



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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,

We have been celebrating the national Fieldwork Fortnight, over the last two weeks, with various planned visits, workshops and outdoor learning. At the start of this week, our Year 4 pupils visited Denham Country Park. They explored different features in the country park and investigated the difference between local rivers and the Grand Union canal. On Wednesday, our Year 5 pupils travelled to Hyde Park using the London Underground. Once at the park, they completed a full day of map work and orienteering activities. The children found out how to use a compass, map and key before setting off on an orienteering adventure around Hyde Park. They located landmarks on an Ordnance Survey map as they searched for clues. The children then created a key to a map of a garden area in Hyde Park which they brought back to school. Yesterday, Year 2 travelled to the Tower of London by coach. They took part in a workshop linked to their Great Fire of London History topic. On the same day, our Year 3 class were lucky enough to take part in a complimentary festival called, The Literacy Festival. They met their Pen Pals (who also took part in the festival) and they took part in many different activities linked to Literacy.

This event was held at The Windsor Building, in Royal Holloway University. We have also planned for our Year 6 pupils to visit the RAF Battle of Britain bunker, in Uxbridge, next week. We also have further trips planned, this term, including Year 3's visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum and Year 6's Ufton Court residential.

### Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Our Year 1 pupils completed their statutory phonics screening check this week. We will include the results in our end of year pupil reports.

### Year 2's Class Assembly

Year 2's class assembly will take place on Thursday 26th June, at 2.30pm, in our school hall. All family members are more than welcome to attend.



### Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

Representatives from Uxbridge library visited school this morning to lead an assembly introducing this year's 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.

**'How do you fancy journeying into an enchanting world to meet all kinds of creatures? OR how about a rip-roaring adventure in the great outdoors? OR let's dazzle your friends with unbelievable facts about bugs, bees, and superhero plants?'**

Get inspired for your very own reading adventure with this year's official Summer Reading Challenge book collection - take a look here:

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

### Sports Days – Next Week

We have two Sports Days taking place next week.

Our Early Years Sports Day will take place on Tuesday morning, from 9.15am, on our junior playground.

Our KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Sports Day is scheduled for Thursday morning (19<sup>th</sup> June) also starting at 9.15am in our junior playground.

We will open up the green gate leading to our school playground shortly before the start of each event.

## Teacher Allocation for 2025 to 2026

We are delighted to announce that all of our current teachers are planning to stay with us for another academic year. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Park will be joining us again, from September, to cover teacher PPA cover time. We have allocated the following teachers to each class:

Nursery	Mrs Bowen
Reception	Mrs Chandarana
Year 1	Miss Gahan
Year 2	Mrs Rowland
Year 3	Mrs Parry
Year 4	Miss Haji
Year 5	Mr Stringer
Year 6	Mr Morris
Teacher Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) cover	Mrs Kumar (1 day a week) Mrs Goodheart (2days each week) Mrs Park (2 days each week)

## Eucharistic Procession

Please join us on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, 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.



## Summer Holiday – FunFest Holiday Club

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!



**Upcoming Holidays**

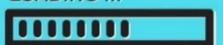
Summer Holidays  
24th July to  
22nd August  
Monday - Friday  
8am - 6pm

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**LOADING ...**



#### Booking Info

We are taking bookings

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge>  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Roekingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge  
07599 880319  
[uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

## **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 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.15pm** – Please join the children for their special leavers assembly.
- **Year 6 Graduation Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 2.15pm** – We will all join together to celebrate our Year 6 before they leave St. Mary's.

## **Sports Days**

We are looking forward to our Sports Days this term.

All of our sports days will be held in the morning.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day	Junior School Playground
19/06/2025	Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Junior School Playground
25/06/2025	Key Stage 2 Sports Day (Years 3 to 6)	Uxbridge Recreational Ground

## **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)

## **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.stagetalent.co.uk/register](http://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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St Francis</b>	<b>145</b>
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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
17/06/2025	Early Years Sports Day
19/06/2025	Key Stage One Sports Day
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