



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

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.

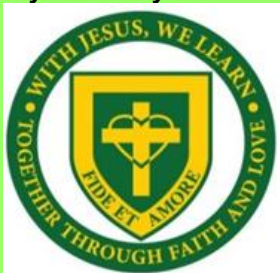
Pupil Bags in School

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,

Thank you for today's £1 donations, as a part of our David Attenborough themed non-uniform day. It was lovely welcoming the children into school wearing 'Earth colours' and in clothes associated with animals, explorers, sea, nature and dinosaurs.

We also appreciate the extra special effort family members made this week to either walk, cycle or scoot to school as a part of the National Walk to School Week. Pupils completed different activities throughout this week and were awarded with stickers each day for making an effort to travel sustainably.

School Photographer

Our school photographer (from Tempest photography) visited school on Monday to take all class photographs. Our office staff will send home details of how parents can order their child's class photograph this week.

Well Done - Year 1 Class Assembly



Our Year 1 children performed their class assembly for their family members, on Tuesday afternoon, telling us about the important life of St. Francis. The children did really well to remember their lines and the singing was beautiful!

We still have Year 5's class assembly to look forward to as well as our end of Year 6 production (please see the list of assembly/production dates below).

Fruit Winders, Fruit Rolls and Fruit Strings



We ask that pupils do not bring in fruit winders, rolls or strings into school in lunch boxes. They are extremely sticky and we have found that the only way to remove them from our Hall floor is by using a wall scraper. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Half Term Holiday

We break up for the half term holiday today (at the usual time). We hope you enjoy the break with your family including the long Bank holiday weekend. Our 8.30am support groups will resume on the first day back (the pupils in each group have not changed).

There are still a few places left at the Fun Fest May holiday club (taking place in our school). Please use the details on the flyer below if you would like to book a place for your child.

Class Assembly Dates – Summer Term

We still have the following class assemblies and productions to look forward to next half term. All class assemblies will take place in our school Hall on the dates listed below. All family members are most welcome to attend – please save any relevant dates in your diary:

| Date | Class | Time |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| Tues 9 th June | Year 5 | 2.45pm |
| Tues 14 th July | Year 6 (Leavers' Production) | 2pm |
| Thur 16 th July | Year 6 Graduation Assembly | 2.30pm |

Limited (Full Time) Nursery Places

Available for September

We have a limited number of 30 hours Nursery places available for September (8.30am until 3.30pm).

Our before and after school club provider also takes Nursery pupils enabling wraparound care between 7.30am and 5.30pm each day for pupils attending our school Nursery. This club finishes at 5.15pm every Friday. Parents can pick up an application form from our school office. Please note: These places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

**Are you looking for a caring,
safe and nurturing Nursery for
your child?**

**Book a visit with the school
to end your search.**

Phone: 01895232814
email:
office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk



Our outstanding Early Years have full time and limited part time places available. We also offer wrap around care before and after school hours.

Summer Fete 2026



Our Summer Fete 2026 is going ahead!

Thursday 9th July 2026

Time: 3.15 - 5.15pm

If you can help in any way, big or small, or know anyone who may be able to donate or sponsor the event. Every bit of support is appreciated.

Many thanks,
Danielle, Sobana & Bea
St. Mary's PTA

Link to join the Volunteer Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGrNOiEYSzaHlxo4b6PQDg>

PTA

Dear Parents/Carers,

Easyfundraising

We are now **75 supporters** strong! The more people who join, the more we can raise for our school— Shop online or In-store with Easyfundraising!
(<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmarysptauxbridge/>)

School Lottery

Play the school lottery — amazing prizes to be won!
(<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-uxbridge>)

Summer Fete – 9th July 26: Please use the WhatsApp link to get involved <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGrNOiEYSzaHlxo4b6PQDg>

Many hands = less stress... and more fun!

Many thanks,
PTA team (stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com)

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/>

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>

Fun Fest - May Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be offering their popular holiday club over the May half term break. This club is held on our school premises. Please see the flyer below for further details:



The flyer is for the Fun Fest May Half Term Holiday Club. It features a central circular image of children playing on a floor. Above the image, the text 'MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!' is written in a curved path. Below the image is the 'fun fest' logo. The flyer is set against a purple background with a yellow circle around the central image. Text on the flyer includes the website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge', the school name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School', and operating hours 'Open From 8am to 6pm Monday - Friday'. It also lists prices for full and half days, discount offers for weekly block booking and siblings, and an email address. Two slogans are written diagonally: 'Choose Fun' and 'We give children the freedom to choose and the power to play'.

www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge

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

Choose Fun

Prices
Full Day
£ 42
Half Day
£ 24

Discount Offers
Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri)
£ 190
Sibling Full Day Rate
£ 39

Email
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

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

Safeguarding

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 of 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 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://hillingtonpcf.com/>

Speech Link – Parent Portal

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

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.

Upcoming Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 25/05/26-29/05/26 | Half Term |
| 01/06/26 | School opens at 8:40am. |
| 08/06/26- 12/06/26 | Swimming-Year 5 |
| 12/06/26 | Eucharistic Procession |
| 15/06/26-17/06/26 | Year 6 Residential trip |
| 18/06/26 | Sports Day -EYS |
| 18/06/26 | Year 2- Windsor Castle Trip |
| 26/06/26 | Year 1 School Trip |
| 30/06/26 | Sports Day-KS1 |
| 02/07/26 | Sports Day-KS2 |
| 03/07/26 | Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Trip |
| 10/07/26 | Year 5 School Trip |
| 14/07/26 | Year 6 – Leavers Production 2:00pm |
| 16/07/26 | Year 6- Graduation |
| 17/07/26 | Last day of term. School finishes at 12:15. |
| 01/09/26-02/09/26 | Inset Day |
| 03/09/26 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 26/10/26-30/10/26 | Half Term |
| 02/11/26 | Inset Day |
| 03/11/26 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 18/12/26 | School finishes at 12:15pm |
| 04/01/27 | Inset Day |
| 05/01/27 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 15/02/27-19/02/27 | Half Term |
| 22/02/27 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 25/03/27 | School finishes at 12:15pm |
| 26/03/27-09/04/27 | Easter Break |
| 12/04/27 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 03/05/27 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| 31/05/27-04/06/27 | Half Term |
| 07/06/27 | School commences at 8:40am |
| 20/07/27 | School finishes at 12:15pm for Summer holidays |
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