



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### **Morning Drop-off**

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should 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.

### **P.E. Lessons**

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports sessions.

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) should bring their P.E kits into school **every Monday** and then take them home every Friday. Thank you.

### **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.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school photographer (Tempest) visited school, on Monday, to take individual photographs of pupils. You should receive the photograph proofs and information, on how to order, in the next couple of weeks.

### **Please order your child's lunch for next week**

If you would like your child to have a free school lunch next week you now need to place an order online through the iPay website.

Your child should have brought home a letter, on Monday, with further details about how to set up a parent iPay account and how to place orders. There is an ordering cut off time of Midnight the day before. After this, you will NOT be able to order a school lunch and you are expected to provide your child with a packed lunch in this instance.

Please log-in or register for an account here. You will need your individual Activation code in the letter we sent home:

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

### **Dyslexia Awareness Week**

Next week is the national Dyslexia Awareness Week.

All of our teachers will attend dyslexia training on Tuesday evening.

The Dyslexia Association website offers further information and advice for parents. They are leading this free webinar on Monday:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/daw-2024-free-webinar-understanding-dyslexia>



### **World Mental Health Day**

Thursday is World Mental Health Day.

We have a red Worry Box in each class and actively encourage pupils to post a note if they would like their teacher (or TA) to know something or if they would like to talk to them about any worries. Please encourage your child to use this box if they would like to tell their teacher something. We also have interventions in place for pupils who may need more support with their Social Emotional or Mental Health (SEMH). We work closely with the mental health charity Place2Be and our staff attend regular training they (and our LA) offer. The

Place2Be 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>

### **8.30am Before School Groups**

If your child attends a before school group we ask that they are **ready at the front entrance by 8.30am each morning**. These interventions are not held in classrooms but rooms across the school including our library bus, ICT Suite and Hall. As such, it can be disruptive if pupils arrive late as they require another adult to take them to these rooms. Any child arriving 5 minutes late (or more) will need to miss their session and they will need to wait until the Rockingham Road green gate is opened for all pupils at 8.40am. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Parents' Evenings & Curriculum Afternoon**

These will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please keep the dates in your diary. We are also holding our Curriculum Afternoon on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 2pm. Parents will have the opportunity to join a tour of our school whilst the children are working in each class.

### **Diarrhoea and vomiting – 48 hours**

The latest NHS advice states that pupils should stay off school until they've not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 48 hours. If we send a child home due to vomiting or diarrhoea they will not be able to return to school for at least 48 hours from this time.

### **3-1 Against Laurel Lane**

Well done to our school football team who beat Laurel Lane Primary on Wednesday 3-1.

### **Morning Drop-off**

From September 2024, the government requires all pupils (from Reception upwards) attending a mainstream state-funded school to attend a minimum expectation of 32.5 hours per week. All pupils (from Reception) should arrive from 8.40am via our Rockingham Road entrance. To ensure that we meet this government expectation, this gate is locked promptly at 8.45am each morning.

### **Starting Secondary School 2025**

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2025.

You must apply by: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 – further information here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8758/Starting-secondary-school-September-2025>

***If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -***

***Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 4pm- 5:30pm***

***Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm.***

***Appointments now available on sheet at the back of the church.***

### **Starting Reception School 2025**

If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for your child to start Reception in September 2025.

***If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -***

***Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024- 3:30pm – 5:30pm***

***Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 11:30 am – 1.00pm***

You must apply by: 15<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – further information on to the links below:

[www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions) or email [admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk).

You also need to fill the Supplementary forms for our school that can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

**For the Nursery Children, the CCP school forms, for Nursery 2025, can be signed on the following dates: -**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 3pm – 5:30pm**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025- 11:30am \_ 12:30pm**

### **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>



### **Age Restrictions on Social Media**

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

### **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)

### **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.

### **School Friend Clubs -our onsite breakfast and after school club provider:**

Website: [www.schoolfriendclub.com](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

Booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

### **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**

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<https://www.cnl.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>

### **Tiny Happy People**

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

## 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](http://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.

A colorful advertisement for 'Fun Fest Holiday Club' for the October Half-Term. The background is green. At the top center is the 'fun fest HOLIDAY CLUB' logo. Below it, a central image shows children in costumes with the text 'Book Now!'. The dates '28th October - 1st November' and the school name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' are listed. The website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' is provided. The advertisement is surrounded by various activity photos: 'WATER TIGHT!!', 'Messy Mayhem!', 'PUZZLES &amp; GAMES!', 'LIBRARY BUS!', 'ARTS &amp; CRAFTS', 'FUN DAY FRIDAY!!', 'ORAGAMI!', and 'OUTSIDE FUN!'. At the bottom, the email address 'Uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is displayed.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>282</b>
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### UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
07/10/24	World Space Week & Dyslexia Awareness Week
10/10/24	Inclusive Panathlon KS2
22/10/24	Parents Evening
23/10/24	Annual Curriculum Afternoon
24/10/24	Parents Evening
28/10/24 - 1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	Teacher INSET (school closed to all pupils)
05/11/24	Pupils back to school - Kindness Week
18/11/24 - 22/11/24	Swimming -Year 5
25/11/24	Test Week -Year 6
29/11/24	National No Pens Day
02/12/24 - 06/12/24	Test Week
12/12/24	Early Years Christmas Production (2:15pm)
18/12/24	KS1 Christmas Production (2:15pm)
20/12/24	End of term. Finish at 12:15pm (no hot lunch)
06/01/25	School opens - start of Spring Term 2025

Please visit our school website for Term dates:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>