



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 9th May 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 hope you enjoyed the extended bank holiday weekend!

Yesterday, we marked the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day - celebrating 80 years of peace since the end of World War II in Europe. All pupils (Years 1 to 6) took part in a special VE Day

assembly/workshop, in the morning, led by a representative from the Freshwater Theatre company. The children are looking forward to their VE Day picnic, this afternoon, in our KS2 playground. We have decorated the playground with bunting and the children will listen to music from the 1940s whilst enjoying their snacks. Thank you to all the pupils who wore red, white and blue clothes to school today to remember and thank those who fought for our freedom.

We hope you found this week's Parents Evenings useful which trialed the use of our new online platform. To help plan our meetings going forward, we will send home a short parent survey today asking for your feedback. If you had issues getting online, and would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please get in contact with our school office.

Year 6 SATs Tests.

Our Year 6 pupils will sit their end of KS2 SATs tests next week.

Please see the timetable below:

| Date | Test |
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| Monday 12 May 2025 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 13 May 2025 | English reading |
| Wednesday 14 May 2025 | Mathematics papers 1 and 2 |
| Thursday 15 May 2025 | Mathematics paper 3 |

Year 6 parents can help their children by making sure they have a good nights sleep before each test.

Year 6 SATs Breakfast

We have planned to provide breakfast for the Yr6 children during their SATs week (Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May). Following breakfast, Mr Morris will help the children with their final revision preparations.

Please note: breakfast will start at 8am each morning.

Half Term Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be offering their club over the half-term break. Please note: this club will be based in our school Hall but is led by an external company (not our school staff).

Please see the flyer screenshot (below) for further details.

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>

VE Day at Downing Street

Rosie (Year 4) had an amazing day, on Bank Holiday Monday, celebrating VE Day in Downing Street, London. She was lucky enough to be chosen by her Girl Brigade captain to represent her company for the street party at No 10. Well done Rosie – this is an amazing achievement!



Fun Fest: May Half-Term Holiday Club

MAY HOLIDAYS

FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!



Upcoming
Holidays

May Holidays
27th May to
30th May
Tuesday - Friday
8am - 6pm

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Booking Info

We are taking bookings

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge>
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge
07399 880319
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

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.

Donations

We are kindly asking for donations of boxes of tissue for the classrooms. It is that time of year again where pollen is on the rise and we get through a lot. Any donations would be 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://hillingdonpcf.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.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.

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| House Point Winners this week: | St. Francis | 268 |
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| Date | Event |
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| 12/05/2025 | SATS Week |
| 19/05/2025 | Walk to School Week |
| 19/05/2025 | Class Photos |
| 21/05/2025 | Year 6 London Jubilee Walk – Westminster Way |
| 22/05/2025 | Fairtrade Day |
| 26/05/2025-30/05/2025 | Half term Holiday |
| 02/06/2025 | Term starts at 8:40am |
| 02/06/25-05/06/2025 | Bikeability -Year 6 |
| 10/06/2025 | Year 1 Assembly |
| 11/06/2025 | Year 5 trip- Hyde Park Orienteering |
| 12/06/2025 | Year 2 trip – Tower of London |