



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 27th 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,

Thank you to all the family members who attended our Eucharistic Procession last Friday. Our First Communion children proudly showed of their outfits, the children processed around our Junior playground and we then crowned Our Lady. It was a special occasion and a lovely end to our week in school. Throughout this week, pupils in Years 1 to 5 completed various age/level appropriate tests. Your child's assessment results will be sent home with their end of year report on Friday 11th July. The Perform theatre group visited school on Monday to lead workshops with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. The children had great fun taking part in the drama workshops whilst finding out more about the Amazon rainforest. Our Key Stage 2 Sports Day took place on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the different events and cheering your child on! Thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Stringer for organising this event.



Hillingdon Panathlon Finals

Last week, a group of pupils represented our school at the Hillingdon inclusive Panathlon Finals (for KS2) at the Brunel University sports centre. The various events were designed to be inclusive and included multi-sport challenges, boccia, bowling and football skills. It was a well organised event and the children really enjoyed competing across the different challenges.

Thank you to Mr Stringer, and Miss Bradford, for accompanying the children.

Year 2's Class Assembly

Our Year 2 pupils performed their class assembly for their family members yesterday reminding us of the importance of British Values and spirituality. The children did really well learning their lines and the singing was fantastic (including Here Comes the Sun by the Beatles). We hope you enjoyed it!

Leavers' Mass - Today

Our Leavers' Mass took place today in our Church. This was an excellent opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and to wish them well in their transition to their various secondary schools. Thank you to all the parents who helped accompany the children to and from Church.

Year 3 Prehistory Day - Today

Today, our Year 3 class visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum, in Chalfont, to take part in activities exploring prehistory from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. They'll experience crafting, ancient cooking techniques, and explore the historically accurate Iron Age roundhouse. It promises to be an exciting hands-on day bringing the wonders of pre-history to life for the children!

Year 1 Class Assembly

Year 1's Class Assembly will take place on **Thursday 10th July, at 2.30pm**, in school. All family members are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 – Events for Parents

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production (for family members) will take place on Tuesday 15th of July, at 2.15pm, in our school hall.

The children's Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday 17th of July - also at 2.15pm. Our whole school will join together, at this time, to celebrate our Year 6 before they leave St. Mary's. We hope you can join us too!

Year 6 Residential Trip

Next week, our Year 6 pupils will visit Ufton Court for their residential visit. We have planned three jam packed days of activities including a range of sporting activities and outdoor pursuits. Mr Morris, Mrs George and Mrs Inkpen are accompanying the children on their visit. We will keep Year 6 parents updated by text.

WATER ONLY SCHOOL



The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has urged all of London's primary schools to become 'water only' in a bid to tackle childhood obesity across the capital.

From September, we will be a 'water only school'.

All pupils currently have a refillable water bottle that they can refill at lunch/break times. The children take these water bottles into the

Hall when they have lunch and we also have extra jugs of water and cups on the lunch tables.

From September, we are asking parents not to send any other drinks in lunch boxes.
Thank you.

8.30am – Before School Groups End

All 8.30am pre-teaching and booster groups **end on Friday 11th July**. There are no groups taking place during the last week of this term. All pupils need to be dropped off at the Rockingham Road green gate between 8.40 and 8.45am during our last week of school. Thank you.

District Sports

This year's Hillingdon District Sports will take place on Wednesday 2nd July. We would like to wish our KS2 pupils the best of luck competing in the different events.

Last Day of Term

This term ends on Friday 18th July at the earlier time of 12.15pm. There is no lunch on this day.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is called the 'Story Garden' - children can now take part online as well as at their local library. Parents can find out more here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

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>

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>

Summer Holiday – FunFest Holiday Club



Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

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.

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://hillingtonpcf.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/>

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. Francis	224
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Diary Dates:

Date	Event
27/06/2025	Year 3 trip- Chiltern Open Air Museum
27/06/2025	Year 6 Leavers Mass at 9:30am in Church
30/06/2025-02/07/2025	Year 6 Residential Trip
10/07/2025	Year 1 Assembly at 2.30pm
15/07/2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2:15pm
17/07/2025	Year 6 Graduation at 2:15pm
18/07/2025	Early Finish 12:15pm. No hot meals.