



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 28th November 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, after school, to avoid congestion in our narrow Rockingham Close alleyway.

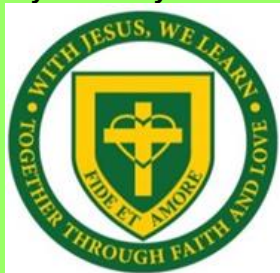
Pupil Bags in School

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,

It's been another busy week in school. Our Year 5 pupils attended daily swimming lessons at Uxbridge Leisure Centre throughout this week. These lessons built on the progress they made in their Yr4 lessons. On Wednesday, our Years 4 and 6 pupils walked to our Church to attend the 9.30 Mass. Thank you to all the family members who volunteered to help accompany the children.

Today, the children were really excited to meet Santa, in his Grotto, and to have their photograph taken with him. A really big thank you to our PTA for, all their hard work, decorating the grotto and for organising this event in school. We would also like to thank all of the family members who helped set up, and run, the stalls at our Christmas Fair last Friday. There were lots of attractions to enjoy and we are very grateful for the generous support we receive from our PTA team.

Eco Warriors Club



Well done to our Pupil Eco Warriors members (Emma, Adrielle, Hannah, Elisabeth, Mario & Peter) who led an assembly, on Monday, telling pupils about our upcoming Walk to School Day. This year's event will take place on **Monday 8th December**. Our Eco Warriors would like to encourage all pupils to either walk, cycle or scoot to school on this day. If you live too far away from school: please consider parking a little further away and then walk the remaining distance. Thank you.

Test Week

All pupils (in Years 1 to 6) will be taking various age/level appropriate assessments throughout next week.

Our teachers will analyse the results and share these with parents at our next face to face Parents' Evenings. There will also be an opportunity to look at pupil work/books on these days.

Our **Parents' Evenings** are planned for these two days, after Christmas - between 3.15 and 6pm:

- **Tuesday 13th January 2026**
- **Thursday 15th January 2026**

We will send home a letter, with more information, after the Christmas break.



Christmas Events

Many of our pupils have been busy practising their Christmas productions and carol concerts. These events are taking place as follows:

Tues 9th Dec	Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm (school hall)
Thur 11th Dec	Year 4 Carol Service in school at 2:30pm
Tues 16th Dec	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tues 16th Dec	Carol Service in Church (Year 3 leading the carols/singing) at 4pm

Water Bottles



Reminder: We ask that pupils only bring transparent water bottles into school that have a sports style lid. We have had a few incidents of water bottles tipping over causing spillages over pupil work/exercise books. Thank you for your help.

Santa Grotto - Thank you

The children had an absolutely **magical time** meeting Santa — their faces were full of **wonder and joy :-)**!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so extra special.

Christmas cheer continues with our **Christmas Raffle!** If you would like to join in to **win some fantastic prices**, then please return tickets with correct payment **cash** (*notes only*) **or via bank transfer** and any **sold/unsold stubs** in a **sealed envelope** via book bags **by 8th December 25**. The raffle draw will take place on the 12th of December 25. Any questions please email stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com

Black Friday is here!

Don't forget to grab some fantastic bargains while supporting our school through Easyfundraising: (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysptauxbridge>). **Every purchase helps our community.**

Feeling lucky?

For your chance to win big, don't forget to enter our **School Lottery:**

Win a Nintendo Switch 2 bundle (or cash) AND £500 to your cause!

(<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-uxbridge>)

—you could be our next winner!

Many thanks,
PTA team

Starting Reception - September 2026

Please apply through the Hillingdon Local Authority website (and through our school) by 15th January 2026.

Priest References

Priest reference signing will take place as follows:-

Reception:- Monday 1/12/25 and Tuesday 2/12/25 between 4pm and 6pm.

Nursery:- Monday 15/12/25 between 3:30pm and 6pm.

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>

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

WhatsApp and Social Media



Pupils learn about online safety every term and we have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media. To use WhatsApp in the UK, you need to be at least 13 years old.

Due to these age restrictions, **we strongly recommend** that parents do not allow any child (attending our school) to use WhatsApp or any other social media platforms rated 13+ due to the risks involved. You may find this NSPCC website useful – it looks at how to set up parental controls on your child's phone:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

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>

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>

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.

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://hillingtonpcf.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/>

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.

Diary Dates:

Please check our school website for a complete list of diary dates.

Date	Event
28/11/25	PTA: Santa's Grotto Visit
01/12/25	Test Week- Years 1 to 6
09/12/25	Early Years Christmas Production- 2:15pm
11/12/25	Year 4- Carol Service in school- 2:30pm
16/12/25	KS1- Christmas Production- 2:15pm
16/12/25	Year 3- Carol Service in Church at 4pm.
17/12/25	End of term Mass in the church at 9.30am for UEYs to Y6
19/12/25	Last day of term. School finishes at 12:15pm.
05/01/26	First day of the Spring Term
06/01/26	Epiphany Mass at 2.30pm in the school hall