



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. 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 (most often in the corridors) and we do not have the space for large rucksacks or other similar bags.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last few days have been very busy celebrating this year's Book Week. This year's theme is growth mindsets and all classes read a book and completed writing activities linked to this topic, in order to help develop their resilience and determination to succeed. Thank you to all the parents who came into school, on Monday, to read with pupils.

On Wednesday, the children were invited back to school for our ever-popular Bedtime Stories. Pupils returned to school, in their pyjamas, to enjoy stories, milk and cookies in class. Yesterday we saw some amazing book character costumes as a part of our dress-up day. Author, poet and performer Paul Cookson visited each class as well as leading a whole school assembly in the morning.

Paul picked the following costume winners from each class:

- Nursery: Toprak
- Reception: Gabe
- Year 1: Zuzanna. R
- Year 2: Neil. N
- Year 3: Kaiaan
- Year 4: Betty
- Year 5: Nathan
- Year 6: Milena

Eco Council Cake Sale – Thank you

A big thank you to all the family members who purchased cakes from our Eco Council members after school on Friday after school.

We are delighted to announce that we raised an amazing = £128.50

Our PTA have kindly agreed to fund match this amount (a further £128.50) giving our Eco Council a total of **£257** to spend.

Our pupils would like to spend these funds on equipment to enhance the nature areas in our school including our quiet area.

Class Trips This Week

We had two class trips this week. On Wednesday, our Reception class visited Iver Environment Centre. Today our Year 4 pupils travelled to the British Museum, in London, to find out more about some of the Ancient Egyptian artefacts they have been talking about in class.

Police Talks

On Monday and Tuesday, a representative visited all classes to give a police talk. Thank you to all family members who attended the parent talks covering the topics of safeguarding, internet safety, exploitation and grooming.

Year 2 Science Farm Live

To help celebrate this year's British Science Week (11th–20th March 2022), our Year 2 pupils took part in a science farm live lesson hosted by Encounter Edu and presented by real-life farming role models from across England and Wales. The children found out about lifecycles whilst meeting some fluffy Belted Galloway calves and lambs, learning about habitats whilst delving into the world and work of the dung beetle and learning about climate change in a chat about cow burps.

Information: Year 6 and Year 2 SATs Tests

The government has published some new parent leaflets providing further information about the Year 2 and Year 6 end of year 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>

Year 6 Junior Citizens

Next Friday afternoon, Year 6 will walk to Brunel University to take part in a series of Junior Citizens workshops. These lessons will cover key transition activities including travel safety to secondary school.

Mass in Church for UEYs and Y6

Please join us walking to Mass (in the Church) with Upper Early Years and Year Six on Tuesday 19th March. We will leave school, at 9am, to walk to Church.

Parenting Smart - FREE Course

Place2Be has developed this free online parenting course in partnership with SLAM (South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust). It's based on tried and tested techniques and experiences from supporting children, young people, and their families.

The course is designed to **support parents and carers of primary-age children's** parenting journey.

Further information is available online:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

Course details

- 4-week programme, broken down into 15-minute sections to fit around your day.
- Flexible access to the programme via any device and at a time that suits you.
- Dedicated Place2Be professional to join discussions and aid online learning.
- Dynamic and safe learning community offering the opportunity to learn from other parents' and carers' experiences.

The course mirrors their face-to-face training provided to parents and carers in primary schools and is split into six modules. Each module focuses on one parenting skill that will help improve your relationships with your children and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.

Key information

- Length: 4-week online programme
- Frequency: Up to 1 hour per week at a time convenient for you
- **Start date:** 23 April 2024
- **Register by:** 1 April 2024

Modules

- Connecting: How to build a strong bond with your child
- Praise & Reward: How to encourage desired behaviours
- Selective Ignoring: How to discourage unwanted behaviours
- Clear Instructions: How to ensure your child understands what is expected of them
- Boundaries and Consequences: How to set limits in advance in an effective way
- Time Out: How to manage extreme behaviours

Building Work

We are still waiting for our builders to complete work re-building the wall next to our staff car park entrance. This has been delayed due to the recent wet weather we have seen. Please continue to use the Rockingham Road alleyway after school.

The Royal Academy Art Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

St Mary's would proudly like to invite our children to a wonderful opportunity for UK-based artists and schools to engage creatively in the making and sharing of a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and artists aged 4-19 can submit a wide range of works which may include drawing, painting, printing and photography. Judges are looking for imagination, originality and skill. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, artworks that closely or identically reproduce another artist's work or ideas won't be selected.

Please avoid making art with known comic, book illustration or animated characters or submitting the same artwork again year on year. We also do not accept AI-generated works. Each submission can include a short artist statement or description, preferably written by the artist themselves where possible. Rather than solely focussing on the artmaking process, we encourage artists to describe why an artwork was created and what it means to them. Descriptions must be no more than 80 words and, if your work is selected, it will be subject to editing by the RA for spelling, grammar, comprehensibility and length. If you are interested in submitting your art, please contact Miss Bradford (Year 5) or Mrs Bowen (LEYS) for a permission form.

Please submit your piece of art to your child teacher, clearly labelled with name, age and year group by Friday 22nd March 2024.

Miss Bradford and Mrs Bowen look forward to submitting your entries.

Fun Fest Easter Holiday Club

The poster features a yellow and pink color scheme with a cartoon rabbit and a child painting. It includes text about Easter holidays, pricing, and booking information.

BOOK FOR EASTER!

Easter Holidays
We are open Mondays to Fridays during Easter!
Book full or half days with us now!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

BOOK NOW

www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge

St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Open From 8am to 6pm
Monday - Friday

Choose Fun

We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play

Prices
Full Day £ 38
Half Day £ 23

Discount Offers
Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri) £ 175
Sibling Full Day Rate £ 35

Email
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour
<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>

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 – 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 Thomas	289
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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.cnw1.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/>

Hillingdon Special Education Needs and Disabilities Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS) offers free, impartial, and confidential information, advice, and support. We aim to empower and enable parents/carers to be able to take an active role in decisions made about their child/young person regarding their education. Our drop-in sessions are for parents/carers to ask questions and share experiences.

Drop-in sessions for January and February

- 31st January 1 – 3pm
McMillan Children's Centre, Judge Heath Lane, Hayes UB3 2PD
 - 7th February 9 – 11am
Cherry Lane Childrens Centre, West Drayton, Middx UB7 9DL
 - 19th February 12.30 – 1.30pm
Nestles Early Years, Nestles Avenue, Hayes, UB3 4QA
 - 26th February 1 – 3pm Hayes End Family Hub, College Way Hayes UB3 3BB
- Please use the link below to register with the setting before attending, you will be asked to sign in. You do not need to print, please just register electronically. Do not worry about the age of your child when registering for these drop ins, all parent/carers of children and young people 0-25 welcome.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/7409/Hillingdons-childrens-centres-Registration-form>

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.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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Thursday 21 st March	Toy sale fund raising for Year 6 leavers