

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 26th June 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.

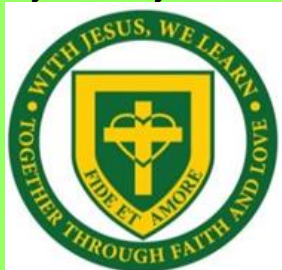
Pupil Bags in School

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,

Due to the particularly hot weather, we have made quite a few changes this week to ensure the children have stayed cool. We are very lucky that we have air conditioning, in every classroom, which has really helped. We have put up gazebos in our playground to provide extra shade and we have reduced the amount of time pupils have been outside in the sunshine for breaks. Time outside for PE lessons was reduced to up to 10 minutes and our Sports Coaches led speed stacks competitions and yoga exercises in our air conditioned classrooms. If the hot weather continues, please send your child into school next week with a sun hat and a water bottle. Please apply suncream before school.

Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability cycling proficiency training throughout this week. These sessions covered all aspects of cycling safely on our surrounding roads.

Early Years - Windsor Castle Workshop

On Wednesday morning we were visited by a representative from Windsor castle who led a workshop with our Early Years pupils. This workshop looked at castles, kings, queens and the importance of our monarchy.

Transition – Class Teacher Allocation

Over the next few weeks we will be doing lots of transition work to prepare the children for their move up to their new class.

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

PE Kits Next Week

We are practising our KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Sports Day throughout next week. Pupils (in these classes) can wear their PE kits to school next week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Non-uniform Day - Wednesday

Our PTA sent home empty sweet cups this week.

Pupils may wear their own clothes to school on Wednesday in return for returning this cup filled with sweets. Our PTA have provided further information about what to include. These sweet cups will be used on a tombola stall at our upcoming Summer Fair.

Sports Days

Following on from our Early Years Sports, we still have our Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) events to look forward to.

The dates and times are as follows:

Class	Date	Time	Location
KS1 (Years 1 and 2)	Tuesday 30 th June	9.15am	Main school playground
KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6).	Thursday 2 nd July	9.30am	Uxbridge Recreational Ground (the field adjacent to our school)

There will be a new format to our Key Stage 2 pupils following feedback (last year) from parents. This will include a carousel of different sporting events so that pupils can take part in more sporting activities without sitting for so long. Please see further details from Mr Stringer below.

Years 3 to 6 Sports Day

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our KS2 Sports Day at **Rockingham Rec**, which will take place from **9:30am to 11:00am**.

This year, we are making a slight change to the way Sports Day will run. Instead of children competing in one event and then waiting for a long time before their next turn, we will be using a **carousel-style format**. This means that all year groups will be active at the same time, moving around different event stations during the morning.

The children will take part in five events:

- **Sprint and Relay**
- **Tug of War**
- **Standing Jump**
- **Vortex Throw**

Each station will last for approximately **20 minutes**, with a short transition time between activities. The aim is for the whole event to run smoothly between **9:30am and 11:00am**.

Why are we using this format?

We believe this format will make Sports Day more enjoyable and active for all of the children. The carousel format means that children will spend less time waiting around and more time taking part. It also allows every child to be involved in a range of events, helping to make the morning feel exciting, inclusive and purposeful.

How can parents follow their child?

Parents and carers are welcome to follow their child's progress by moving between the safe viewing areas at each station. This means you will be able to watch your child as they move from event to event throughout the morning.

For safety, we kindly ask that parents remain outside the activity areas and do not enter the track, throwing, jumping or tug of war zones. Staff will be present at each station to organise the children and keep the event running smoothly.

We are hoping this format will create a lively, positive and enjoyable morning where the children can stay active, support one another and celebrate taking part in sport together.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We are really looking forward to a fantastic Sports Day!

Summer Fete Update – Less Than Two Weeks to Go!

With less than two weeks to go until our Summer Fete (*Thursday 9th July 3:15pm to 5:15pm*), we would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous donations received so far. We are still looking for donations of:

- **Luxury items:** such as gift sets, chocolates, candles, toiletries, spirits/wine or other new, unopened gifts.
- **Toys:** in good condition, suitable for children of different ages (***No broken or Mc Donalds toys please!***)
- **Pre-loved school uniforms**

World Food Stall

We are also still seeking volunteers to provide international dishes for World Food stall and home-baked treats for the event. To join the groups, please follow the links:

World Food Stall

Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L21GrcEvgMwGsPTHK1V8mX?s=cl&p=a&mlu=3>

St Marys Baking Group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JTTWqa0qtAB6ZHqLUBh5qx>

"Please ensure that all dishes and bakes are peanut/nut-free and include a full list of ingredients, along with any dietary and allergen information. This is extremely important to help keep all our families safe".

SUMMER FETE SIGNBOARD:

A special thank you to the parents who have kindly agreed to display a Summer Fete signboard outside their homes. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us spread the word throughout the community.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Raffle tickets should now have been sent home in your child's book bag. If you require more please let your rep know or email us: stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com or just pop in and see us at our **Raffle stall**.

From Monday 29th June, we will be holding a raffle ticket collection and sales stall. This will be an opportunity to:

- Return sold ticket stubs
- Make payments for tickets already sold
- Collect additional raffle tickets to sell

Further details to be communicated.

Thank you for all your support!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Summer Fete! PTA team



NON-UNIFORM DAY!
WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY
COME IN YOUR OWN CLOTHES
IN EXCHANGE FOR A SWEET CUP!

Please, bring in your filled Sweet Cups
(nuts/peanut free/
wrapped sweets only)
by Wednesday 1st of July if possible!
Early Years

Wrapped Sweets Only (Example)



Please **DO NOT** put unwrapped sweets (see example) or anything containing nuts in the Sweet Cups due to Hygiene reasons

Not allowed!!!

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES WILL RESULT IN THE SWEETS BEING BINNED.

 PLEASE SEAL THE LID WITH TAPE

 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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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.

Farewell Mass

There will be a ‘Farewell Mass’ for Miss Shevlin at our Church on Tuesday 7th July, at 4.30pm, to which all are welcome. There will be refreshments served, in our Church hall, following this Mass.

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

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
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.
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