



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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,

We held our **Transition Day** on Tuesday. The day started with a special assembly looking at transition and change. All pupils then got the opportunity to spend a lesson with their new teacher and teaching assistant(s). We were also joined by our new teachers, Ms Rowland and Ms Haji, who spent the day in school meeting staff and planning for September. Pupils talked about routines and expectations for the next academic year, they completed 'getting to know you' type activities and they were given the opportunity to ask any questions that they had. The majority of our Year 6 pupils also spent the day visiting their new secondary schools. We will hold our Meet the Teacher meetings, in September, where parents will get the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher and to ask any questions that they have. Our Year 4 pupils visited Hillingdon Leisure Centre, every day, this week to have their **swimming lessons**. They will get the opportunity to complete further lessons when they move up to Year 5 and they will take a swimming assessment at the end of Yr5 to test their level of confidence and competency. The government expectation is that all pupils, 'can swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres' by the end of KS2. Any swimming practise parents can provide, over the summer break, would be much appreciated.

Our youngest pupils, in Early Years, took part in various sporting events yesterday as a part of their **Sports Day**. Thank you to all the family members who came along to cheer the children on – they all did a fantastic job! The **Hillingdon District Sports competition** also took place yesterday. We are delighted to announce that we came 4<sup>th</sup> overall (out of the 11 schools who took part) winning bronze, silver and gold medals in the individual events. Well done to all the pupils who represented our school this year. This morning we were visited by the **Perform theatre company** who led free fairy-tale workshops with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. This was a part of their outreach work with local schools. It's been a busy week!

### Summer Fair - Tomorrow

We are very much looking forward to tomorrow's Summer Fair.

**Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

**Time: 12 – 3pm**

There are lots of stalls and attractions to look forward to - including a bouncy castle, face painting, food, tombola and games. We hope to see you there!

### Years 1 and 2 Sports Day - Tuesday

Our KS1 Sports Day will take place on Tuesday (9th July). The events will start at 9.15am on our school playground. All family members are welcome to attend. Please wait in our front entrance area for a member of staff to open up the green door leading onto our KS2 playground.

### Year 6 Leavers' Mass - Monday

Our end of term, Yr6 Leavers', mass will take place on Monday (8<sup>th</sup> July) at 9.30am in Church. The children have been busy practising the hymns this week in school. We will leave school just after 9am. We would be very grateful of any help walking with the children to and from Church. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.



### **Class Worry Boxes**

We have been doing lots of work, this year, on developing pupils' social, emotional and mental health. This has included work with the charity Place2Be and also our LA Inclusion Team.

We have purchased a 'worry box' for each class, for pupils to indicate if there is something they would like their teacher to know. Our staff will follow-up on any 'worry' slips placed in this box by having 1:1 'chats' with pupils. If your child has any worries that they express at home – please encourage them to let their teacher know by using their class worry box.

### **Place2Be Parenting Smart – Online Workshops**

Thank you to all the parents who signed up to access the free Parenting Smart workshops earlier this year. If any parents have any feedback (positive or negative) we would love to hear from you. Please email any comments you may have to our school office:

[office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk)

### **Year 5's Class Assembly - Tuesday**

We would like to invite you to Year 5's class assembly on Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> July) at 2.30pm. The children will share what they have found out as a part of their recent History topic. All family members are most welcome to attend.



### **Help Needed – Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Cakes/Biscuits**

Our Year 6 pupils will perform their WW2 themed Leavers' Assembly for parents/carers on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. This assembly will start at 2pm but we would like to invite family members, into school, from **1.45pm**, for tea and coffee. If any parents are able to donate any cakes or biscuits, to share, this would be much appreciated. **Please send any donations, of cakes or biscuits, into school on the day of the Yr6 assembly (or just before). Thank you**

### **Princesses and Barbies Wanted**

Our Nursery class are looking for donations of small Disney princesses, Barbie dolls or similar. If you have any unwanted small dolls that your child no longer uses – please send these into school. Mrs Bowen, in Nursery, would love to hear from you!

