Just a quick reminder that Raffle tickets are still available on the EY table and at reception. Please hand in your ticket stubs and money by Tues 16th July, as we'll be picking the winners on Wednesday 17th July!

ONLINE AUCTION

We're delighted to announce that we're taking our auction online, launching today!

We've had some fantastic items donated, something for everyone, like VIP tickets to see Peter Kay, Cases of Gallo Wine, retail gift vouchers and lots, lots more!

To view the online auction, click on the link below. You don't need to register to take part, just enter your bid amount and your contact details. All auction communication is by email, so you'll be notified if you are outbid, or indeed if you win the item! Bid winners will be contacted by The PTA to arrange payment (bank transfer preferred) and collection of your item before the summer break.

<https://www.32auctions.com/StMarys-SummerAuction24>

Bidding ends on Tues 16th July at 8pm.

SUMMER ACTIVITY

All proceeds from go towards our Summer Fundraising Programme, where our objective is to support the school with new books for all year groups, as well as new IT equipment to update the computer suite.

If you have any questions, please do contact us: stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com

Many thanks, St Mary's PTA Team

Spanish Lessons

Please note: Our Spanish lessons have finished for this year.

Summer Reading

The summer holidays are a wonderful opportunity for children to read for pleasure and even better if they see grown-ups doing it too. Why not go to the local library and take part in the 'Summer Reading Challenge' – details below.

Pupils also have access to **free online e-books** at Oxford Owl:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Hillingdon Summer Reading Challenge

Last week the children had an assembly about Hillingdon's summer reading challenge.

There are lots of activities over the summer and the reading challenge sounds lots of fun for the children.

The reading challenge starts on Saturday 6th July and ends on Saturday 14th of September. Please find more information on Hillingdon website

<https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/11044/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2024>

Winston's Wish – Bereavement Support

With the summer holidays just around the corner, we want parents to know that Winston's Wish is open with support services available!

Here are a few resources they offer:

- **On-Demand Support**: Winston's Wish Bereavement Support Workers will be available from 8am to 8pm on weekdays, with their team there to listen and provide support to young people and parents.
- **Make and Talk Activities**: They have a number of interactive activities that are designed to help children and young people talk about their grief. These are helpful resources for parents and guardians who are supporting bereaved children and young people.

Alongside this, they have a range of downloadable resources and information that can be accessed via their website:

[https://winstonswish.org/services-open-summer-holidays/?utm_source=Winston%27s+Wish+newsletter&utm_campaign=a8b38d1bce-Education Newsletter 27 06 2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-a8b38d1bce-%5BLIST EMAIL ID%5D](https://winstonswish.org/services-open-summer-holidays/?utm_source=Winston%27s+Wish+newsletter&utm_campaign=a8b38d1bce-Education+Newsletter+27+06+2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-a8b38d1bce-%5BLIST+EMAIL+ID%5D)



Arthur – 3rd Place

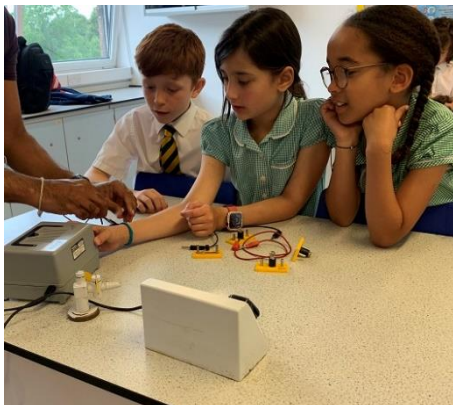
Well done to Arthur (Yr4) for coming in 3rd place in the Hillingdon dental hygiene competition. A representative from the Hillingdon community dental service visited school this week to give him his award certificate and prizes.

Congratulations Arthur!

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>



Douay Martyrs Science Trip

Year 4 visited Douay Martyrs Secondary School on Wednesday and found out more about circuits and electricity. They built circuits with alternating currents to show how useful it is to have different routes for electricity to travel along with different conductors. Thank you to all the parents who helped on this trip.



Outstanding payments in Eduspot

We have a number of outstanding parent payments on Eduspot. Please ensure that you log into the pupil's accounts before the end of the academic year and check if you have any payments due. We are aware that some parents have had issues logging into Eduspot. If you are having issues logging in - please contact Miss Taberer. Alternatively, if you would like to send cash instead - please send it in an envelope with your child's name for the attention of Miss Taberer. Thank you

POLISH LESSONS arrive at St Mary's!

Dear parents/carers,

My name is Aleksandra and I am Antonina's mum who is currently in Year 6. I am also running the Breakfast and After School Club in our school.

I am a qualified Polish Teacher and I have a degree in Teaching Polish Language and Culture to speakers of other languages. I have worked in a Polish Saturday School for the last few years.

I am excited to announce that I am available to teach Polish at St Mary's after school, between 3.15 and 4.20 p.m every Wednesday (starts from 04.09.24-23.10.24 - 8 weeks). All year groups are welcome from Reception to Y6. The cost is £10 per session and the club will start after the summer holidays. Payment will be collected for the term.

Please could you contact me, as soon as possible, by text or email to reserve your place if you are interested in your child attending Polish classes.

With warm regards

Aleksandra Nikratowicz

aleksandra.nikratowicz@gmail.com

07874 629 314



Age Restrictions on Social Media

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

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)

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

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

House Point Winners this week:	St Thomas	5610
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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!



**Upcoming
Holidays**

Summer Holidays

23rd July to
27th August
Monday - Friday
8am - 6pm

**Follow
-US-**



**Summer
Holiday Club**

LOADING ...

THE FOUR FEST OLYMPIC JUMPERS
PARIS 2024
IS COMING!!
Raising funds for
Save the Children

Booking Info

We are taking bookings

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge>
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge
07399 880319
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

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/>

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://hillingtonpcf.com/>

Speech Link – Parent Portal

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

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:

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



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

It is all our responsibility to safeguard children

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
12/7/24	Year 6 Production from 1.45pm
15/7/24	KS1 Sports Day 9.15am
15/7/24 - 17/7/24	Year 6 Residential Trip
18/7/24	Year 6 Graduation 2.15pm
19/7/24	Year 6 Disco 9.15am
19/7/24	Break up 12.15pm
04/9/24	Back to school 8.40am

Please visit our school website for Term dates - including 2024 to 2025: <https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>