



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,



Well done to the pupils who represented our school at this year's Mini London Marathon on Saturday running one mile (or 2.6K) in the heart of the capital. The children started their race at the Horse Guards Parade and then finished at The Mall (also the finish line used by the 'runners' of the main London Marathon which takes place on the following Sunday). They all did really well! Thank you to Mr

Morris, Mr Stringer and Miss Gahan for giving up their Saturday to help the children.

Parents can view the Mini Marathon highlights on BBC iPlayer – our pupils and helpers can be seen about 1 hour and 45 minutes into the recording: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/I00585zx/london-marathon-2026-mini-london-marathon-2026>

Thank you to all the family members who came along to watch Year 2's class assembly on Tuesday afternoon. The children recited their lines and performed their parts and songs brilliantly. They did really well to remember so much about our World including the names of the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. They even performed the song 'What a Wonderful World' using sign language. Well done Year 2!

Our Year 2 pupils also took part in pedestrian training this week – led by the Hillingdon 'School Travel and Road Safety' (STARS) team. Pedestrian Training has been delivered and refined over several years by the Council's School Travel and Road Safety team with 7 dedicated trainers to help children of all ages develop basic pedestrian skills. This could be from learning the importance of holding hands all the way to travelling independently. We believe it's vitally important that they have the life skills necessary to keep themselves safe when travelling.

Monday – Early Bank Holiday

Monday is an early May bank holiday. We hope you enjoy the extended weekend.

Year 3 Uxbridge Walk

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children will walk around our local area recording different human and physical features they observe on an OS map. This is a part of their Geography topic exploring settlements and landuse through fieldwork. Year 3 parents will have received a letter, with further details, this week.

Uniform Collection

We have just put a new clothes collection container near our front entrance to school. If you have any other unwanted clothes, put them in the clothes collection box.

If you have any unwanted 'nearly new uniform' we kindly ask that you keep hold of it for a few weeks as our PTA are planning to hold a uniform collection.

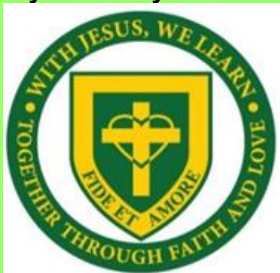
Thank you for your help.

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.



Year 6 SATs Week

Our Year 6 SATs week will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th May following this timetable:

Date	SATs Paper
Monday 11 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 th May	Reading Comprehension
Wednesday 13 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Reasoning and word problems)
Thursday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning and word problems)

Big School Workout – Mental Health Day

We have signed up to the 'Big School Workout' taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 14th May. Pupils will join Joe Wicks for a live, interactive session full of movement, energy, and fun exercises suitable for all ages.

Designed to get pupils moving, boost wellbeing, and promote positive mental health, this special live assembly brings one of the UK's most popular fitness experts straight into classrooms.

The live workout for schools is free, fun and inclusive, making it a perfect way to encourage children to stay active on Mental Health Day.

Non-Uniform Day

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 22nd May

All 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
- Wear anything related to the sea, nature or earth
- Tops/T-shirts with animal or dinosaur prints
- 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.

Never Skip Short Trips: Always buckle up, even on short journeys.

As part of PHSE we cover the area of road safety. As a school we want to work together with parents to help our children to be safe. Wearing a seatbelt is very important for children, even the shortest journeys in the car.

We will support parents by giving these key messages to children regarding wearing a seat belt:

- **"Click Before We Go"**: Make it a routine that the car does not start until everyone is buckled.
- **The "Protective Hug"**: Describe the seat belt as a strong hug that keeps them safe, just like helmets keep them safe on bikes.
- **"No matter how short a trip we need to buckle up"** Always wear your seat belt

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 / 01895 250615)

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:

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

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>

Fun Fest May Holiday Club

Details below:



A purple poster for the Fun Fest May Holiday Club. At the top, a yellow circle contains the text 'MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!' and a photo of children playing. Below this is the 'fun fest' logo. The website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' is listed, followed by 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' and 'Open From 8am to 6pm Monday - Friday'. A diagonal banner on the left says 'Choose Fun'. On the right, a quote reads 'We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play'. In the center, prices are listed: Full Day £42, Half Day £24. Discount offers include Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri) £190 and Sibling Full Day Rate £39. An email address 'uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is at the bottom.

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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.



A colorful advertisement for St. Mary's Catholic Primary School nursery. It features the school's name in large green letters, a cartoon character with glasses, and a circular logo with a cross and the motto 'SCIENTIA FIDES CARITAS WELLESBAM & UXTON'. The text asks 'Are you looking for a caring, safe and nurturing Nursery for your child?' and encourages booking a visit. Contact information includes phone number 01895232814 and email office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk. Three photos show the school's outdoor play area, a covered walkway, and the school building. A quote at the bottom states: 'Our outstanding Early Years have full time and limited part time places available. We also offer wrap around care before and after school hours.'

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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>

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

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.

Upcoming Diary Dates	
Date	Event
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.