



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 27th September 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.

Afternoon Nursery finishes at 3.30pm.

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. Thank you in advance.



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our teachers attended our annual Deanery Mass, this week, alongside staff from the other Catholic schools in Hillingdon. This Mass is held at a different Church each year on a rotation – this year was the turn of St. Catherine's in West Drayton. This was a lovely opportunity to come together and pray for a successful academic year ahead.



Our Year 6 Eco Council/RRSA members will meet next week to plan their targets for this year. They will share a presentation with the whole school, in the next few weeks, looking at children's rights. This is a part of an initiative we have signed up to working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) for the silver accreditation.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

School Photographs

Our school photographer (Tempest) will visit school, on Monday, to take individual photographs of pupils. All pupils need to wear their full school uniform including a tie. We will send home information about how parents can place photograph orders after they visit.

School Lunches – Online Orders

We are still waiting for our online lunch ordering system to go live.

We will send home a letter and activation codes once the iPay portal is up and running.

Before and After School Club

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Alongside our regular clubs we also offer a daily breakfast and after school club.

This is led, on our school premises, by an outside group called School Friend Clubs.

You can find further information online:

<https://www.schoolfriendclub.com/>

Jackets and Coats

We've seen lots of wet, rainy weather this week. We try to get the children outside as much as possible for breaks even if it is spitting slightly with rain. If it is likely to be wet, please ensure your child brings a coat/jacket to school. Thank you in advance.



Curriculum Information

You can find lots of curriculum information on our school website including an overview of the topics covered in each class per term.

You can find these overviews here:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Overviews&pid=60>

Starting Secondary School 2025

If you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, you must apply for your child to start secondary school in September 2025.

You must apply by: 31st October 2024 – further information here:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8758/Starting-secondary-school-September-2025>

If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -

Friday 4th October 2024 – 4pm- 5:30pm

Saturday 12th October 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm.

Appointments now available on sheet at the back of the church.

Starting Reception School 2025

If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, you must apply for your child to start Reception in September 2025.

If you regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes church and your child has been baptised, the CCP school forms can be signed on the following dates only: -

Friday 15th November 2024- 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Saturday 16th November 2024 – 11:30 am – 1.00pm

You must apply by: 15st January 2025 – further information on to the links below:

www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions or email admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk.

You also need to fill the Supplementary forms for our school that can be obtained from the school website or the school office.

For the Nursery Children, the CCP school forms, for Nursery 2025, can be signed on the following dates: -

Friday 10th January 2025 – 3pm – 5:30pm

Saturday 11th January 2025- 11:30am _ 12:30pm

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>



Age Restrictions on Social Media

Pupils cover work on online safety every term. We have been reminding our KS2 children of these age restrictions on social media.

Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

All enquiries should be referred to our school office

For Special Educational Needs: Mr Ellis (using the contact details above)

Chair of Governors: Mrs Maureen Thorpe (using the contact details above)

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.

School Friend Clubs -our onsite breakfast and after school club provider:

Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com

Booking portal: <https://schoolfriendclub.magicbooking.co.uk>

Tel: 0333 355 7374

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

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>

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://hillingdonpcf.com/>

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.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.

A large green poster for 'Fun Fest Holiday Club'. At the top center is the logo 'fun fest HOLIDAY CLUB' with 'UXBRIDGE' written above it. The poster features a central image of children in costumes with the text 'Book Now!'. Below this, it says 'October Half-Term' and '28th October - 1st November'. The school name 'St Mary's Catholic Primary School' and the website 'www.fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge' are also listed. The poster is decorated with several circular images showing children engaged in various activities: 'WATER TIGHT!!', 'MESSY MAYHEM!', 'PUZZLES & GAMES!', 'ORAGAMI!!', 'ARTS & CRAFTS', 'LIBRARY BUS!', 'FUN DAY FRIDAY!!', and 'OUTSIDE FUN!'. At the bottom, the email address 'Uxbridge@funfestholidayclub.co.uk' is provided.

House Point Winners this week:	St. Thomas	210
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UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

Please visit our school website for Term dates:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>

Date	Event
30/9/24	Individual Photos
07/10/24	World Space Week
10/10/24	Panathlon KS2
22/10/24	Parents Evening
23/10/24	Annual Curriculum Afternoon
24/10/24	Parents Evening
28/10/24 - 1/11/24	Half Term Holiday
4/11/24	Teacher INSET (school closed to all pupils)
05/11/24	Pupils back to school - Kindness Week
18/11/24 - 22/11/24	Swimming -Year 5
25/11/24	Test Week -Year 6
29/11/24	National No Pens Day
02/12/24 - 06/12/24	Test Week
12/12/24	Early Years Christmas Production (2:15pm)
18/12/24	KS1 Christmas Production (2:15pm)
20/12/24	End of term. Finish at 12:15pm (no hot lunch)
06/01/25	School opens - start of Spring Term 2025