



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 5th September 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.

Please use our 1-way system, after school, to avoid congestion in our narrow Rockingham Close alleyway.

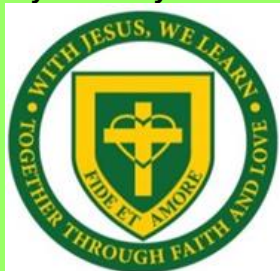
Pupil Bags in School

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,

We hope you had a fantastic break over the summer holiday. We would like to wish a warm welcome to all the new families who are joining our school community this academic year.

School Website

You will find lots of useful information on our school website including term dates, school policies, details of the different curriculum topics your child will cover this year etc.

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Meet the Teacher Presentations

Over the next two weeks, each teacher will share a short presentation talking about class routines, PE days, homework schedules etc.

These teacher presentations will take place, **at 2.45pm**, in our school Hall:

Date of Meeting	Meeting for
Mon 8 th Sept	Year 6 parents
Tue 9 th Sept	Years 3 and 4 parents
Wed 10 th Sept	Years 1 and 2 parents
Thu 11 th Sept	Early Years parents: Nursery and Reception
Fri 12 th Sept	Year 5 parents

Early Years Parents meeting will take place at 2:30pm

Contacting School

We have an open door policy, after school, whereby parents can ask teachers any questions they have (please wait until all pupils have been dismissed). If you prefer, you can arrange a meeting, with your child's class teacher, by contacting our school office:

office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

Our school's Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), Mr Ellis, can also be contacted using this email address.

Homework and Reading Record Books

The majority of classes set their homework (including Maths, English, spellings and xTables) every Thursday. Most pupils will be asked to hand their homework in every Tuesday morning. Each class carries out spelling tests every Wednesday. We ask that pupils read at home daily (at least 5 pages a night) and that parents sign their Reading Record book once they hear their child read.

Start of Term Mass

Our start of Term Mass will take place, on Monday, at 9.30am.

School Lunches

Our school lunches are prepared and delivered, to our premises, by the Accent Catering company. You can find out more about them here:

<https://accentcatering.co.uk/services-primary-schools/>

Free school meals are currently in place (for all Reception to Year 6 pupils) as they are funded by The Mayor of London.

Please note: your child will only receive a free school lunch if you order one through Accent's iPay Impact website.

You will be required to create an iPay account at:

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

Thank you

We are delighted to announce that we raised £180 for the Catholic Children's Society as a result of our Non-Uniform Day before the Summer break. Thank you to all the pupils who donated £1 in return for wearing non-uniform.

Breakfast & After School Club

We offer a breakfast and after school club, on our school premises, led by an outside company called Schoolfriendclubs.

A typical session will consist of:

- Breakfast (morning session) or healthy snack and refreshments
- A quiet space for reading and relaxing
- Arts and crafts
- Construction and Lego
- Sports activities
- Board games
- Computer-based games and educational programs

Sessions take place at the following times:

	Breakfast Club	After-School Club
Monday to Thursday	7.30am to start of school day	3.15 - 5.30pm
Friday	7.30am to start of school day	3.15 - 5.15pm

School Friend Clubs

- Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com
- Booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>
- Contact number: 0333 355 7374

Staff allocation for this academic year

Class/Role	Teacher Name	Support Staff
Headteacher	Miss Shevlin	
Nursery	Mrs Bowen	Mrs Austin Miss Power
Reception	Mrs Chandarana	Mrs Still Mrs Spindler
Year 1	Miss Gahan	Mrs Inkpen
Year 2	Mrs Rowland	Mrs Charlton Mrs Wall (SEN Support)
Year 3	Mrs Parry	Mrs Sullivan
Year 4	Miss Haji	Mrs Horswood
Year 5	Mr Stringer	Miss Bradford Mrs O'Conner (SEN Support)
Year 6	Mr Morris	Mrs George
Teacher PPA Cover	Mrs Kumar (1 day a week) Mrs Goodheart (2 days) Mrs Park (2 days)	
SEND/CO/Assistant Headteacher	Mr Ellis	

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Year 6 Pupils - Starting secondary school in September 2026

From Monday 1st September, you can apply for a school place if your child is due to start secondary school in September 2026. You can find more information on the Hillingdon LA website:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/secondary>

Our Lunch Box Policy

We ask that parents do not send the following items into school in lunch boxes:

- Nuts or items containing nuts (due to allergies).
- No fizzy drinks or squash/juice. We are a 'water only' school.
- No chocolate bars or sweets.
- *No cakes, biscuits or cereal bars containing or coated in chocolate.
- No Crisps.

***Pupils are allowed to bring in cakes/biscuits on any day as long as these items don't contain chocolate.**



WhatsApp and Social Media

Pupils learn about online safety every term and we have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media. To use WhatsApp in the UK, you need to be at least 13 years old.

Due to these age restrictions, we strongly recommend that parents do not allow any child (attending our school) to use WhatsApp or any other social media platforms rated 13+ due to the risks involved. You may find this NSPCC website useful – it looks at how to set up parental controls on your child's phone:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>



Well Done Martino – Year 5

Martino recently took part in the Heathrow Gymnastics Championships winning a gold in the artistic gymnastics and a bronze in the trampoline event.

At the start of the summer break, he also participated in the Aerobics Gymnastics British Championship.

This is an amazing achievement – well done Martino.

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>

Tiny Happy People

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website has been designed to help parents develop their child's language skills. You can explore their simple activities and play ideas here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

Amazon Wish List – School Supplies

Please help support our school by donating school supplies from our Amazon Wish

List <https://amzn.eu/fqZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

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://hillingtonpcf.com/>

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:01895 556006). If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.

It is all our responsibility to safeguard children

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/>

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.

Diary Dates:

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08/09/25	Mass at 9:30am in School
15/09/25	Morning Booster group start at 8:30am
22/09/25	Douay Martyrs talk for parents of Year 6.
29/09/25	Individual photos .