



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 20th March 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,

Father Nicholas visited school, on Tuesday, to lead our end of term Mass with pupils and their parents. It was lovely to see so many family members in attendance.

Our Eco Council also met, on this day, to talk about areas of the school they would like to see developed including our Key Stage 2 Wildlife Area. They also took photographs to add to a new Eco Warriors display in our main corridor.

Mr Morris held his Year 6 Parents' Evening, this week, to talk about the results of our Mock SATs tests. We hope the parents who attended these meetings found them useful. The Year 6 SATs tests will take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May.

You can find out further information, including a timetable for SATs week, here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates>

Our main Parents' Evenings, for Nursery to Year 5, will take place on: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April (after the Easter break). These meetings are online.

Caryl Hart Visit

Yesterday, we were lucky enough to be visited by children's author Caryl Hart. Caryl is an award-winning children's author who writes picture books and young fiction. Her books have won and been shortlisted for many regional and national awards. Caryl led a whole school assembly in the morning bringing to life her book *Meet the Dinosaurs*. She was really impressed by the Design a Dinosaur competition entries that we showed her. This assembly was then followed



by class workshops, throughout the day, including interactive story writing activities linked to her books. Parents also got the opportunity to meet Caryl, after school, at our Book Sale.

Year 5 Trip – Packed Lunch Needed



Our Year 5 pupils are taking part in a Viking day, at Ufton Court, on Monday. Mr Morris is leading this trip (with Miss Bradford) in Mr Stringer's absence. Activities include mock Viking battles, a raiding activity in a mock Viking long boat and workshops looking at artefacts, runes and Viking sagas. It promises to be a fun, educational day!

All pupils require a packed lunch from home (our caterers are unable to provide a packed lunch on this day).

Early Finish – Next Friday

Term ends, next Friday, at the earlier time of 12.15pm. There are no school lunches on this day. We ask that all parents have made arrangements to pick their child up at this earlier time.

Easter Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be holding their club, on our school premises, over the Easter break.

Bookings are now live through the Fun Fest website:

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>

This club will run across both weeks, Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm. Prices start from £24 (for half a day) and there are discounts for siblings and block bookings for a full week. Further details are available online.

Please note: This club is led by an outside company (not St. Mary's School staff) and the club is also open to children from outside our school.



The poster is for the Fun Fest Easter Holiday Club. It features a yellow background with a purple border. At the top, it says 'BOOK FOR EASTER!' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'Easter Holidays' and 'We are open Mondays to Fridays during Easter! Book full or half days with us now!'. There is a photo of a child and a rabbit illustration. The Fun Fest logo is at the bottom left, and 'BOOK NOW' is at the bottom right. The website URL 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' is in the center. Below that, it says 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' and 'Open From 8am to 6pm Monday - Friday'. There are two diagonal banners: 'Choose Fun' on the left and 'We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play' on the right. A central list of prices and offers is provided.

BOOK FOR EASTER!

Easter Holidays
We are open Mondays to Fridays during Easter!
Book full or half days with us now!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOK NOW

www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge

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

Choose Fun

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

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

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>

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>

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>

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.

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.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.

HOUSE POINTS

The winner is:-

St. Berenadette

Thursday 26th March 2026 is non uniform day for the children in St. Berenadette.

Class Assembly Dates

We have planned for each class to lead an assembly either this, or next 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 the dates in your diaries:

Date	Class	Time
Tues 28 th April	Year 2	2.45pm
Tues 19 th May	Year 1	2.45pm
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 (Leavers' Production)	2pm
Thur 16 th July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	2.30pm

Diary Dates:

Please check our school website for a complete list of diary dates.

Date	Event
27/03/26	End of term -School finishes at 12:15 for Easter break
	FUN FEST Holiday Club
13/04/26	School opens at 8:40am
21/04/26	Drop and Pray – 8.45am
21/04/26	Main Parents Evening online (Early Years to Year 5)
23/04/26	Main Parents Evening online
04/05/26	May Bank Holiday
11/05/26- 15/05/26	SATS week
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
15/06/26-17/06/26	Year 6 Residential trip
18/06/26	Sports Day -EYS
18/06/26	Year 2- Windsor Castle 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.