



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 24th April 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,

Thank you to all the family members who attended our start of term Mass last Friday – it was lovely seeing so many of you.

Our Parents' Evenings took place on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. We hope you found it useful talking about your child's attainment and progress and planned targets and support for this term. Our teachers will type their end of year Pupil Progress Reports, this term, which will be sent home in early July.

Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 will perform their class assembly for family members on Tuesday 28th April. This assembly will take place in our school Hall at 2.45pm. Please wait by our front entrance for a member of staff to open up the doors shortly before this time. Please see below for the dates/times of other class assemblies and productions we have planned for this term.



Fruit Winders

We ask that pupils do not bring dried fruit roll ups e.g. Fruit Winders, Bob Snail into school in lunch boxes. If these products fall on the floor they are really difficult to remove without a scraper. Thank you for your help.

Year 2 Pedestrian Training

On Wednesday, our Year 2 pupils will take part in some pedestrian training workshops led by the Hillingdon STARS Team - School Travel and Road Safety Education team.

What is Pedestrian Training?

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.

Thank you to Mrs Rowland for organising these sessions.

School Clubs

We offer a range of different sports, music and creative clubs. These change on a termly basis to ensure a varied offer. We are currently offering the following clubs:

- Breakfast and after school Friends Club
- Gymnastics (before school)
- Boxing Fit (We Strive) - Invitation only
- Art and Craft Club
- Basketball (KS2)
- Multi-Sports
- Spanish (Languages)
- Guitar and Piano (in school time)

Please note: Club information is emailed home before the start of each term.

The TCS Mini London Marathon

Good luck to all of our pupils who are taking part in the Mini London Marathon this weekend. The TCS Mini London Marathon invites schools to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile (or 2.6K) in the heart of the capital.

When: Saturday 25 April 2026

Start Line: Horse Guards Parade

Finish Line: The Mall

There is a one-mile route for children in Reception to Year 7 and a 2.6K route for those in Years 4 to 12 who can go a bit further.

Before and After School Clubs

We offer a breakfast and after school club, on our school premises, led by an outside company called Schoolfriendclubs.

- **Breakfast Club: from 7.30am**
- **After School Club: until 5.30pm (5.15pm every Friday)**

Any child picked up more than 15 minutes late will automatically be taken to our After School Club and parents billed for this session.

You can find out further details about our Breakfast and After School Clubs here:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Before+%26amp%3B+After%2DSchool+Club&pid=49>

Screentime Guidance for Under 5s

The Government has just published screentime advice for children who are under the age of five. Please see a summary of this guidance below and also a link to further information online:

How much screen time should my child have?

Limit total screen time for young children, wherever possible.

Under 2 years: Avoid screen time other than for shared activities with family that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.

2-5 years: Try to keep it to 1 hour a day. Less if possible.

https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/?es_c=CD4CB16941203AA75BB1AC819FB23DC3&es_cl=76FD7815002CEFB1AAC2B9F9A5343110&es_id=ph7%c2%a322

Class Assembly Dates – Summer Term

We have planned the following class assemblies, productions etc. for 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 28 th April	Year 2	2.45pm
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>

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.



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Are you looking for a caring,
safe and nurturing Nursery for
your child?

Book a visit with the school
to end your search.

Phone: 01895232814
email:
office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk



Our outstanding Early Years have full time and limited part time places available. We also offer wrap around care before and after school hours.

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

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.