



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 27th March 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,

Year 5 Trip

On Monday, our pupils visited Ufton Court for their 'Viking Day'. They had a busy day taking part in a mock Viking battle and workshops including a raiding activity on a replica Viking long boat. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help.



Perform Theatre Workshops



This morning, all pupils in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes took part in free drama workshops led by the Perform Theatre Company. As well as school workshops and after school clubs, the Perform group also offers drama clubs locally. Pupils in EYs and KS1 will bring home a leaflet, today, with further details.

Parents' Evening

Our main Parents' Evenings, for Nursery to Year 5, will take place on: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April (after the Easter break). These meetings are online (please refer to the email sent home with further details of how to book an appointment).

Early Finish – Today

Term ends, today, at the earlier time of 12.15pm. There are no school lunches today. We ask that all parents make arrangements to pick their child up at this earlier time.

School resumes, for all pupils, on Monday 13th April.

8.30am Groups

Our revised groups take place on the first day back after Easter – Monday 13th April.

Your child should only attend a group if they have been invited to join the new Summer group for their class.

School Lunches

The Summer Term Menus will go live on Monday 30/03/26 on iPay for parents to place their lunch orders.

If you need help with your lunch order – please contact our caterers Accent on: 01784 224690

Easter Holiday Challenge



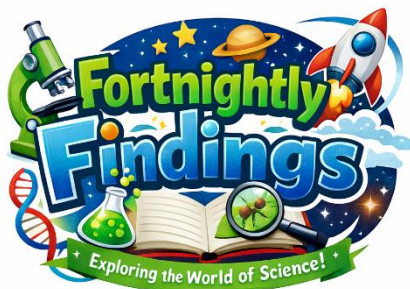
Ever wondered how butter is made?

You may like to try this short challenge activity over the Easter holiday. Mrs Rowland would love to receive any photographs of the butter you have made – we will try and include some of these in our next Newsletter.

Please email any 'butter' photographs to:

science@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

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Fortnightly Findings shares simple, safe experiments families can try at home to spark curiosity, build practical skills and reinforce the scientific method. The aim is to encourage questioning, hands-on investigation and discussion between children and adults, supporting the primary curriculum by developing vocabulary, observing and recording results, and fostering resilience when things don't go to plan.

If you try an experiment and would like to share your child's discovery.

Please email photos to:

science@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

We may feature selected images in future newsletters to celebrate learning across the school.

This week's experiment:

Homemade Butter

Fill an empty jam jar with double cream and shake it until it begins to separate and turns into butter. This experiment teaches children about the process of emulsion, plus, all their hard work will result in something yummy that they can have on toast or give as a homemade gift! You will also be left with buttermilk, which can be used to make pancakes with.

Class Assembly Dates

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 the dates in your diaries:

| Date | Class | Time |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Tues 28 th April | Year 2 | 2.45pm |
| Tues 19 th May | Year 1 | 2.45pm |
| Tues 14 th July | Year 6 (Leavers' Production) | 2pm |
| Thur 16 th July | Year 6 Graduation Assembly | 2.30pm |

Easter Holiday Club

It is still not too late to book your child a place on the Fun Fest Easter Holiday Club taking place at our school:

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>

This club will run across both weeks, Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm. Prices start from £24 (for half a day) and there are discounts for siblings and block bookings for a full week. Further details are available online.

Please note: This club is led by an outside company (not St. Mary's School staff) and the club is also open to children from outside our school.

The poster is for the Fun Fest Easter Holiday Club at St Mary's Catholic Primary School. It features a yellow background with a purple border. At the top, it says 'BOOK FOR EASTER!' in large, colorful letters. Below this, it states 'Easter Holidays' and 'We are open Mondays to Fridays during Easter!'. A photo shows a child sitting at a table. The Fun Fest logo is in the bottom left. A 'BOOK NOW' button is in the bottom right. The website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' is listed. The school name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' and opening times 'Open From 8am to 6pm Monday - Friday' are provided. A price list shows: Full Day £42, Half Day £24. Discount offers include: Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri) £190, and Sibling Full Day Rate £39. The email 'uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is at the bottom. Two slogans are written diagonally: 'Choose Fun' and 'We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play'.

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Book full or half days with us now!

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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>

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 |
|--------------------|--|
| 27/03/26 | End of term -School finishes at 12:15 for Easter break |
| | FUN FEST Holiday Club |
| 13/04/26 | School opens at 8:40am |
| 21/04/26 | Drop and Pray – 8.45am |
| 21/04/26 | Main Parents Evening online (Early Years to Year 5) |
| 23/04/26 | Main Parents Evening online |
| 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. |