



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025

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 when collecting, after school, to avoid congestion in our 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 large rucksacks** or other similar bags. Thank you in advance.

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 Sports Days for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils took place this week. We hope you enjoyed the events and cheering your child on. We are looking forward to the Key Stage 2 event next week (further details below). On Tuesday, a group of pupils represented our school at the Hillingdon inclusive Panathlon Finals (for KS2) at the Brunel University sports centre. It was a really well organised event and the children really enjoyed competing across the different events. Thank you to Mr Stringer for organising this visit. We have been lucky enough to have seen some lovely warm weather this week. Please continue to send in refillable water bottles and sun hats (sun cream should be applied before school).

Eucharistic Procession - TODAY

Please join us today, at 2.30pm, for our Eucharistic Procession.

During the procession, we will crown Our Lady and have a procession around the junior playground. Year 3 are invited to dress in their First Communion outfit for the procession. All families are welcome to join us for this special annual event in school.

Perform Workshops

The Perform theatre group will visit school on Monday to lead workshops with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. These sessions will explore an Amazon rainforest theme linking with some of our Geography topics in KS1 and EYs.

Test Week – End Year Reports

Next week: pupils in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will complete various age/level appropriate tests. Our Years 2 and 6 pupils have already completed their tests. Your child's assessment results will be sent home with their end of year report on Friday 11th July.

Year 2's Class Assembly – Next Week

Year 2's class assembly will take place next week on Thursday 26th June. All family members are more than welcome to attend, from 2.30pm, in our school hall. We will open our main entrance, shortly before this time, for visitors to make their way to our hall.

KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Sports Day – Next Week

Our Key Stage 2 Sports Day for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take place on Wednesday morning (25th June), from 9.15am, at Uxbridge Recreational Ground. This is the sports field adjacent to our school - opposite Fray's Way. All family members are most welcome to join us for this event. Please ensure your child has a water bottle and sun hat for this event. We ask that family members do not approach the children during this event and that they stay in the viewing areas so that they do not impede pupils competing in the various events. Thank you in advance.

Leavers' Mass

We would like to invite all family members to our Leavers' Mass on Friday (27th June). This Mass will take place, at 9.30am, in our Church. This is also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 pupils and to wish them well in their transition to their various secondary schools. We hope to see you there.



Year 3 Prehistory Day

Next Friday, we have planned for our Year 3 class to visit Chiltern Open Air Museum, in Chalfont, to take part in activities exploring prehistory from the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. They'll experience crafting, ancient cooking techniques, and explore the historically accurate Iron Age roundhouse. It promises to be an exciting hands-on day bringing the wonders of pre-history to life for the children!

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is called the 'Story Garden' - children can now take part online as well as at their local library. Parents can find out more here:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Summer Holiday – FunFest Holiday Club

A colorful promotional poster for the FunFest Holiday Club. The poster has a pink background. At the top, a blue banner reads 'SUMMER HOLIDAYS' and 'FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!'. Below this, there are two main sections. The left section features the 'fun fest HOLIDAY CLUB' logo, a list of 'Upcoming Holidays' for 'Summer Holidays' from '24th July to 22nd August' (Monday - Friday, 8am - 6pm), and social media icons for Facebook and Instagram with the text 'Follow -US-'. The right section has a 'Summer Holiday Club' title with a sun and leaf icon, a 'LOADING ...' progress bar, and 'Booking Info' which states 'We are taking bookings' and provides the website 'https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge', the address 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge', the phone number '07399 880319', and the email 'uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk'.

Year 1 Class Assembly

Year 1's Class Assembly will take place on Thursday 10th July at 2.30pm in school (not the 10th June as previously advertised). All family members are most welcome to attend.

Year 6 Leavers Events

Dear parents, please join us for the different events we have planned for Year 6 as they get ready to leave St. Mary's:

- **Leavers Mass Friday 27th of June at 9.30am** – The whole school will come together to celebrate our Year 6 for their leavers Mass in our parish church. We will all leave school at 9am to walk to church.
- **Year 6 Assembly Tuesday 15th of July at 2.15pm** – Please join the children for their special leavers assembly.
- **Year 6 Graduation Thursday 17th of July at 2.15pm** – We will all join together to celebrate our Year 6 before they leave St. Mary's.

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)

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>

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.

Tiny Happy People

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website has been designed to help parents develop their child's language skills. You can explore their simple activities and play ideas here:

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

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>

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>

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/>

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



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 Thomas	183
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Date	Event
20/06/2025	Year 6 trip- Battle of the Bunker.
20/06/2025	Eucharistic Procession
25/06/2025	Key Stage Two Sports Day
27/06/2025	Year 3 trip- Chiltern Open Air Museum
27/06/2025	Year 6 Leavers Mass at 9:30am in Church
30/06/2025-02/07/2025	Year 6 Residential Trip
15/07/2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2:15pm
17/07/2025	Year 6 Graduation at 2:15pm