



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 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,

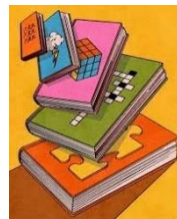
On Tuesday, our school caterers visited school to lead a Knife and Fork workshop with our Reception pupils teaching them how to use cutlery correctly. Our lunchtime staff have been reinforcing this during our hot lunch service and encouraging the children to put their knife and fork together, on their plate, when they have finished eating.

The following day, our Year 3 class attended a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop (led by the Freshwater Theatre Company) consolidating the work they have been covering in their History lessons looking at prehistory. On the same day, our Year 6 pupils joined a live online Remembrance lesson hosted by BBC Teach. Yesterday, our Year 2 class attended a Great Fire of London session led by staff from the Museum of London exploring some of the artefacts that have been on display in the museum and what they tell us. It's been a busy week!

NEW WEBSITE

Our new school website is due to go live today. We've simplified the homepage tabs and created tiles to help parents access our most visited pages. We also worked with a professional photographer to help create a rolling gallery and short video banner. We hope you like the finished result. If you can think of any other information you would like to see displayed – please let us know. You can view the new website using our existing school website address. If the website doesn't display correctly you may have to refresh the page (by pressing **Ctrl and F5**) as it may remember our previous website on your device:

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



Reading

Research evidence suggests that supporting children to read has the potential to transform children's life chances and give them the best start in life. As a part of their homework, we ask that all pupils read, at least 5 pages a night, on at least 5 days each week.

Prayer Group for Parents

Dear parents, please join us for our monthly prayer group for parents on Tuesday 14th of November at 2.45 pm in St. Joseph's room. Angela, from the church looks forward to welcoming parents each month. This is a time for parents to come together. If you have any prayers or intentions please send them into the school. We would like to welcome as many parents as possible to come to the prayer group.



November is Cut Your Carbon Month Years 3 to 6 CHALLENGE

Our pupil Eco-Council are challenging all pupils, in KS2, to take action on their carbon footprint. These classes have been given a checklist encouraging them to complete **9 simple actions** at home. We are hoping to raise awareness, change behaviours and to cut carbon use (a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change). Any pupil who

hands in their completed checklist to a member of our Eco-Council will receive a sticker of achievement.



Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight runs from the 13th to the 24th November 2023 and our Eco-Council will be encouraging each class to save energy by turning off devices when they are not in use. They will use an energy-saving dashboard to help track our energy savings.

Football

Our Football Team played a match against Whitehall Junior School on Wednesday evening. We are delighted to announce that they won this match 6 – 1. An amazing result!



Remembrance Day

Tomorrow is Remembrance Day. On Thursday, Year 6 joined a live online Remembrance lesson hosted by BBC Teach. You can find out more about Remembrance Day on the following BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-remembrance-day-remembrance-sunday/znkxjsg>

Christmas Events in School

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

Tue 12 th December	Early Years Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 th December	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production at 2:15pm
Tue 19 th December	Christmas Carol Concert (in our Church) at 4pm 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.

House Point Winners this week:	St. Francis	262
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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.stage talent.co.uk/register



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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