



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 13th March 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,

On Monday, all pupils attended a whole school assembly led by a representative from CAFOD. The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is the official aid agency for the Catholic Church, working in over 40 countries to fight global poverty and injustice. They partner with local experts to provide emergency aid, improve food/water access, support children and families, and campaign for climate justice. Their assembly was then followed by interactive workshops for Years 1, 3 and 6.

Pupils from Years 1 to 4 took various age/level appropriate tests this week. We will analyse the results and share them at our next Parents' Evenings planned for April. Year 5 will complete their tests next week. We had two class trips on Tuesday. Our Reception class visited the Iver Nature Study Centre to explore different habitats and the wildlife in the centre grounds. Our Year 4 pupils visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum to find out more about life in Anglo-Saxon England and they carried out their own archaeological excavation digging for artefacts.

The school nursing team visited our Reception pupils on Wednesday to carry out their hearing and vision checks. Angela visited school in the afternoon to lead our parents Prayer Group – it was lovely to see many of you. Father Nicolas, and Angela, returned to school today to lead Confessions with the children as a part of their Lenten journey.

Well Done Year 3

Our Year 3 pupils led their class assembly for pupils, on Monday, followed by their family members on Tuesday. They recited their lines and performed their parts brilliantly teaching us lots about the legacy of the Romans. Please see below for future class assemblies and performances.

Book Week – Costume Winners

We saw some amazing costumes as a part of our book themed, dress up day last week. Book prizes were awarded to the following pupils in each class:

Nursery: Toby
Reception: Aiden
Year 1: Joseph
Year 2: Edan
Year 3: Nicolas
Year 4: April
Year 5: Kevin
Year 6: Henry

Design a Dinosaur – Competition Winners

Thank you to all the children who entered our Dinosaur Competition - inspired by the book Meet the Dinosaurs by Caryl Hart. The standard of entries was amazing and we saw lots of imaginative designs, creations and models. Book prizes were awarded to the following pupils in each class:

Class	Winners
Nursery	Ivy, Daisy and Olly
Reception	Lottie, Jax and Florence
Year 1	Luna, Isabella. S and Frederick
Year 2	Emily, Bruno and Nel
Year 3	Mikolaj, Laura and Nicolas
Year 4	Betty, Samuel and Lottie
Year 5	Niah, Tyler and Sienna
Year 6	Jericho, Arthur and Charlie

Year 6 Parents' Evenings – Next Week

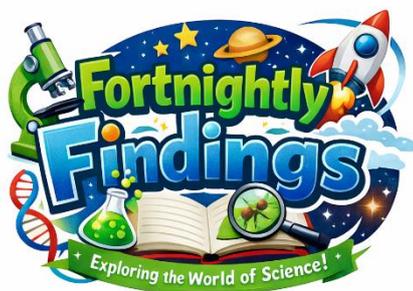
Mr Morris will be holding his Parents' Evening, next week, on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March. We have organised earlier meetings, for Year 6, so that Mr Morris can talk about the results of our recent Mock SATs tests (including targets and planned support) before the statutory SATs rests in May. Year 6 parents should have received an email inviting them to choose a convenient time to meet online.

Our main Parents' Evenings for Nursery to Year 5 will take place on: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April (after the Easter break).

Year 5 Class Assembly – Postponed

Unfortunately our Year 5 class assembly, scheduled for 24th March, has been postponed due to Mr Stringer's paternity leave. We will send home a revised date, for the Year 5 class assembly, when Mr Stringer returns to work. Thank you.

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Fortnightly Findings shares simple, safe experiments families can try at home to spark curiosity, build practical skills and reinforce the scientific method. The aim is to encourage questioning, hands-on investigation and discussion between children and adults, supporting the primary curriculum by developing vocabulary, observing and recording results, and fostering resilience when things don't go to plan.

If you try an experiment and would like to share your child's discovery, **please email photos** to our dedicated address: science@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

We may feature selected images in future newsletters to celebrate learning across the school.

This week's experiment:

Dancing Raisins

Drop a few raisins into a clear glass of sparkling water or lemonade and watch them dance up and down as the bubbles attach to them and pop over and over again.

Early Years – Thank You



A big thank you to Max's mum and dad (Reception class) for putting together our new mini trampoline for our Early Years pupils to use. Our youngest pupils were really excited to use their new trampoline from this week. We are really grateful for all the support we get from our parents.

Caryl Hart - Author visit

We are delighted to inform you that Caryl Hart, children's author, will be visiting our school on Thursday 19th March

Caryl will be running workshops throughout the day and will have a book sale after school at 3:15pm. The book sale will take place in the Year 1 classroom which can be accessed from the Junior playground and exited through the main entrance leading to Rockingham Close.

Easter Holiday Club

There are only a couple of weeks left until the 2-week Easter holiday. Fun Fest will once again be holding their club, on our school premises, over this Easter break. Bookings are now live through the Fun Fest website:

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>

This club will run across both weeks, Monday to Friday, from 8am until 6pm. Prices start from £24 (for half a day) and there are discounts for siblings and block bookings for a full week. Further details are available online.

Please note: This club is led by an outside company (not St. Mary's School staff) and the club is also open to children from outside our school.

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 £ 42
Half Day £ 24

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

Email
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

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>

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>

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>

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/>

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.

Instrumental Lessons

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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.

HOUSE POINTS

St. Berenadette	St. Francis	St. Thomas
855	884	1005

Class Assembly Dates

We have planned for each class to lead an assembly either this, or next 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 the dates in your diaries:

Date	Class	Time
Tues 28 th April	Year 2	2.45pm
Tues 19 th May	Year 1	2.45pm
Tues 14 th July	Year 6 (Leavers' Production)	2pm
Thur 16 th July	Year 6 Graduation Assembly	2.30pm

Diary Dates:

Please check our school website for a complete list of diary dates.

Date	Event
18/3/26 and 19/3/26	Early Year 6 Parents' Evening
27/03/26	End of term -School finishes at 12:15 for Easter break
	FUN FEST Holiday Club
13/04/26	School opens at 8:40am
21/04/26	Drop and Pray – 8.45am
21/04/26	Main Parents Evening online (Early Years to Year 5)
23/04/26	Main Parents Evening online
04/05/26	May Bank Holiday
11/05/26- 15/05/26	SATS week
18/05/26	Class photographs
19/05/26	Drop and Pray – 8.45am
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
15/06/26-17/06/26	Year 6 Residential trip
18/06/26	Sports Day -EYS
18/06/26	Year 2- Windsor Castle 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.