



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

### Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. via our Rockingham Road entrance. This gate will be locked at 8.45am).

**Pupils arriving at the main entrance (after this time) will be marked in the register as late.**

### Collection Times

All classes (Reception to Year 6) finish school at 3.15pm.

**Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school:**

Parents can access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

### P.E. Lessons

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and extra sports coaching 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 for your help.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you found our 'Meet the Teacher' presentations we have held over the last few weeks useful.

We have planned for our first **Parents' Evening** meetings to take place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 3.15 and 5.45pm. We will send home a letter, with further information, nearer to the time.

We have also scheduled a **Curriculum Open Afternoon** for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October from 2pm. This will be an opportunity to have a look around our school and to see some of the things happening in each class.

You can also view relevant curriculum information on our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

### Tuesday – Mapping Workshops – Coats/Jackets Needed



We have organised for the 'Active Outdoor Discovery' group to visit us on Tuesday. The children will start the day by taking part in an interactive 'Rainforest' themed assembly which will follow a group of children who took part an expedition to Borneo exploring native animals and their habitats.

This will be followed by an individual class "Map Skills and Mini-Orienteering" session for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

### **These sessions are outdoor sessions – please ensure your child brings a jacket to school on Tuesday.**

To help cover the cost of these sessions, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.50. We rely on these contributions to part-fund our workshops and trips which all help to reinforce our pupils' learning. We may be unable to plan future visits and visitors without your support. Please pay any donations on [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) selecting "Active Outdoor Discovery".

### School Photographer Visit

Our school photographer (Tempest) will visit school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October to take individual pupil photographs.

## Ten Ten Parents Newsletter

Dear parents please log into our Ten Ten parents newsletter for September. There are a lot of prayers, reading and information to share at home with your family.

The online parent platform helps parents and carers engage as a family developing your child's prayer life.

To access the online parent platform please visit - [www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/](http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/)

School Username: st-mary-ub8

School Password: jesus-mum

Each month there is a new newsletter for you to share with your family.

## TODAY - World Car Free Day

Today is World Car Free Day. A big thank you to all of our family members who left their car at home and instead walked, cycled or scooted to school.

Our pupil Eco Council met on Tuesday and have been promoting these key messages in school:

- 1) **Ditch the car! Walk, cycle or scoot to school.**
- 2) **Drop a stop. Get off your bus a stop earlier and walk the rest of the way.**
- 3) **Meet up with friends and walk together.**
- 4) **Dust off your bike or scooter and try cycling/scooting!**

## Before and After School Club

	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	<b>After School</b>
<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.30pm
<b>Friday</b>	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.15pm

To register simply visit:

[www.schoolfriendclub.com](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

Once you have accessed the website click the 'our clubs' tab at the top left-hand corner, then scroll down to the St. Mary's (Hillingdon) club page. You will be able to register yourself and your children. Once you have created an account you can either book online or over the phone: 0844 2727158

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St Thomas</b>	<b>314 points</b>
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# LATE FOR SCHOOL?

CHILDREN LEARN BEST AT THE START OF THE DAY

If your child misses....	That Equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is.....
10 minutes a Day	50 minutes a Week	1.5 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1/2 Year</u> of lost learning
20 minutes a Day	1 hour 40 minutes a Week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 Year</u> of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 Years</u> of lost learning
1 hour a Day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>2.5 Years</u> of lost learning

Support your child's success. Make sure they attend school, all day, every day!

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

### The Importance of Being on Time for School

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning. Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year! Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable walking in late. Children need to arrive on time ready to settle in and start their day. Please remember school starts at 8.45 and the gates will be locked at this time.

### Communication with School

We understand that open communication is key to ensuring the success and well-being of our students. We want to emphasize the importance of bringing any concerns or issues to our attention immediately, rather than waiting for scheduled meetings. Your child's education and happiness are our top priorities, and addressing issues promptly allows us to provide the best support possible. Whether it's academic, social, or any other matter, please don't hesitate to reach out to us via email or phone. Together, we can work towards solutions that benefit your child's growth and development.

Thank you for your partnership in fostering a positive learning environment.

## Useful SEN Websites and Information

### Secondary School Applications for Year 6

If you have not already applied for secondary school, the closing date for applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023.

To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school(s), please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon council cannot be held responsible for any problems with internet providers; they are therefore recommending you submit your application online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon by **Friday 20th October 2023**. If you live out of borough you need to apply to your own local authority.

### **Eligibility for Household Benefits**

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for help with fuel payments or Early Years Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you have any problems with your application on the above website please contact Mrs Taberer directly on [jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk) This application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

**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/>

## 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](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Outdoor mapping workshops (Years 1 to 6) – all pupils require a jacket/coat
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual Photo Day – School Photographer
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.15 – 5.45pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening 3.15 – 5.45pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm

The PTA AGM will take place on **Thursday 19th October from 8pm**, in the Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael. We will run through the amazing fundraising from last year and elect new Core Team members, encourage and support new volunteers to join in and definitely have some fun. Everyone is welcome to attend.