



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 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 will be locked at 8.45am).

Pupils arriving at the main entrance (after this time) will be marked in the register as late.

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 can 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,

It was fantastic welcoming pupils back to school on Wednesday after the long Summer break. If your child has just joined our school then we would like to welcome you to the community of St. Mary's. We are very much looking forward to this academic year ahead - it promises to be a busy one! Over the next couple of weeks, we have planned for each class teacher to give a talk about their class routines, homework, curriculum, scheduled trips, timetable etc. There will also be the opportunity for parents to ask any questions that they may have. Please see further details about these presentations below.

Meet the Teacher – TALKS

Our upcoming teacher presentations will take place on the following days, in our school hall, at 2.30pm:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception parents)	Monday 18 th September
Year 1	Thursday 21 st September
Year 2	Tuesday 19 th September
Year 3	Thursday 14 th September
Year 4	Wednesday 20 th September
Year 5	Monday 11th September (Revised date)
Year 6	Wednesday 13 th September



Today – Feast Day

Today, we celebrated our Feast Day in school. Pupils revisited our Mission Statement and illustrated what it means to them. Father Nicholas also visited us to lead our start of term Mass. It was lovely to come together as a school community to celebrate the beginning of this term.

Our school's mission statement:

“With Jesus we learn together through faith and love.”

Local Karate Classes

Please see the flyer attached for details of local karate classes taking place in Uxbridge, Hillingdon and New Denham

Class Topics - This Term

If you would like to know the topics your child will cover this year, you can visit the Curriculum Overview pages on our website (each class has their own overview):

[https://www.st-](https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Overviews%3A+Visits+%26amp%3B+Visitors&pid=86)

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You may also like to visit our individual Subject pages which include details of relevant resources and places to visit linked to these topics:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=History&pid=52>

School Website

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

Our school website includes lots of information you may find useful including:

- Curriculum information
- Term Dates
- Club information

Before and After School Club

We are pleased to be able to offer a breakfast and after school club on our school premises.

These clubs are led by an outside company: Schoolfriend Clubs.

They are one of the largest providers of childcare providing services to schools across the UK.

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, creating and building
- Sports activities
- Boards games
- Computer based games and educational programs

Sessions take place at the following times:

	Breakfast Club	After School
Monday - Thursday	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.30pm
Friday	7.45am - start school	3.15pm - 5.15pm

How to Register/Book

To register simply visit:

www.schoolfriendclub.com

Once you have accessed the website click the 'our clubs' tab at the top left-hand corner, then scroll down to the St. Mary's (Hillingdon) club page. You will be able to register yourself and your children. Once you have created an account you can either book online or over the phone: 0844 2727158

House Point Winners this week:	St Thomas	438 points
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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



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Mon 11 th September	Year 5 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Wed 13 th September	Year 6 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Thu 14 th September	Year 3 Meet the Teacher talk for parents at 2.30pm (Hall)
Fri 15 th September	Year 6 Geography Research Project (sponsored by Cambridge and Oxford University)