



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 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,

Our school photographer visited school on Monday to take individual pupil photographs. You should have received information, in your child's book bag, about how to order their photo from Tempest. We hope you found this week's Parents' Evening meetings useful. If you need any further information – please contact our school office. You can also view lots of helpful documents on our school website including an overview of the curriculum areas covered by each class: <https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

ITV Britain Get Talking

Tuesday is World Mental Health Day. ITV's Britain Get Talking and YoungMinds' #HelloYellow are collaborating to help children across the country open up.

On Thursday, all pupils will be set a homework task encouraging them to talk about any fears or worries that they may have. You can watch a short video clip here with Ant and Dec explaining the task: <https://www.itv.com/britaingettalking/schools.html>



Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Support

We have recently signed up to the Hillingdon Local Authorities Inclusion Commitment with a focus on developing our SEMH support for pupils. This new initiative will include staff training and support from the LA SEN Team. Our first training session will take place on Tuesday.

Curriculum Afternoon

Our Curriculum Afternoon will take place on Monday 16th October from 2pm. During this afternoon, our Year 6 pupils will give parents a tour of each class whilst pupils are working.

Parents Prayer Group and Prayer Tree

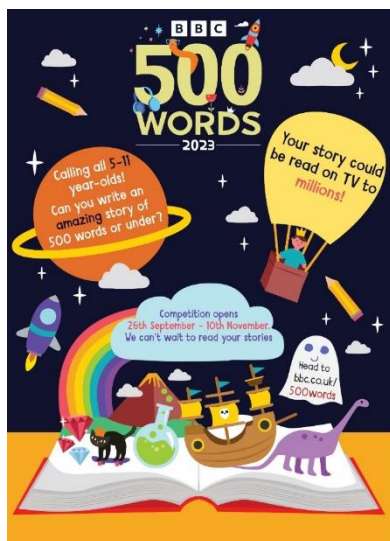
Please join us on Tuesday 10th of October at 2.30pm for our Parents Prayer Group.

We now have a prayer tree outside Year 6. Please take a leaf to write your prayer and put in the tray beside the tree, we will then hang it on our tree for our school community to join in your prayer.



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.



500 Words Competition

The BBC are encouraging children of all abilities to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read** without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

50 finalists, along with their parents or carers, will be invited to attend a grand final next February at **Buckingham Palace!** Not only will the bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities, but the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with the **The One Show**, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024.

All the finalists will receive a £20 National Book Token and their stories will be recorded and published on our website.

The winners in each category will receive an array of prizes. As well as their stories being read out by celebrities, they will all receive a bundle of books.

Further details including how to take part:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

House Point Winners this week:	St Bernadette	180 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/>

Coffee Morning

This is a chance for parents/carers to meet up in a relaxed atmosphere, enjoy tea or coffee and a sweet treat alongside our Family Support Team and access up-to-date information about what's going on both at HACs and locally.

Date: Wednesday 11th October

Time: 10am- 11:30 am

Location: HACs Resource Centre, Dudley Pl, Hayes UB3 1PB, UK

Book here: <https://www.hacs.org.uk/events-1/coffee-morning-11-10-23>

Please see flyer for more dates

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



Secondary School Applications for Year 6

If you have not already applied for secondary school, the closing date for applications is Tuesday 31st October 2023.

To give your child the best possible chance of being offered their preferred school(s), please ensure your application is received on time. Hillingdon council cannot be held responsible for any problems with internet providers; they are therefore recommending you submit your application online to the Admissions at London Borough of Hillingdon by **Friday 20th October 2023**. If you live out of borough you need to apply to your own local authority.

Eligibility for Household Benefits

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for help with fuel payments or Early Years Pupil Premium. You can check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If you have any problems with your application on the above website please contact Mrs Taberer directly on jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk This application will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
Tuesday 10 th October	Parents Prayer Group at 2.30pm
Mon 16 th October	Curriculum Afternoon at 2pm
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th October	HALF TERM BREAK
Wed 1 st November	All Saints Mass 2.15pm in the school hall

The PTA AGM will take place on **Thursday 19th October from 8pm**, in the Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes & St Michael. We will run through the amazing fundraising from last year and elect new Core Team members, encourage and support new volunteers to join in and definitely have some fun. Everyone is welcome to attend.