



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### 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.

### P.E. Lessons

Although each class is timetabled for PE lessons, this often changes due to wet weather and/or extra sports coach 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,

Pupils from Years 1 to 6 have completed various tests in English and Maths over the last couple of weeks. We will analyse the results and plan pupil targets and next steps including support. We will share the results at our next Parents' Evenings - scheduled for Tues 14<sup>th</sup> and Thu 16<sup>th</sup> January. This will also be an opportunity to look through your child's exercise books.

We held two phonics workshops for parents yesterday. Thank you to everybody who attended and we hope you found these talks useful.

We've had two visits to the Science Museum over the last 2 weeks. Year 6 visited the museum last week including interactive workshops in the Wonder Lab. It was the turn of Year 5 today!

Today we were visited by author and local GP, Dr Hannah Weston-Simons, who led a workshop with our KS2 pupils. Hannah talked to pupils in Years 3, 4 and 6 about what's in their blood as well as reading a few poems from her book 'Blood, Bones and Bladders'. This book is a collection of fun, rhyming poems for children about the human body.

This afternoon, we were visited by Father Nicholas, and Angela, who led Confession with pupils in KS2.

### Christmas Jumper Day – Next Week



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in the Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day.

Pupils are welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school to raise money for the Save The Children charity.

You can either donate on the schools' Just Giving page using the code: CJD240027352

OR scan the QR code on the poster attached to the newsletter email. .

Alternatively, your child can bring in a £1 cash on the day and hand it to their class teacher.

**Pupils may also wear their Christmas jumper to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December when Father Christmas will visit each class (no donation needed on this day).**

### Early Years Production

Our Early Years pupils (Nursery and Reception) will perform their production for parents on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December. The performance will start at 2.15pm in our school hall. The children will perform for pupils earlier next week.



### Christmas Post Box

Our red Christmas Post Box is now in the entrance area outside our office. All pupil Christmas cards should be placed in this box and our Year 6 monitors will then deliver them to classes before the end of each day.

Please remember to include 'Pupil Name' and 'Class' on the envelope of each card.

### School Lunches – New Menu for the Spring Term

We have just finalised a new 4 week rolling menu for after Christmas (Spring Term). Following feedback from pupils we will be offering a wider range of desserts (not just yoghurt and fruit on 2 days each week).

Please continue to order online through the iPay website:

<https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/IPI/Account/LogOn>

## **Parents Prayer Group**

Please join us on 10<sup>th</sup> of December for our final Parents Prayer group of the year. The prayer group is at 2.45pm in the St. Joseph's room. It is a time to have a quiet moment of reflection out of your busy week. All parents are very welcome to attend.

## **Christmas Events in School**

We have planned these events for parents:

<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Production for all parents at 2.15pm – school Hall
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Father Christmas visits to each class (organised by our PTA) Carol Concert (in Church) at 4pm – led by Year 3
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Christmas Production for all parents 2.15pm – school Hall
<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Carols for Parents – 2.30pm followed by refreshments and mince pies – school Hall
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>TERM ENDS at 12.15pm</b>

Alongside these parent performances, the children will also be performing their productions to the other classes at various times in our school Hall (as dress rehearsals).

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024- 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 11:30 am – 1.00pm

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

[www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions](http://www.hillingdon.gov/schooladmissions) or email [admissions@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – 3pm – 5:30pm***

***Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](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 -our onsite breakfast and after school club provider:

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

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>

### **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>

### **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>

### **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/>

### **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.

<b>House Point Winners this week:</b>	<b>St. Francis</b>	<b>388</b>
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## UPCOMING EVENTS - Autumn Term Dates 2024

Date	Event
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day
12/12/24	Early Years Christmas Production (2:15pm)
17/12/24	Carol Concert in the Church for the whole school at 4pm. Year 3 will lead the carol concert.
17/12/24	A Special visit from Father Christmas to each class. Children can wear their Christmas jumper.
18/12/24	Christmas Lunch
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

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