



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

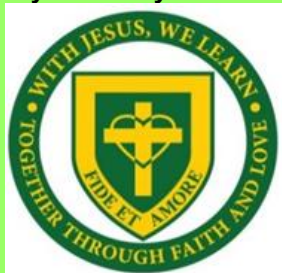
### Pupil Bags in School

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,

Our Year 6 pupils have had a busy week sitting their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. We will send home the results of these tests in each child's end of year pupil progress report. The Yr6 class still have their Writing assessments to complete and we have also planned lots of exciting activities for them to enjoy (next half term) including a 3-day residential trip, a visit to the RAF bunker in Uxbridge and transition workshops. Towards the end of this term: they will also start practising for their Leavers' Production, Mass and Graduation Assembly (please see below for a list of dates – all family members are more than welcome to attend these events).

### Mental Health Awareness Week 2026

This week was designated as the national Mental Health Awareness Week.

We have been talking to the children about the importance of looking after their mental health and what they can do if they are worried about something. **Each class has a 'Worry Box' where pupils can let their teacher know if they would like to talk about something.**



Doing things you enjoy helps mental health by reducing stress and boosting "happy hormones" like dopamine and serotonin. As a result, we booked a Jungle Book show for all pupils to enjoy at the end of this busy week. A big thank you to our PTA for funding this end of week treat.



### 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>

### Ascension Mass

Thank you to Father Nicholas for leading our Ascension Mass in school yesterday afternoon. It was lovely to see so many family members in attendance – including a family visiting from Boston, USA.

### Class Photographs

Our photographer will visit school on Monday to take all class (and group) photographs.

All pupils require their full school uniform including **school shoes and a shirt and tie.**

Our office staff will send home details of how parents can order these photographs next week.

### Year 1 Class Assembly – Next Week

Year 1's class assembly will take place on Tuesday, at 2.45pm, in our school Hall. All family members are most welcome to come and watch. We will open up the front entrance to school, shortly before 2.45pm, for all visitors to make their way to our school Hall. The details of other upcoming assemblies are detailed below. We hope to see you at Year 1's assembly.

## **Thank You**

A big thank you to Bruno's (Yr2) and Victoria's (Nursery) dad for replacing our two basketball nets in our main playground. The children have really enjoyed playing basketball this week! Thank you – your kindness is much appreciated.

## **Walk to School Week**

Our school is taking part in Walk to School Week (18th-22nd May) – throughout next week. This nationwide event is organised by walking charity Living Streets and designed to help pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school. Children will be well on their way to reaching their recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity per day before even reaching the school gates! Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life. This year's challenge, Mission Move, encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Meeting our friendly cartoon secret agents along the way, pupils will learn about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the environment! Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride) to school every day for one week using the wallchart and stickers to log their journeys. Each class will work collectively to make as many active journeys to school as possible across the week. Individual activity diaries, daily stickers and end of week pupil rewards will complement this activity, reinforcing the benefits and keeping children engaged.

**What do I need to do as a parent/carer?** We would ask, if possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school on week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May, helping our school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. In return, your child will earn special stickers and a reward trophy! Walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling all count! If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## **Non-Uniform Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

This month marks the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. To mark this special occasion, our PTA would like to celebrate his incredible achievements. We are planning to hold a non-uniform day on:

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (end of next week)**

Our pupils are invited to come to school dressed as anything inspired by David Attenborough and his work. Here are some suggestions:

- Come to school dressed as an animal
- Dress as an explorer
- An explorer
- Wear anything related to the sea, nature or earth
- Wear coloured clothes associated with our earth e.g. green, blue or brown.
- Or just come to school dressed in non-uniform and face paint

The choice is up to you but we ask that pupils do not wear football tops or onesies (as they make it difficult for pupils to use the toilet).

**Our PTA are asking for a £1 donation which they will collect from our front entrance before school.**

## **Class Assembly Dates – Summer Term**

We still have the following class assemblies and productions to look forward to this term. All class assemblies will take place in our school Hall on the dates listed below. All family members are most welcome to attend – please save any relevant dates in your diary:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1	2.45pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5	2.45pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (Leavers' Production)	2pm
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	2.30pm

## Limited (Full Time) Nursery Places

### Available for September

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.

# ***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](mailto: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.



## Summer Fete 2026

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share some great news — the Summer Fete 2026 is going ahead!

A huge thanks goes to Karen, one of our mums, who has kindly stepped forward to lead and organise the event with the support of other helpful parents. We are very grateful for everyone's support. As a community, we can create wonderful memories for our children, especially as this will be Miss Shevlin's final year as Headteacher.

If you can help in any way, big or small, or know anyone who may be able to donate or sponsor the event. Every bit of support is appreciated.

Many thanks,  
Danielle, Sobana & Bea

Link to join the Volunteer Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGrNOiEYSzaHlxo4b6PQDg>

## PTA

### **Easyfundraising**

We are now 75 supporters strong! The more people who join, the more we can raise for our school— raise money while you shop for our school.

(<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmarysptauxbridge/>)

### **School Lottery**

Play the school lottery — amazing prizes to be won!

(<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-uxbridge>)

**Summer Fete – 9th July 26:** Please use the WhatsApp link to get involved <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGrNOiEYSzaHlxo4b6PQDg>

**Many hands = less stress... and more fun!**

Many thanks,  
PTA team

## **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>

## Fun Fest - May Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be offering their popular holiday club over the May half term break. This club is held on our school premises. Please see the flyer below for further details:



**MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!**

**fun fest**

[www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge)

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
Open From 8am to 6pm  
Monday - Friday

**Choose Fun**

Prices  
Full Day  
£ 42  
Half Day  
£ 24

Discount Offers  
Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri)  
£ 190  
Sibling Full Day Rate  
£ 39

Email  
[uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

*We give children  
the freedom to choose  
and the power to play*

### 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/>

### 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://hillingtonpcf.com/>

## Speech Link – Parent Portal

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

## **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)



## **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.

## **Performing Arts Summer Workshops at the Compass Theatre - now taking bookings!**

Spend your summer holidays onstage at our popular musical theatre workshops for young people. Rehearse songs, drama scenes and dance routines from hit West End and Broadway musicals ready for two performances onstage on the Friday at 1:30 pm & 3 pm. Workshops run 10am-4pm each day and each week features different musicals - perfect for those eager stars who want to join us at both workshop weeks!

- **5 day workshops (7-16yrs): 27-31 July / 17-21 Aug**
- **2 day workshops (4-6yrs): 30 & 31 July / 20 & 21 Aug**

We can't wait for another summer of musical theatre creativity and your child's invited, so secure their place today.

For more information, please contact Hillingdon Theatres Box Office ([boxoffice@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hillingdon.gov.uk) / 01895 250615)

## Upcoming Diary Dates

Date	Event
18/05/26	Class photographs
19/05/26	Drop and Pray – 8.45am
25/05/26-29/05/26	Half Term
01/06/26	School opens at 8:40am.
08/06/26- 12/06/26	Swimming-Year 5
12/06/26	Eucharistic Procession
15/06/26-17/06/26	Year 6 Residential trip
18/06/26	Sports Day -EYS
18/06/26	Year 2- Windsor Castle Trip
26/06/26	Year 1 School Trip
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