



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 10th May 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.

Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school.

Parents should access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

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.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you enjoyed the extended weekend with an extra day off on Monday.

Thank you to all the family members who joined us, yesterday, to celebrate our Mass for the feast of the Ascension and to Father Nicholas for leading the service.

Class Photographs

Our photographer (Tempest) visited school, this week, to take all class and group photographs. You should have received information, sent home, giving you details of how to order your child's photograph. Please contact our school office if you'd like any further information:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Our May Procession

Please come and join us on the 24th of May for our May procession in the school playground. This is a very special celebration at St. Mary's. Our first communion children will be invited to come in their First Communion outfits and help lead the procession with Fr. Nicholas. It would be lovely to have as many members of our school community attending the procession as possible. Please put the date in your diary and join us as we have our procession and sing hymns about Mary.



More Active Travel photographs needed

Please keep sending in your Active Travel photographs.

Where possible, all photographs emailed to our office will be included on

our **photo collage** that will be produced by our LA Travel Team. Further details are provided below.

Year 6 SATs Week

Throughout next week, our Year 6 pupils will sit their end of KS2 SATs tests. We have planned to provide breakfast for the Yr6 children during this week (Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May 2024). Following breakfast, we will be helping the children with their final revision preparations. Please note that the **breakfast will start at 8 a.m.**

The SATs schedule, for 2024, will be:

- **Monday 13th May:** English Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)
- **Tuesday 14th May:** English Reading paper
- **Wednesday 15th May:** Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Thursday 16th May:** Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

The government has published some parent leaflets providing further information about the Year 6 SATs tests. You can access them online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

No Gymnastics on this week due to SATs week.



® World Fairtrade Day

Tomorrow is World Fairtrade Day. Learning about fair trade is an excellent way to encourage students to develop an understanding of their role as a world citizen and to address Global Citizenship. It also helps them to develop respect for diversity and understand social injustice. You may wish to consolidate the work we have been doing in school by encouraging your child to look out for the Fairtrade logo on any visits they might make to the shops.

Prayer Group for Parents

Please join us for our prayer group for parents on Tuesday 14th of May at 2.45pm. It is a time out of your busy day to join together with other parents for the prayer group. Angela will be coming into school to lead the group which will be held in St. Joseph's room.

Active Travel – Photo Activity

Take part - this May

During the month of May, we are asking parents, children and school staff to get involved by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever you can.

We would like parents/carers to capture these active travel moments and submit the photos to us so we can send these on to the Hillingdon LA Travel Team. **As part of the campaign, the Travel Team will be creating a photo collage for us to proudly display in our school.**

What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

We would ask parents, where possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride). **Take photos of these moments and email them to our school office throughout the month of May.** If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.



Below are the requirements for the photos:

- Your child/children walking to school (Safely). Using pavements, safer crossing points around our school such as Zebra crossings, Signalised crossings, bridges, subways, etc.
- Your child/children scooting or cycling to school (Safely). In appropriate safety clothing such as helmets, knee and elbow pads, etc.
- Your child/children using public transport such as buses or trains.

Please be aware that any photos emailed into school will be used for the photo collage and possibly shared via the Travel Team social media. Please only send images you are happy to be shared. All photographs need to be received by the end of May 2024.

Please email any photographs to:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Thank you in advance for your help.



Special BBQ Menu – Thursday

We've been lucky enough to have seen some lovely sunny weather this week.

To help celebrate the start of summer, our school caterers are providing a special BBQ menu on Thursday.

Please book your child's school lunch on the Pantry website:

https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php

Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check

As in previous years, our Year 4 pupils will participate in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. Over the last few weeks, pupils have been completing the practise 'checks' in class. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

Pupils can practise their recall using their Rock Stars login.

The results of this check will be used to identify if your child may need additional support.

Further information for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>

Bird House

A big thank you to Kaiaan (Yr3) for making this amazing bird house with his family. We've displayed it in our KS2 Quiet Area alongside our new bird feeder and Bug Hotel. Our pupil Eco Council are delighted as they have been working hard to attract more wildlife to our school.



Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office: Mrs Owens

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.

May Half-Term: Holiday Club

MAY HALF - TERM
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

Upcoming
Holidays

May Half-Term
28th - 31st
Tuesday - Friday
8am - 6pm

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MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!

Booking Info
We are taking bookings

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>
St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge
07599 880319
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details

Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com

New booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

House Point Winners this week:	St Francis	419
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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>

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



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.

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

If anybody is interested in any of the chairs, maybe for a BBQ or summer family/friend gathering, please contact the school and you are welcome to have them for free.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
13/05/2024	SATs week
13/05/2024	No Gymnastics this week
24/05/2024	May Procession
24/05/2024	Half Term. Finish at 3:15pm

Please visit our school website for Term dates - including 2024 to 2025:

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