



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 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,

Pupils took part in both the Key Stages 1 and 2 Sports Days this week.

It was lovely to see so many family members in attendance cheering their children on.

Our KS2 Sports Day looked a bit different this year, with all pupils moving to and taking part in all of the sporting events. Thank you for all the positive feedback we received from parents and to Mr Stringer (PE lead), and Mr Morris (KS2 lead), for planning and organising this revised event.

We would also like to thank Mrs Chandarana (EYs lead) and Miss Gahan (KS1 lead) for planning their key stage events.

We hope you enjoyed both of our Sports Days!

Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Our end of year Mass will take place on Monday, at 9.30am, in our Church. We hope you can join us in celebrating the achievements of our Year 6 pupils.

Applications for First Holy Communion 2026-27

Applications for First Holy Communion 2026-27 will be available from Angela after weekend Masses in July and August, with enrolment on 12th/13th September. If you would like your child to make their Holy Communion please make sure you are getting a Mass Attendance Card signed.

Transition Day

The majority of Hillingdon secondary schools are holding their transition day on Tuesday 7th July. We will also be holding our school transition day on Tuesday for all pupils. All children will get the chance to meet their new teacher (and support staff) and spend a lesson with them in their new classroom.

End of Year Reports

We will send home our end of year pupil reports on Wednesday. These reports will also include the results from our recent Test Week and also the results from statutory assessments. If you would like to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss the strengths and targets identified in their report – you can arrange a meeting to do so by emailing or phoning our school office.

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Year 6 SATs Results – DfE Delay

We have just been informed by the Department for Education (DfE) that there will be a delay in sending this year's Year 6 SATs results to schools.

Unfortunately this means that this year's SATs results will be sent home after their end of year reports which has never happened before (SATs results will be sent home on Thursday 16th July).

Mrs Chandarana - Musical Toys Wanted



If you have any unwanted musical toys at home (that are in a good working condition) – Mrs Chandarana would be delighted to receive any donations. Our early years pupils would be grateful to receive any moving or light up toys. Thank you in advance.

Sweet Cups

Thank you to all the family members who brought in filled sweet cups this week in return for wearing non-uniform to school on Wednesday. These cups will be used on the Sweet Cup tombola stall at our upcoming Summer Fair.

Summer Fete – Just One Week to Go!

Our Summer Fete is only one week away! A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Your support is helping us make this year's fete a fantastic event for our school community.

We still need your help! If you are able to donate, we would be grateful for:

- Luxury raffle prizes (especially wines and spirits)
- Toys
- Pre-loved school uniform
- If you didn't manage to return your sweet cups (wrapped/nut free sweets only), you can still bring them into school.

Please bring all donations into school by Tuesday 7th of July 2026 in the clear boxes provided near EY. *(Please do not put them inside the school recycling box, that's for unwanted normal clothes, etc).* After that we will be busy preparing for our Summer Fete.

Don't forget...

- Buy your raffle tickets for a chance to win some fantastic prizes.
- Spread the word by encouraging family and friends to join in.

Summer Fete: Thursday 9th of July 2026 3:15pm to 5:15pm

We look forward to seeing you all for an afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit.

Thank you for your continued support!

For any questions, please email us stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com

Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum

Today, our Year 3 pupils are taking part in a Prehistory Day at the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The children will step back in time with two engaging workshops linking to their Pre-history topics.

In the Stone Age workshop, pupils will create and use pigments, build a shelter and learn to throw spears. In the Iron Age workshop, they'll experience crafting, ancient cooking techniques, and explore the museum's historically accurate roundhouse. It's set to be an action-packed, dynamic journey through time that brings the wonders of pre-history to life.

Brunel University – Free Summer Holiday Camps

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are delighted to share that KidSpace at Brunel University London will be offering a series of **free summer holiday camps** for children and young people.

These will include:

- **Skills for secondary school** (supporting transition, developing skills for secondary school and confidence-building)
- **Handwriting clubs**
- **Typing clubs**
- **Bike skills groups**

These sessions are designed to support children's participation, confidence, and development in a supportive and engaging environment. They will be facilitated by occupational therapy students under the supervision of qualified occupational therapists.

Please note that **places are limited**, and we expect high demand.

Families can find more information and register their interest here:

[Register your interest in KidSpace holiday activities](#)



To be considered, please ensure you **tick the box for "Interested in school holiday activities to help children with skill development."**

Please see the attached poster for more information.

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards, Caroline McHugh KidSpace@brunel.ac.uk

Staff Allocation – 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

This is our staff allocation for the next academic year:

Class	Teacher	Support staff
Nursery	Mrs Bowen	Miss Power
Reception	Mrs Chandarana	Mrs Still & Mrs O'Connor
Year 1	Miss Gahan	Mrs Inkpen
Year 2	Mrs Rowland	Mrs Charlton
Year 3	Mrs Parry	Mrs Horswood
Year 4	Miss Haji	Mrs Sullivan
Year 5	Mr Stringer	Miss Bradford
Year 6	Mr Morris	Mrs George
Teacher cover (PPA)	Mrs Park, Mrs Goodheart and Mrs Kumar	

SEN Support: Mrs Spindler, Mrs Wilcox and Miss Wall

Invitation to Years 5 & 6 Parents – Secondary School Transition Talk

‘Is your child anxious about the move to secondary school?’

