



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 22nd 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,

Thank you to all the parents who helped accompany our Reception and Year 6 parents to school on Tuesday. Today, Year 6 walked to Brunel University to take part in a series of Junior Citizens workshops. These lessons covered key transition activities including travel safety to secondary school.

Yesterday - Toy sale fund raising for Year 6 leavers. Thank you to all the family members who attended this sale.

Term ends next Thursday, 28/03/2024 at the earlier time of **12:15pm**. The children will not be staying for lunch on this day.

This is our last Newsletter for this term.

We hope you enjoy the Easter break and look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 15th April.

You might want to make use of the FunFest holiday club taking place at St. Mary's throughout the break – please see the flyer below for further information.

Inclusive Football Panathlon

Next week, our representatives from KS2 will represent our school at this year's Hillingdon Panathlon. Our team will play a series of football games in an inclusive environment at Oakwood Secondary School. We will let you know how they get on.

Test Week – Next Parents' Evenings

We held our Test Week last week and will share the results with parents after Easter at our next consultations. A letter will be sent home shortly after the holiday.

Parenting Smart – Free Course



We all want the best for our children, but

The mental health charity Place2Be has developed this online parenting course (see further information below). As our school is working with Place2Be parents can access this course for **FREE**.

This short 4 week, online course, can be accessed at any time on any digital device.

The deadline for registration is the 1st April.

We really hope you can make use of this excellent free opportunity.

Parenting Smart - FREE Course



The mental health charity Place2Be has developed this free online parenting course. The course is designed to **support parents and carers of primary-age children on their 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 -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.



Key information

- Length: 4-week online programme (15-minute sections)
- Frequency: Up to 1 hour per week at a time convenient for you
- **Start date:** 23 April 2024
- **Register by:** 1 April 2024
- Access via any device and at a time that suits you
- 6 modules: Each module focuses on one parenting skill

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>

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.

Book Week-Growth Mindset Theme

During Book Week this week in school we have been helping children to develop a growth mindset through the medium of books. Learning about characters such as George in 'Bears Don't Read' (Year One), has helped children to develop their resilience, determination and helped them to understand that it takes lots of effort when we are learning new things.

As part of the theme we set a writing task for each class. The winners from each class were as follows:

Year One: Daniel
Year Two: Mikelle
Year Three: Clementine
Year Four: Marron
Year Five: Estelle
Year Six: Oliver D.

The books that each class read, will soon be on display in school and available for children to read.

Fun Fest - Easter Holiday Club



BOOK FOR EASTER!

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

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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

Prices
Full Day £ 38
Half Day £ 23

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

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	372
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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.cnwl.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
28/03/24	School finishes at 12:15pm
15/04/24	School Starts at 8:40am