



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### 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.

### P.E. Lessons

Although each class is timetabled for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports coach sessions.

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) should bring their P.E kits into school **every Monday** and then take them home at the end of the day on 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. Thank you in advance.



Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you found this week's Parents Evening meetings useful and you had the opportunity to celebrate your child's successes and also to reflect on their future targets and any support/interventions their teacher has planned. All of our support groups started this week including before school 8.30am pre-teaching and booster groups. These groups change, each term, based on individual pupil progress and need. Our current 8.30am groups will run until the last day of this term (Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April).



### Jubilee Year – Launch Day

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The Jubilee Year is a landmark moment in the life of the global church. School communities are invited to join together as pilgrims of hope, pledging to work together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

The Jubilee Year Launch Day will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January (next week). We have planned the following events that will take place on this day:

- All pupils will walk to Church in the morning for a special launch day **Mass starting at 9.30am**. If you are able to help accompany the children to Church please wait by the front entrance on this morning – we plan to leave school just after 9am.
- Our **Year 5 pupils will lead a Jubilee class assembly** for family members (and our KS2 pupils) at 2.30pm in our school Hall.
- Father Nicholas will also visit school in the morning to lead an **assembly** with all pupils introducing this Jubilee Year.

### Year 6 Water Aid Talk

A representative from Water Aid will visit our Year 6 class next week to talk about their work in helping to provide clean water for communities around the world. The children will also complete an activity exploring the impact of Climate Change on clean water availability. Thank you to our Year 6 pupil Eco Council members for arranging this talk for their class.



### Year 5 Class Assembly

This will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm in our school Hall. The theme of this assembly is the Jubilee Year.

## **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>



## **Age Restrictions on Social Media**

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

## **Getting in Contact**

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: [office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk)

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

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.

## **School Friend Clubs -our onsite breakfast and after school club provider:**

Website: [www.schoolfriendclub.com](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

Booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 07925 033120

## **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**

## **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**

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>

### **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>

### **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://hillingdonpcf.com/>

### **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>

## 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>

## 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/>

## Fun Fest – February Holiday Club

Fun Fest are now taking bookings for their February Half-Term Holiday Club which will be held on our school site. Please refer to the Fun Fest website for further details:

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

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**  
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

**fun fest**  
HOLIDAY CLUB

**Upcoming Holidays**

**February Half-Term**  
17th- 21st February  
Monday - Friday  
8am - 6pm

**Follow -US-**

**Booking Info**  
We are taking bookings

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge>  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge  
07399 880319  
uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk

**BOOK THE BEST HOLIDAY CHILDCARE NOW!**

## 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](http://www.stage talent.co.uk/register)

**Instrumental Lessons**  
Register Today!

Piano, Guitar, Singing, Cello, Flute, Violin

**Book Your Free Lesson Now!**  
Register by Text: 07782 503 260  
Selling: School + Instrument + Child's name + DOB  
[www.StageTalent.co.uk](http://www.StageTalent.co.uk)

## 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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St.Bernadettes</b>	<b>169</b>
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## Spring 2025 - Diary Dates

Date	Event
14/01/25, 16/01/25	Parents Evening
20/01/2025	Jubilee Year Pledge Day
24/01/2025	Year 5 Assembly
03/02/2025	Children's Mental Health Week
10/02/2025	Year 6 Test Week
17/02/2025	Half Term
17/03/2025	Test Week
24/03/2025	Year 5 Swimming
24/03/2025	World Autism Awareness Week
02/04/2025	Year 2 Trip Roald Dahl Museum
04/04/2025	End of term. School finishes at 12:15pm
22/04/2025	Term starts at 8:40am

Please visit our school website for Term dates: <https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>