



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

### Morning Drop-off

All pupils (from Reception to Yr6) should 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.

**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, this sometimes changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports 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.

### 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 large rucksacks or other similar bags.

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to all the family members who attended our Coffee Morning on Wednesday. We hope you found the talks, about the different SEN services in our local authority, useful. Going forward, we plan to hold one coffee morning every term.

Each week, we include useful SEN links (in this Newsletter) including SENDiAss, HACs, Stronger Families hub and the Hillingdon Local Offer team (please see the information listed below).

### Online Safety in School

In school, we use a filtering package (called LGfL WebScreen) to protect learners from accessing potentially harmful online material.

In addition, we have recently purchased a new monitoring package, called SENSO, which

monitors any inappropriate words which pupils may type into computer programs or internet search engines. This also includes their Google Classroom account from home. This week, we have been reminding our KS2 pupils of our Online Safety rules and expectations.



### Class and Group Photographs

Our photographer will visit school, on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**, to take all class and group photographs. Pupils are reminded to wear their full school uniform including a tie.

### Football Team

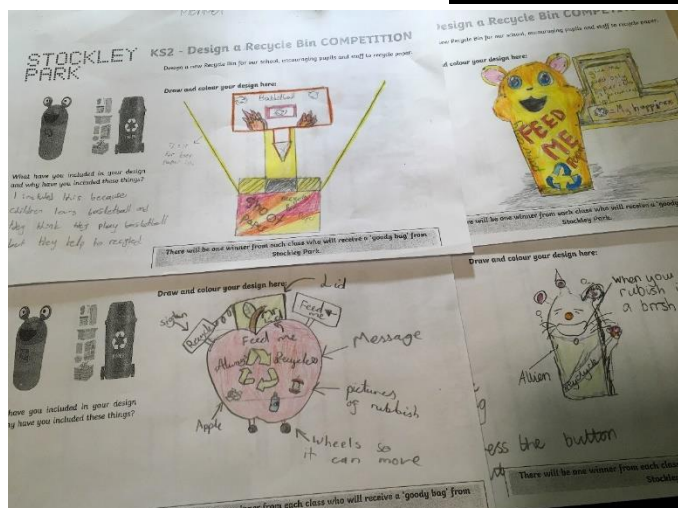
Our school football team have had a brilliant year reaching the semi-finals this week. On Wednesday evening, they played their semi-final match against John Locke Academy. It was a really close game that went into penalties after the final whistle. Unfortunately, the penalty shoot-out went in John Locke's favour. Our team should be extremely proud of their hard work, resilience and sportsmanship reflecting the Catholic ethos of our school.



### Ascension Mass

Please come and join us for the celebration of Mass for the feast of the Ascension. This Mass will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> of May, at 2.30 pm, in our school hall.

## KS2 Recycle Bin - Competition Winners



Thank you to all the pupils who entered Stockley Parks competition to design a new paper recycling bin for our school. The standard of entries was fantastic with some really imaginative and unique ideas to persuade our school community to recycle more.

Stockley Park picked the following winners from each class. These pupils will receive their goody bag prize in the next few weeks:

**Venice Yr3**

**Arissa Yr4**

**Bethany Yr5**

**Mehmet Yr6**

## Active Travel – Photo Activity

This year our school is taking part in Hillingdon's Active Travel Movement. The Borough wide initiative is organised by Hillingdon's School Travel and Road Safety (STARS) Team with one main aim ... to promote safer and sustainable modes of travel, reducing heavy car use, congestion, road collisions & pollution.



### Take part, this May, in the Active Travel Photo Activity!

During the month of May, as part of the movement, we are asking parents, children and school staff to get involved by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever you can.

Not only will it set the children up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life. You will also be helping school reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates.

We would like parents and carers to capture these active travel

moments and submit the photos to us so we can send these on to the Hillingdon STARS team and share them to inspire others to do the same. **As part of the campaign, the STARS team will be creating a photo collage for us to proudly display in our school as recognition of our commitment to encourage active travel within our school community.**

### What do I need to do as a parent/carers?

We would ask parents, where possible, to make arrangements so that your child/children can travel actively to school (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride), **take photos of these moments and email them to our school office throughout the month of May.** If you live far away from school and need to drive or take public transport, try parking the car or hopping off the bus/train ten minutes away and walking the rest of the journey.

### Below are the requirements for the photos:

- Your child/children walking to school (Safely). Using pavements, safer crossing points around our school such as Zebra crossings, Signalised crossings, bridges, subways, etc.
- Your child/children scooting or cycling to school (Safely). In appropriate safety clothing such as helmets, knee and elbow pads, etc.
- Your child/children using public transport such as buses or trains.

Please be aware that any photos sent will be used for the photo collage and possibly shared via the Travel Team social media, so please only send images you are happy to be shared. All photographs need to be received by the end of May 2024.

Please email any photographs to:  
[office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk)

Thank you in advance for your help.

## **Our May Procession**

Please come and join us on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May for our May procession in the school playground. This is a very special celebration at St. Mary's. Our first communion children will be invited to come in their First Communion outfit and help lead the procession with Fr. Nicholas. It would be lovely to have as many members of our school community attending the procession. Please put the date in your diary and join us as we have our procession and sing hymns about Mary.

## **Year 4 MTC**

As in previous years, our Year 4 pupils will participate in the multiplication tables check (MTC) in June. Over the next few weeks they will complete practise 'checks' in class.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

**Pupils can practise their recall using their Rock Stars login.**

The results of this check will be used to identify if your child may need additional support.

Further information for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>

## **Information: Year 6 and Year 2 SATs Tests**

The government has published some new parent leaflets providing further information about the Year 2 and Year 6 end of year SATs tests. You can access them online here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

## **Place2Be – Parenting Smart**

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/index>

## **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.

**MAY HALF - TERM**  
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!



**Upcoming Holidays**

May Half-Term  
28th - 31st  
Tuesday - Friday  
8am - 6pm

**Follow -US-**






**Booking Info**

We are taking bookings

🌐 <https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>  
📍 St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Rockingham Close UB8 2UA Uxbridge  
☎ 07399 880319  
✉ [uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk](mailto:uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk)

**School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details**

Website: [www.schoolfriendclub.com](http://www.schoolfriendclub.com)

New booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

<b>House Point Winners this week:</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/>

### **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>

### **Speech Link – Parent Portal**

Speech and language support for parents and carers:

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

### **Tiny Happy People**

The BBC's Tiny Happy People website is here to help you develop your child's language skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about babies and toddlers' amazing early development:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

### **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)



## **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.

## **Safeguarding Our Children**

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 our responsibility to safeguard children**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
06/05/2024	Bank Holiday. School closed.
07/05/2024	Class and group photographs
09/05/2024	Ascension Mass 2.30 in the hall.
24/05/2024	May Procession
24/05/2024	Half Term. Finish at 3:15pm