### **Free Lego Magazine**

The Lego company are offering parents the chance to sign up for a free Lego magazine. Details here:

<https://kids.lego.com/en-gb/lego-life/magazine>

### **Year 6 – Diary Dates**

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am (Church)</b>	Yr6 Leavers' Mass (in Church) – all family members are most welcome to attend
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm (School Hall)</b>	<b><u>Yr6 Leavers' Assembly</u></b> (for all family members) <b>Refreshments from 1.45pm</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> to Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Residential Visit to Ufton Court (near Reading)
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm (School Hall)</b>	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony in School – all parents/carers are most welcome to attend

## Spanish Lessons

Please note: Our Spanish lessons have finished for this year.

### Term Ends

Term ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - at the earlier time of 12.15pm. Pupils will not eat lunch, in school, on this day.

### Winston's Wish – Bereavement Support

With the summer holidays just around the corner, we want parents to know that Winston's Wish is open with support services available!

Here are a few resources they offer:

- **On-Demand Support:** Winston's Wish Bereavement Support Workers will be available from 8am to 8pm on weekdays, with their team there to listen and provide support to young people and parents.
- **Make and Talk Activities:** They have a number of interactive activities that are designed to help children and young people talk about their grief. These are helpful resources for parents and guardians who are supporting bereaved children and young people.

Alongside this, they have a range of downloadable resources and information that can be accessed via their website:

[https://winstonswish.org/services-open-summer-holidays/?utm\\_source=Winston%27s+Wish+newsletter&utm\\_campaign=a8b38d1bce-Education Newsletter 27 06 2024&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-a8b38d1bce-%5BLIST EMAIL ID%5D](https://winstonswish.org/services-open-summer-holidays/?utm_source=Winston%27s+Wish+newsletter&utm_campaign=a8b38d1bce-Education+Newsletter+27+06+2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-a8b38d1bce-%5BLIST+EMAIL+ID%5D)



### Hillingdon Summer Reading Challenge

Today the children had an assembly about Hillingdon's summer reading challenge.

There are lots of activities over the summer and the reading challenge sounds lots of fun for the children. The reading challenge starts on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and ends on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of September. Please find more information on Hillingdon website

<https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/11044/Summer-Reading-Challenge-2024>

An infographic titled 'What are the age restrictions on social media?' with a cartoon girl icon. It lists age restrictions for various platforms: 13 for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Kik, Ask.fm, Houseparty, Periscope, Tumblr, Reddit, and Pinterest; 13+ for WhatsApp, YouTube, WeChat, Whisper, and Yubo (with a note that 13+ means with parental consent); 16 for LinkedIn; and 18 for Tinder and Bumble. A red 'A' icon is at the bottom right.

## 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.

### 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>

## Getting in Contact

Tel: 01895 232814

Email: [office@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk](mailto: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 – 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>	<b>St Francis</b>	<b>163</b>
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**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

**fun fest** HOLIDAY CLUB

**Upcoming Holidays**  
Summer Holidays  
23rd July to  
27th August  
Monday - Friday  
8am - 6pm

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**Summer Holiday Club**  
LOADING ...



  
15 COMING!  
Raising funds for





**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)



## 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://hillingtonpcf.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](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.

## **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:**

Date	Event
06/07/2024	Summer Fair
09/07/2024	Year 5 Class Assembly (Vikings)
12/07/2024	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (Refreshments from 1.45pm)

Please visit our school website for Term dates - including 2024 to 2025: <https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=45>



St Mary's PTA proudly present the  
return of the

# INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKET

to the Summer Fete **06/07/2024**

**Proudly showcase your cooking skills by donating  
★ a home cooked dish from your country on the day ★  
of the Summer Fete**

**A true celebration of the thriving multicultural  
community we are so lucky to have at St Mary's**



**Please contact Dora on 07902181960** if you are  
able to donate a dish and exhibit the delicious  
food your country has to offer