



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 24th 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,

This week was Walk to School Week'. Well done to all the pupils who walked, cycled or scooted to school. Thank you to all the parents who have emailed us photos of their children travelling to school safely. We will send these to the Hillingdon LA Travel Team who will produce our Active Travel School Collage to be displayed in our office area. You still have until the end of May if you would like to send in any more photographs.

Well done to all the pupils who represented our school at Monday's Cross-Country competition. We are really proud of both the boys' and girls' teams who were a credit to our school. The girls' team came in 2nd place overall with Betty (Year 4) winning a silver medal out of all the girls who raced.

Today, our May Procession will take place in our school playground. Our First Holy Communion children will dress in their Communion clothes and help lead the procession with Fr. Nicholas. We hope to see you there!

Year 5 Class Assembly

We would like to invite you to Year 5's class assembly on Tuesday 9th July at 2.30pm. All family members are most welcome to attend.

Sports Days

This year's Sports Days will take place as follows:

Mon 24 th June at 9.15am	Years 3 to 6 (KS2) Rockingham Recreation Ground
Thu 4 th July at 9.15am	Early Years School Playground
Tue 9 th July at 9.15am	Years 1 and 2 (KS1) School Playground

Half Term Break

We hope you enjoy the holiday next week and look forward to seeing pupils back on Monday 3rd June. All 8.30am support/pre-teaching/booster groups will resume on this morning.

Year 4 – Multiplication Tables Check

Our Year 4 pupils will take the multiplication tables check (MTC) during the week beginning Monday 3rd June. Over the last few weeks, pupils have been completing the practise 'checks' in class. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12.

If your child is in Year 4, please help them to recall their xTables over the half-term break. 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 going into Year 5.

Active Travel – More Photos Needed

During the month of May, we are asking pupils to get involved by walking, cycling or scooting to school whenever they can. We would like parents/carers to capture these active travel moments and submit the photos to us so we can send these on to the Hillingdon LA Travel Team. **As part of the campaign, the Travel Team will be creating a photo collage for us to proudly display in our school.**

What do I need to do as a parent/carer?

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 emailed into school will be used for the photo collage and possibly shared via the Travel Team social

media. 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

Thank you in advance for your help.

Age Restrictions on Social Media

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

What are the age restrictions on social media?

Age Restriction	Platforms
13	Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Kik, Ask.fm, Houseparty, Periscope, Tumblr, Reddit, Pinterest
13+	Whatsapp, YouTube, WeChat, Whisper, Yubo <small>(13+ means with parental consent)</small>
16	LinkedIn
18	Tinder, Bumble

The infographic also features a cartoon girl, a laptop icon, a globe icon, and a sign with the letter 'A'.



London Air Ambulance Assembly

The Children thoroughly enjoyed the London Air Ambulance Assembly. We raised over £100

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

Thank you to the parents who have been completing the Place2Be parent workshops online. Their 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

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.

MAY HALF - TERM
FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!

fun fest
HOLIDAY CLUB

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

MAY HALF TERM IS SOON!

May Half-Term: Holiday Club

To BOOK and for more information about the activities on offer:

<https://fun-fest.co.uk/uxbridge/>

School Friend Clubs – Updated contact details

Website: www.schoolfriendclub.com

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

Tel: 0333 355 7374

House Point Winners this week:	ST. Francis	1123
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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>



We are trying to widen the variety of playtime activities that are available to children. Whilst we have plenty of active toys/equipment we would like to focus on having a few options for the children to sit and play with in addition to the Lego we offer.

If you are having a clear out this half term and have any used dinosaur, animal, princess, or action hero figures that you no longer want - please can you donate them to the school.



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



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



Spare Chairs

If anybody is interested in any of the chairs, maybe for a BBQ or summer family/friend gathering, please contact the school and you are welcome to have them for free.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
24/05/2024	Half Term. Finish at 3:15pm

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>