



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

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.

P.E. Lessons

Although each class is timetabled for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports coach 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,

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely half term break.

Our teachers returned to school on Monday and took part in SEN workshops led by our LA Inclusion Team. This was funded as a part of the Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project we have signed up to be a part of this year. This SEN training included the following areas:

- Developing pupil targets and personalised plans.
- Strategies for supporting pupils with ADHD.
- Developmental Language Disorder (DLD).

We were also visited by two Occupational Therapy (OT) lecturers from Brunel University who carried out an environment/sensory audit alongside 10 trainee OTs. This audit will be followed up by support to help us make our school environment more sensory friendly for all pupils and will include training for our teachers. On Thursday 28th November, from 8:45am, they will lead our 2nd Parent Coffee Morning giving an introduction to occupational therapy and what parents can do if they have any concerns regarding their child's handwriting, scissor skills (fine motor) or gross motor control including balance, coordination etc.

Kindness Week Celebrations – this week

We celebrated Kindness Week, in school, this week. Activities included a special themed assembly, a Reward Assembly rewarding acts of kindness, PSHE work and an opportunity to be extra kind to a 'secret friend'.

School Lunches – now 6 weeks in advance

Parents can now order their child's lunches up to 6 weeks in advance (currently up to the week beginning 9th December).

Please continue to order online through the iPay website:

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 pupils will start their swimming lessons on Monday 18th November for a one-week course. Pupils require swimming shorts (boys), a one-piece swimming costume (girls), a towel and a swimming hat.

500 Words Competition – Deadline Today

Please submit any entries online, before 9pm, today. Please follow the link below to submit your child's work and remember to read all the guidelines.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zqc8mbk>

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 15th November 2024- 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Saturday 16th November 2024 – 11:30 am – 1.00pm

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

www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions or email 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 10th January 2025 – 3pm – 5:30pm

Saturday 11th January 2025- 11:30am _ 12:30pm

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

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

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

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>

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

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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	266
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UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date	Event
18/11/24 - 22/11/24	Swimming -Year 5
19/11/24	Open morning at 9.15am for prospective parents
20/11/24	Flu vaccination
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>