



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should 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 set days for PE, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports 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,

Our Yr6 pupil 'Rights Nights' group (Sophia, Laura, Orlaith and Juliana) led an assembly for the whole school, on Monday, looking at children's rights and the Rights Respecting Schools Award initiative (RRSA). This week they have also been working on a RRSA display, in our school Hall, promoting their work.

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day. Teachers have been promoting the use of their red Worry Boxes in each class. Please remind your child to fill in a slip and post it in their class box if there is something they would like their teacher to know.

Lunch Orders - iPay

Please continue to order online through the iPay website. There is an ordering cut off time of Midnight the day before. After this, you will NOT be able to order a school lunch and you are expected to provide your child with a packed lunch in this instance.

It would be helpful if parents can involve their children in choosing what they would like to eat each week (to help avoid them not liking what lunch they are given).

Please log-in here:

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

SEN Training

We have planned the following Special Needs training for our staff this term:

- Using visuals (including Widgit) to support pupils
- Recognising and supporting autism in girls (National College)
- Strategies to support dyslexic pupils
- Supporting pupils with speech and language needs (Language Link)

Brunel University – Occupational Therapy Students

We are currently hosting 5 Occupational Therapy students on their placements from Brunel University. They are supporting pupils with handwriting and other fine motor activities in class including scissor and cutlery skills. They are also working closely with their tutors to audit our school to help determine how we can make it more sensory friendly for all pupils. This project will also include staff training from Brunel lecturers and support for parents through an upcoming coffee morning (details to follow nearer to the date).

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone our school office on the first day and then follow this up with a phone call every second day and then an email or letter stating the reason for absence.

If your child has a high temperature (38C or more) – please keep them off school until it goes away.

The NHS has published this guidance online:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Have you lost a scooter?

Two pink scooters, one purple scooter and a little orange bicycle were left in school before the summer break. Please speak to a member of staff, in our office, if one of these might belong to your child.



Hillingdon Panathlon

Yesterday our Key Stage 2 team attended the inclusive Panathlon competition at Oak Wood secondary school. The events included the following sports: parachute popcorn, polybat, precision bean bag, new age kurling, boccia blast, flight path, skittles, slam dunk, Messi football skills and table cricket. Our pupils worked brilliantly as a team and we are delighted to announce that they came in 2nd place overall. Thank you to Mr Stringer for organising and for accompanying the children.

Parents' Evenings

These will take place on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October. Please request an appointment using the reply slip sent home on Tuesday.

Curriculum Afternoon

We are also holding our Curriculum Afternoon on Wednesday 23rd October from 2pm. Parents will have the opportunity to join a tour of our school whilst the children are working in each class.

Starting Secondary School 2025

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2025.

You must apply by: 31st October 2024 – further information here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8758/Starting-secondary-school-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 4th October 2024 – 4pm- 5:30pm

Saturday 12th October 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Appointments now available on sheet at the back of the church.

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

Talk PANTS is the NSPCC campaign to help support children to recognise what abuse is and how they can speak up if anything doesn't feel right.

Talk PANTS is aimed at parents of children between ages 3-11 , giving adults advice on how to talk to children in an age-appropriate way about sexual abuse, without using any scary words or even mentioning sex. We know that simple conversations can make a big difference, and that's what the PANTS campaign is all about.

We are encouraging all families to take part in this important campaign and Talk PANTS with their children. You can [visit the parent webpage](#) where you can find resources and advice about how to Talk PANTS with your children. A parents' guide is also attached to this email. For translated guides and resources for children with additional needs, please [click here](#).

A parent and carer information session is being held at the Beck Theatre on **Wednesday 16th October 2024**. You are invited to attend this free session where you will hear directly from the NSPCC and learn how to protect your children from child sexual abuse.

Over 1.5 million parents and carers have already talked PANTS, and we want every family to have this simple but vital conversation. Talking regularly with children about these important messages really can make a big difference.

This week, 14th - 18th October, please remember to Talk PANTS with your children. If you have any concerns about talking PANTS with a child you care for, or would like further advice or support, call the NSPCC free on 0808 800 5000 or send one of our NSPCC counsellors a message at nspcc.org.uk/help

Wednesday, 16th October 2024

Face to Face Information sessions at

9:30-10:30am
or
11-12noon

at the
The Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes
UB3 2UE



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

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<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

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.

A colorful poster for 'Fun Fest Holiday Club' for the October Half-Term. The central text reads 'Book Now! October Half-Term 28th October - 1st November St Mary's Catholic Primary School www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge'. The poster is surrounded by various activity photos: 'WATER TOWNS', 'MESSY MAYHEM!', 'PUZZLES & GAMES!', 'ORAGAMI!', 'LIBRARY CLUB', 'ARTS & CRAFTS', 'FUN DAY FRIDAY!', 'COSPLAY FUN!', and 'FUN DAY FRIDAY!'. The Fun Fest logo is at the top center, and the contact email 'Uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is at the bottom.

House Point Winners this week:	St. Francis	195
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Date	Event
15/10/24	Open morning at 9.15am for prospective parents
22/10/24	Parents Evening: - All years
23/10/24	Parents Evening: - Nursery and Year 2 Annual Curriculum Afternoon
24/10/24	Parents Evening: - All years excluding Year 2
28/10/24 - 1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	Teacher INSET (school closed to all pupils)
05/11/24	Pupils back to school - Kindness Week
05/11/24	Open morning at 9.15am for prospective parents
18/11/24 - 22/11/24	Swimming -Year 5
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

UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

Please visit our school website for Term dates:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>