



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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.**

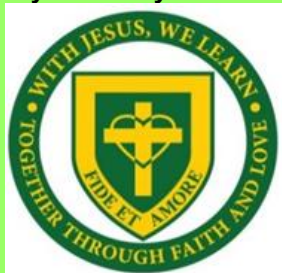
### Pupil Bags in School

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 enjoyed the extended weekend with your family.

On Wednesday, our Year 3 children walked around our local area recording different human and physical features they observed on an OS map. This visit was a part of their Geography topic exploring settlements and landuse through fieldwork. Yr3 will also be visiting Chiltern Open Air Museum on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to consolidate, and extend, some of the work they have been doing in their History lessons this year. You can view the dates of other class trips in the table at the bottom of this Newsletter.

### VE Day

Today is the Anniversary of VE Day. VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) is celebrated annually on 8th May to mark the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender in 1945, ending World War II in Europe. To mark this occasion we have been talking to our KS2 children about the significance of this day. Next half term, our Year 6 pupils will be exploring the impact of WW2 on our local area. A part of this topic will include a visit to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge.

### Year 6 SATs Week

Our Year 6 SATs week will take place, next week, according to the timetable below. We have organised a free Yr6 Breakfast Club every morning, from Monday to Thursday, to help the children prepare for these tests:

Date	SATs Paper
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Reading Comprehension
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) and Paper 2 (Reasoning and word problems)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning and word problems)

### Big School Workout – Mental Health Day

We have signed up to the 'Big School Workout' taking place on the afternoon of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Pupils will join Joe Wicks for a live, interactive session full of movement, energy, and fun exercises suitable for all ages.

Designed to get pupils moving, boost wellbeing, and promote positive mental health, this special live assembly brings one of the UK's most popular fitness experts straight into classrooms.

The live workout for schools is free, fun and inclusive, making it a perfect way to encourage children to stay active on Mental Health Day. This event will also follow our Year 6 pupils' last SATs test.

### Year 1 Class Assembly

Our Year 1 pupils have now started to practise their class assembly. This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in our school Hall. All family members are most welcome to come and watch. We hope to see you there.

### Uniform Collection

We have just put a new clothes collection container outside our front entrance to school.

**If you have any unwanted 'nearly new uniform' we kindly ask that you keep hold of it for a few weeks as our PTA are planning to hold a uniform collection.**

Thank you for your help.

## **Non-Uniform Day: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

This month marks the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. To mark this special occasion, our PTA would like to celebrate his incredible achievements. We are planning to hold a non-uniform day on:

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Our pupils are invited to come to school dressed as anything inspired by David Attenborough and his work. Here are some suggestions:

- Come to school dressed as an animal
- Dress as an explorer
- An explorer
- Wear anything related to the sea, nature or earth
- Wear coloured clothes associated with our earth e.g. green, blue or brown.
- Or just come to school dressed in non-uniform and face paint

The choice is up to you but we ask that pupils do not wear football tops or onesies (as they make it difficult for pupils to use the toilet).

**Our PTA are asking for a £1 donation which they will collect from our front entrance before school.**



## **Summer Fete 2026**

Dear Parents,

We are excited to share some great news  
— the Summer Fete 2026 is going ahead!

A huge thanks goes to Karen, one of our mums, who has kindly stepped forward to lead and organise the event with the support of other helpful parents. We are very grateful for everyone's support. As a community, we can create wonderful memories for our children, especially as this will be Miss Shevlin's final year as Headteacher.

If you can help in any way, big or small, or know anyone who may be able to donate or sponsor the event. Every bit of support is appreciated.

Many thanks,

Danielle, Sobana & Bea

Link to join the Volunteer Group: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JGrNOiEYSzaHlxo4b6PQDg>

### **Performing Arts Summer Workshops at the Compass Theatre - now taking bookings!**

Spend your summer holidays onstage at our popular musical theatre workshops for young people. Rehearse songs, drama scenes and dance routines from hit West End and Broadway musicals ready for two performances onstage on the Friday at 1:30 pm & 3 pm. Workshops run 10am-4pm each day and each week features different musicals - perfect for those eager stars who want to join us at both workshop weeks!

- **5 day workshops (7-16yrs): 27-31 July / 17-21 Aug**
- **2 day workshops (4-6yrs): 30 & 31 July / 20 & 21 Aug**

We can't wait for another summer of musical theatre creativity and your child's invited, so secure their place today.

For more information, please contact Hillingdon Theatres Box Office

([boxoffice@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hillingdon.gov.uk) / 01895 250615)

### **Class Assembly Dates – Summer Term**

We still have the following class assemblies and productions to look forward to 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1	2.45pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5	2.45pm
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 (Leavers' Production)	2pm
Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> 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>

### **Ascension Mass**

All parents are welcome to join us on 14/5/26 at 2:30pm in school for the Ascension Mass.

## Fun Fest - May Holiday Club

Fun Fest will once again be offering their popular holiday club over the May half term break. This club is held on our school premises. Please see the flyer below for further details:



[www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge](http://www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge)

**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**

Open From 8am to 6pm

Monday - Friday

**Choose Fun**

Prices

Full Day

£ 42

Half Day

£ 24

Discount Offers

Weekly Block Booking (Mon - Fri)

£ 190

Sibling Full Day Rate

£ 39

Email

[uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

*We give children  
the freedom to choose  
and the power to play*

## **Limited (Full Time) Nursery Places - available for September**

We have a limited number of 30 hours Nursery places available for September (8.30am until 3.30pm). Our before and after school club provider also takes Nursery pupils enabling wraparound care between 7.30am and 5.30pm each day for pupils attending our school Nursery. This club finishes at 5.15pm every Friday. Parents can pick up an application form from our school office.  
Please note: These places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis.



# **St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**



**Are you looking for a caring,  
safe and nurturing Nursery for  
your child?**

**Book a visit with the school  
to end your search.**

Phone: 01895232814  
email:  
office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk



**Our outstanding Early Years have full time and  
limited part time places available. We also offer  
wrap around care before and after school hours.**

## **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.stage talent.co.uk/register](http://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.

<b>Upcoming Diary Dates</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
11/05/26- 15/05/26	SATS week
12/05/26	Ascension Mass at 2:30pm in School
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.