



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 5th December 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.

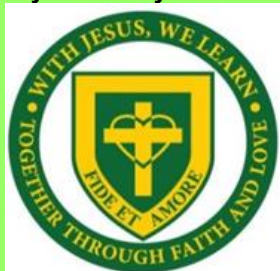
Pupil Bags in School

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,

All pupils took various age/level appropriate assessments throughout this week. Our teachers will analyse the results and share these with parents at our next face to face Parents' Evenings planned for Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th January - between 3.15 and 6pm. There will also be the opportunity for parents to look at the work their child has been doing in their exercise books this term. We will send home a letter, with more information, after the Christmas break inviting you to choose some convenient times you are able to attend.

Christmas Cards

If pupils would like to bring Christmas cards into school, for their class friends, they can do so. Each class has a Christmas post box, or going home tray, where the children can put their cards when they come into school. There are monitors in each class who will give the Christmas cards out at the end of each day.

Years 2 and 5 Class Mass

On Monday, our Years 2 and 5 pupils will walk to Church to attend the 9.30am Mass. If you are able to help accompany the children, please let your child's classteacher know. We will leave school, shortly after 9am, from the main entrance.

Years 2 and 5 Fire Safety Training

On Tuesday, a representative from the London Fire Brigade will visit school to lead Fire Safety training with our Years 2 and 5 pupils. This training will cover basic fire safety and be appropriate for the age of the children in each workshop.

Walk & Roll to School Day - Monday

On Monday, we will be holding our Walk & Roll to School Day. Our pupil Eco Warriors group would like to encourage all of our family members to either walk, cycle or scoot to school on this day. If you live too far away from school, you may consider parking a little further away and then walking the remaining distance. Our Eco Warriors will carry out class hands-up surveys and there will be rewards for pupils who travel to school sustainably. Thank you for your support,

Emma, Adrielle, Hanna, Elisabeth, Mario and Peter (Eco Council)



Christmas Events

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming Christmas productions and carol services. All family members are most welcome to attend these events. If the event is taking place in school, we will open up the main entrance (shortly before the start time) so that visitors can make their way to our Hall.

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 (school hall)
Tues 16th Dec	Carol Service in Church (Year 3 leading the carols/singing) at 4pm

Christmas Raffle Countdown

The festive excitement is building—our **Christmas Raffle Draw** is next week **Friday 12/12/25**, and we're getting ready for a magical end-of-year celebration!

As we prepare, **please remember:**

- * Return all sold stubs and any unsold tickets
- * Place them securely in a **fully sealed envelope (so no cash or stubs can fall out!)**
- * Write your **child's name** and **year group** clearly on the envelope
- * Include the **payment method** used (cash or bank transfer)
- * Return everything via books bags **by Monday 08/12/25**

Important note: We can only accept notes for cash payments. For smaller amounts, please kindly use bank transfer.

Your help keeps everything merry, bright, and beautifully organised for the big draw!

Don't forget to check out our **Silent Auction** and help us spread the word!

Share it on your social media for a **chance to bid on Disney on Ice ticket**. (<https://www.32auctions.com/stmaryspta>)

For any questions, please email us stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com

Good luck in the raffle, and happy bidding!

Warm wishes,

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/fgZpVLv>

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://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/>

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



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 Christmas lunch day
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