



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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,

This week was the national Walk to School Week. Thank you to everybody who made an extra special effort to either walk, cycle or scoot to school. The children especially enjoyed our 'Shoesday Tuesday' event whereby children who walked to school were allowed to do so wearing their favourite shoes.

### School Photograph Orders

Our school photographer (Tempest) visited school this week to take all class and group photographs. These group photographs are now ready to view and purchase using the link that was sent home (by our office) yesterday.

Tempest offer a free "deliver to school" option that is open for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the "contact" button on their website home page ([hitempest.co.uk](https://hitempest.co.uk)).

### Year 6 Jubilee

On Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils went on a pilgrimage walk from Aldgate to Westminster Cathedral.

The first stop on their journey was at English Martyrs Church (in Tower Hill) where they listened to a talk about the history of the church and surrounding area.



They then walked to the Tower of London and along the Thames path (stopping at different landmarks along the way) before eating lunch in Victoria Embankment Gardens. Their final stop was at Westminster Cathedral where they received a special tour of the beautiful cathedral building. A big thank you to Fr. Nicholas and Angela for accompanying us on this trip and for talking to the children about the various landmarks on their Westminster Way route.

You may consider walking the Westminster Way route as a family over the May holiday. You can view the map online here:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-2025/westminster-way/>

### Half Term Holiday

We hope you enjoy the May holiday next week. Fun Fest will once again be offering their club over the half-term break. This club will be based in our school Hall but is led by an external company (not our school staff). Please see the poster below for further details.

### Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils will complete their Local Authority led 'Bikeability' cycling proficiency training during the first week back after the May holiday. The first day will be spent cycling in our KS2 playground. Our more confident cyclists will then spend the next few days cycling around the roads surrounding our school.

### Year 1 Class Assembly

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

## **Year 4 Multiplication Check.**

Our Year 4 pupils will take the government's statutory Multiplication Timetables Check (MTC) after the May holiday. You can find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

## **Sports Days**

We look forward to having our sports days in the summer term. All the sports days will be held in the morning. The children will be getting ready for the sports day next half term.

17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day
19/06/2025	Key Stage One Sports Day
25/06/2025	Key Stage Two Sports Day

**MAY HOLIDAYS**  
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

**fun fest**  
HOLIDAY CLUB

Upcoming Holidays  
May Holidays  
27th May to 30th May  
Tuesday - Friday  
8am - 6pm

**MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!**

**Booking Info**  
We are taking bookings  
<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge>  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Rookingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge  
07399 880319  
[uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

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## **Half-Term Holiday Club**

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## **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/fqZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

### **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>

### **Donations**

We are kindly asking for donations of boxes of tissue for the classrooms. It is that time of year again where pollen is on the rise and we get through a lot. Any donations would be 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.

### **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](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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>239</b>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
26/05/2025-30/05/2025	Half term Holiday
02/06/2025	Term starts at 8:40am
02/06/25-05/06/2025	Bikeability -Year 6
11/06/2025	Year 5 trip- Hyde Park Orienteering
12/06/2025	Year 2 trip – Tower of London
17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day
19/06/2025	Key Stage One Sports Day
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