



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### **Morning Drop-off**

All pupils (from Reception to Year 6) come into school from 8.40 a.m. 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.

**Please use our 1-way system to avoid congestion in our narrow alleyway into school.**

Parents should access the school through the Rockingham Close entrance and then walk through the KS1 playground to leave through the green gate on Rockingham Road.

### **P.E. Lessons**

Although each class is timetabled for set days for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and extra sports coaching sessions.

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) should bring their P.E kits into school **every Monday** and then take them home every Friday. Thank you for your help.

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have been busy this week completing various age appropriate tests. The results will be analysed and used to plan targets and support. The results will be shared with parents at our next Parents' Evenings scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Other events that took place this week:

- Tuesday: Year 2 visited the National Gallery in London.
- KS2 pupils took part in a live Disney musical workshop.
- Thursday: Early Years "Come and play with me" event. All Early Years parents were invited to come and join their child in their learning through play followed by tea and coffee in the school hall.
- Unfortunately, the Years 2 and 5 fire safety workshops were postponed due to train strikes.

### **Thank You - PTA**

Thank you to our PTA members for organising this year's Christmas Market on Friday evening. We hope you enjoyed the stalls, refreshments, arts and crafts on offer. The children were really excited to meet Father Christmas when he visited each class throughout the school day.

### **Read With Me**

We would like to invite parents to read with their child(ren) in their classroom(s) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 8:50 to 9:10am or 2:45 to 3:05pm.

We know from past experience how enjoyable this is for children and parents alike. This will

be a festive themed 'Read With Me' session and we invite you to bring festive themed stories, children's bibles or poems from home. Don't worry if you do not have any festive themed books there will be plenty to choose from in school, these books will then be available in the school library for children to take home and share. Miss Gahan



### **Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm**

Our Early Years Christmas Production will take place on Tue 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2:15pm. Please wait by the front entrance for the main doors to be opened, at this time, for family members.

### **Last Day Term**

Reminder: We finish on Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> December at the earlier time of 12.15pm. There will be no lunch on this day.

## Attendance

Every child has a right to education and to have the best possible life chances. By attending school daily and on time they learn the importance of commitment and being punctual, a life skill which will serve them well as they grow into the next generation of working citizens.

Please read information from the NHS about when it is fine to send your child to school. Please do not hesitate to speak with Miss Shevlin if you have concerns about your child's attendance.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

## PTA Christmas Raffle

Hi all,

Continuing our festive plans, we emailed home a poster (this week) with details of the PTA Christmas raffle, featuring some fantastic prizes.

Ticket (£1 each/£5 per book) & Payment Summary

- Your child will first receive a 5-ticket booklet via book bags
- Fill the BUYER details and your child's name in the stub
- We'd appreciate bank transfers: St Mary's PTA Uxbridge 20-42-76 33029336. Ref.: child's name and year
- Cash payments please place in a sealed envelope and return via book bags. Write: child's name and year
- Please return stubs in a sealed envelope via book bags. Write: child's name and year
- For more tickets contact your rep or PTA: [smaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com](mailto:smaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com) or collect from the school office
- Tickets need to be returned no later than Friday 15th December
- Receiving stubs earlier would be hugely appreciated
- Prize draw and winners announced on Monday 18th December
- Spare tickets can be collected from the office

Our top fundraiser will receive a small present.

Warmest wishes

The PTA Team

## Christmas Events in School

**In the lead up to Christmas we have organised the following events:**

Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Carol Concert (in our Church) at 4pm</b> Our Year 3 pupils will lead the singing in our Church

## 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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>	<b>290</b>
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# 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**

Children's Integrated Therapy Service (CITS)

Information from the NHS team of Speech and Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, technicians and administrators, who deliver a community service for children and young people.

<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/>

## **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](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk/register)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Term ends at 12.15pm (no lunch)

## Wildlife Watch

This year, our school will be investigating how the recreational ground behind the school (Rockingham Park) changes during the year.

We have already started investigating and discovered lots of interesting things:

- We found parakeets eating fruit in a rowan tree next to the river.
- We observed red kite birds circling above waiting for their prey to emerge.
- We found slugs, worm, woodlice and flies in different parts of the park.
- We used tree guides to name some of the trees and found evergreen trees, rowan trees and sycamore trees.

We will be returning to the recreational ground in the spring term but in the meantime, it would be wonderful if the children could continue to observe and record the following:

- The names of birds they see, a description of its features (e.g. brown feathers, long beak), where they saw it and what it was doing
- The names of trees they notice, a description of their leaves (e.g. colour, size, shape) and where it is in the park (e.g. near houses).
- The names of animals and insects they find, or see evidence of. They might not see an animal but they might see signs of a burrow where an animal lives. Add a description what you find.
- The names of plants they see. Are they flowering? Are they sprouting, healthy plants or are they dying? Describe what you see and where you see it.

We would love to learn about what you've found so please record it or take a picture to email to the office. You can write down your observations on slip at the bottom of this page. Every observation returned to school will be entered into a draw at the end of term and you could win a science book! I have books, guides, binoculars and some minibeast investigation pots that children can borrow if they would like to go exploring. The children have loved looking for parakeets and red kites so I hope they enjoy noticing more exciting things in our local area!

Mrs Park

Wildlife Watch	
Child's name:	Year:
What did you find?	
Describe what you've found:	

Where did you find it?

If it was doing something, what was it doing?

Any extra information: