



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 17th April 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,

We hope you had a good Easter break with your family. It was really nice welcoming pupils back to school on Monday. Thank you to all the family members who came along to our Cross Country competition on Thursday evening hosted by our school staff (thank you to Mr Morris and Mr Stringer for organising). Our KS2 pupils, who represented our school, did a fantastic job competing in this 2km event.

We are looking forward to a busy Summer Term ahead including class assemblies, trips, workshops and our Leavers' Production, Mass and Graduation for our Year 6 pupils. Please see the table at the foot of this Newsletter for a list of upcoming diary dates.

Year 3 Freshwater Theatre Show

Our Year 3 pupils took part in a drama workshop this morning consolidating some of the work they have been doing in their History lessons. This hands-on session was led by a representative from the Freshwater Theatre Company.



School Mass – Today

Father Nicholas, and Angela, will visit school this afternoon to lead our start of term Mass. All family members are welcome to attend at 2.30pm.

Drop and Pray

Please join us on Tuesday 21st of April at 8.45am for our new **Drop and Pray** time.

Join us for 15 minutes to have a quiet time before the busy day. Angela will be coming to lead the prayer on Tuesday.

When you drop your child at school please come in for a short 15 minutes to pray.

Everybody is welcome.

Community Resilience Roadshow

Join us on **Saturday 9 May, 12:00–16:00**, at **Hillingdon Fire Station** for the Community Resilience Roadshow. This free event brings together local emergency services and community partners, with opportunities to meet responders, view emergency vehicles and take part in interactive activities. Open to all ages, the roadshow supports residents in building a safer, more resilient Hillingdon.

Book your free ticket below!

[Community Resilience Roadshow Tickets, Saturday, May 9 from 12 pm to 4 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Uxbridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

Parents' Evening – Next Week

Our main Parents' Evenings, for Nursery to Year 5, will take place next week on both Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd April.

These meetings will take place online. All parents who have booked an appointment will have received a link to join their meeting. There will be an opportunity to discuss the assessment results from our end of Spring Term test week. We hope you find these meetings useful.

Class Assembly Dates – Summer Term

We have planned the following class assemblies, productions etc. for this 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 any relevant dates in your diary:

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

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

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.

Upcoming Diary Dates	
Date	Event
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.