



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

### Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should 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.

### P.E. Lessons

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports 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.

### 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.



Dear Parent/Carer,

All of our Meet the Teacher presentations have now taken place. You should also have received a copy of these presentations by email. If you still have an unanswered question – please speak to your child's class teacher after school or alternatively you can email our school office if you would prefer.

Our first Parents' Evenings, for this year, have been planned for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. These meetings will be an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has been getting on over this first half term. We are also planning to hold our annual Curriculum Afternoon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2pm. Our Year 6 pupils will give tours of our school followed by curriculum information and refreshments in our hall.

We hope you find all of these meetings and the information shared useful. On Monday, our Year 6 pupils were visited by a representative from the Red Cross who led a 'migrations' workshop with the class. This built on work they covered in Year 5 as a part of their History – Journeys/Migration unit of work.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our SEN Coffee morning to hear from the Parent Partnership and to find out more about the exciting PINs project we have signed up to this year with the aim of improving our provision for the inclusion of all pupils. It was lovely to see so many of you!

### School Lunches – Online Orders

Our new school meals caterer (Accent) are in the process of setting up our online ordering system. Once this is up and running, parents will need to order their child's free school lunch from the iPay website. Using this online system will help us to prevent food wastage, ensure we have enough food for all pupils and manage specific allergies.

We will send home a letter with further details (including an 'Activation code' for the iPay website) once everything has been set up on iPay.

### PSD - After School Sports Clubs

We still have places left on some of our sports clubs after school. Our office emailed home a flyer, including booking information, earlier this week. Parents can book a place on the PSD website (details are on the flyer).

### School Photographs

Our school photographer will visit school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs of pupils. We will send home information about how parents can place orders after they visit.

### Children's Rights

We will be doing lots of work with the children on understanding their rights. As a part of this work, we will be working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA Silver) - we have already achieved the Bronze accreditation. This work will include assemblies, work in class and a pupil steering group to promote change.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>



### **Starting Secondary School 2025**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2025.

You must apply by: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – further information here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8758/Starting-secondary-school-September-2025>

***If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -***

***Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 4pm- 5:30pm***

***Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm.***

***Appointments now available on sheet at the back of the church.***

### **Starting Reception School 2025**

If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for your child to start Reception in September 2025.

***If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -***

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024- 3:30pm – 5:30pm***

***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 11:30 am – 1.00pm***

You must apply by: 15<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – further information on to the links below:

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or email [admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk).

You also need to fill the Supplementary forms for our school that can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

***For the Nursery Children, the CCP school forms, for Nursery 2025, can be signed on the following dates: -***

***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 3pm – 5:30pm***

***Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025- 11:30am \_ 12:30pm***

### **World Car Free Day**

**World Car free day! - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept**

Find out more here - [World Car Free Day \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](http://livingstreets.org.uk)

To celebrate World car free day, we would like to encourage all parents (where possible) to leave their car at home and find a more sustainable way to journey to and from school on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. For those who live quite far away, perhaps families could consider parking further away and walking, scooting or cycling the rest of the way (Park & Stride). Remember to utilise our Walk Zone Map, located outside our main entrance, to help you plan your journey.

### **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>



## Age Restrictions on Social Media

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

### Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: [office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk)

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

For Special Educational Needs: Mr Ellis (using the contact details above)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maureen Thorpe (using the contact details above)

### 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.

### School Friend Clubs -our onsite breakfast and after school club provider:

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

Booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

### 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**

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/>

### **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>

### **Tiny Happy People**

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

## 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.stage talent.co.uk/register](http://www.stage talent.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.

A vibrant green poster for 'Fun Fest Holiday Club'. At the top center is the logo 'fun fest HOLIDAY CLUB' with 'UXBRIDGE' written above it. The poster features a central image of children in costumes with the text 'Book Now!'. Below this, it says 'October Half-Term' and '28th October - 1st November'. The school name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' and the website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' are also listed. The poster is decorated with several circular photo collages showing children engaged in various activities: 'WATER TIGHT!!', 'Messy Mayhem!', 'PUZZLES &amp; GAMES!', 'ORAGAMI!!', 'ARTS &amp; CRAFTS', 'LIBRARY BUS!', 'FUN DAY FRIDAY!!', and 'OUTSIDE FUN!'. At the bottom, the email address 'Uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is provided.

## UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date	Event
30/9/24	Individual Photos
07/10/24	World Space Week
10/10/24	Panathlon KS2
22/10/24	Parents Evening
23/10/24	Annual Curriculum Afternoon
24/10/24	Parents Evening
28/10/24 - 1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	Teacher INSET (school closed to all pupils)
05/11/24	Pupils back to school - Kindness Week
18/11/24 - 22/11/24	Swimming -Year 6
25/11/24	Test Week -Year 6
29/11/24	National No Pens Day
02/12/24 - 06/12/24	Test Week
12/12/24	Early Years Christmas Production (2:15pm)
18/12/24	KS1 Christmas Production (2:15pm)
20/12/24	End of term. Finish at 12:15pm (no hot lunch)
06/01/25	School opens - start of Spring Term 2025

Please visit our school website for Term dates:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>