



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 16th May 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 when collecting, after school, to avoid congestion in our 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 large rucksacks** or other similar bags. Thank you in advance.

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,

Last week, we marked the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day. At the end of the week, all classes came together for a picnic in our junior playground (we thought you might like to see a photograph of this event – shown below):



Throughout this week, our Year 6 pupils took their end of Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs tests in school. They came into school early, each morning, for breakfast and to prepare for these tests. After the half term holiday, they will complete transition work for secondary school, pieces of writing for their teacher assessment and various cross curricular projects. They have lots of planned trips and visits to look forward to including their Ufton Court residential and their Westminster Way trip next week (further details below).

Class and Group Photographs - MONDAY

Our school photographer (Tempest) will visit school on Monday morning to take all class and group photographs. All pupils should wear their full school uniform including their school shoes and a tie.

'Shoesday' Tuesday



Next week is the national Walk to School Week. On Tuesday (Shoesday Tuesday), we would like to encourage all



pupils to walk to school wearing their favourite shoes. If you live too far away from our school, and can't walk the full journey, please try to park your car a little bit further away and walk the remaining distance. 'Favourite shoes' can include trainers or any other shoes suitable for walking in. Pupils should not wear boots or shoes with high heels. Thank you.

Parents' Evening Survey

Thank you to all the parents who completed our online survey. The results are as follows:

- **57% of parents said they prefer face to face meetings**
- **43% of parents said they prefer online meetings**

We will take this feedback onboard when planning our Parents' Evening meetings for the next academic year 2025 to 2026.

We will provide meetings where parents can meet teachers face to face and look at pupil books and we will also provide an opportunity for parents/teachers to meet online.

Year 6 Jubilee Walk – Westminster Way

Next Wednesday, our Year 6 pupils will undertake a pilgrimage walk 'The Westminster Way' across London.

The children will travel, by the London Underground, to English Martyrs Church (in Tower Hill) where they will be welcomed by Fr Don Joseph Alex and then listen to a talk about the history of the church and surrounding area. Year 6 will then walk to the Tower of London and along the Thames path (stopping at different landmarks along the way) before eating lunch in Victoria Embankment Gardens. Our Jubilee Walk will then continue onto Westminster Cathedral where we have booked a tour of the cathedral building. We have booked a coach to pick the children up at 3.15pm and we should be back to school by 4.25pm depending on the traffic. We will keep parents updated if we are running late.

Pupils may wear their PE kit and trainers on this trip.



® Fairtrade Day

Next Thursday is Fairtrade Day. Our pupil Eco Council would like to encourage us all to buy fair trade products (where possible) including choosing certified Fairtrade coffee, tea, chocolate, bananas, or clothing to support ethical supply chains. Please look out for the Fairtrade logo (shown) when you next go shopping!

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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>

MAY HOLIDAYS
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

Upcoming Holidays

May Holidays
27th May to
30th May
Tuesday - 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@funfesholidayclub.co.uk

Half-Term Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be offering their club over the half-term break.

This club will be based in our school Hall but is led by an external company (not our school staff).

Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: 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/fqZpVLv>

Any purchase would be greatly appreciated.

Donations

We are kindly asking for donations of boxes of tissue for the classrooms. It is that time of year again where pollen is on the rise and we get through a lot. Any donations would be appreciated

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>

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>

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/>

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



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 Point Winners this week:	St. Francis	319
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Date	Event
19/05/2025	Walk to School Week
19/05/2025	Class Photos
20/05/2025	'Shoesday Tuesday' walk to school wearing your favourite shoes
21/05/2025	Year 6 London Jubilee Walk – Westminster Way
22/05/2025	Fairtrade Day
26/05/2025-30/05/2025	Half term Holiday
02/06/2025	Term starts at 8:40am
02/06/25-05/06/2025	Bikeability -Year 6
10/06/2025	Year 1 Assembly
11/06/2025	Year 5 trip- Hyde Park Orienteering
12/06/2025	Year 2 trip – Tower of London