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to invite you to attend a Years 5 and 6 Parent/Carer transition support session delivered in partnership with the Hillingdon Inclusion Team (and the Centre for ADHD and Autism Support - CAAS). The workshop is designed to support parents and carers of young people who may feel nervous or anxious about the transition from primary school to secondary school (including children diagnosed with Autism and/or ADHD). This session will be delivered by representatives from the local charity CAAS.

This parent/carers workshop will provide a safe and supportive space to discuss many of the common worries and concerns families experience when preparing for the move to mainstream secondary school. The session will also provide an opportunity to ask questions and gain practical strategies to support your child through this important transition.

Topics may include key differences between primary and mainstream secondary school, behaviour systems and detentions, realistic expectations, reasonable adjustments, and supporting friendships. This session will also explore positive communication with schools, where to access support, and practical strategies to help children prepare over the summer holidays.

The aim of the workshop is to help reduce anxieties around transition and help families feel more prepared and supported moving forward. We recognise that every child is different and the session is designed to offer reassurance, understanding and practical guidance.

This parent workshop will take place, in our school Hall, as follows –

Date: Wednesday 15th July 2026

Time of session: 9am – 10am (parents can come into school from 8.50am after the morning drop off).

Please buzz into our office at our main entrance off of Rockingham Close.

Year 6 Events

Parents and family members (of our Year 6 pupils) are invited to the following events this half term:

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon 6 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	9.30am	Church
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production	2pm	School hall
Thur 16 th July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	2.30pm	School hall

Year 5 STEM Workshops

We are delighted to share that **St Mary's was the first school in the United Kingdom to participate in a STEM education project led by the Royal Academy of Engineering.**

Throughout the day, pupils engaged in a range of practical engineering and technology challenges, including programming an all-terrain vehicle using Crumble software, designing and testing structures, investigating the properties of materials, and developing solutions to real-world engineering problems through an iterative design process.

The activities were intentionally designed to be inclusive and adaptable, ensuring that all pupils could participate fully regardless of their previous experience or confidence in STEM subjects. A key focus of the workshops was experiential learning. Pupils were encouraged to explore ideas, test solutions, learn from mistakes, and refine their approaches, developing confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills. Rather than emphasising right or wrong answers, the programme celebrated curiosity, creativity, and collaboration, with trained facilitators providing support and guidance throughout the day.

We are proud to have been involved in this pioneering initiative and to offer our pupils the opportunity to engage with a programme that inspires the next generation of engineers, innovators, and problem-solvers.

Fun Fest Holiday Club

Looking ahead to the Summer Holidays...



Bookings open Friday 5th June 6pm for the Summer Holidays!



Summer Holidays clubs will run from 23rd July to 18th August at Fun Fest Uxbridge.

Book here:



www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Are you looking for a caring,
safe and nurturing Nursery for
your child?

Book a visit with the school
to end your search.

Phone: 01895232814

email:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk



Our outstanding Early Years have full time and limited part time places available. We also offer wrap around care before and after school hours.

Nursery Places - Available for September Last few places available

We have a limited number of 30 hours Nursery places available for September (8.30am until 3.30pm).

Our before and after school club provider also takes Nursery pupils enabling wraparound care between 7.30am and 5.30pm each day for pupils attending our school Nursery. This club finishes at 5.15pm every Friday. Parents can pick up an application form from our school office.

Please note: These places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.

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/>

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>

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.

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>

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.

Please use our 1-way system after school



We would like to encourage as many parents as possible to use our 1-way system at our pick-up time. Please enter our school using the main pedestrian entrance and then leave school via our Rockingham Road gate (the entrance pupils use every morning). Using this 1-way system helps to prevent congestion in our narrow alleyway leading into school.

Thank you for your consideration.

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.

Upcoming Diary Dates	
Date	Event
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.
01/09/26-02/09/26	Inset Day
03/09/26	School commences at 8:40am
26/10/26-30/10/26	Half Term
02/11/26	Inset Day
03/11/26	School commences at 8:40am
18/12/26	School finishes at 12:15pm
04/01/27	Inset Day
05/01/27	School commences at 8:40am
15/02/27-19/02/27	Half Term
22/02/27	School commences at 8:40am
25/03/27	School finishes at 12:15pm
26/03/27-09/04/27	Easter Break
12/04/27	School commences at 8:40am
03/05/27	Early May Bank Holiday
31/05/27-04/06/27	Half Term
07/06/27	School commences at 8:40am
20/07/27	School finishes at 12:15pm for Summer holidays