



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 14th June 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,

Our Year 6 children walked to the Battle of Britain bunker on Monday morning. They discovered what it was like to work in the bunker by handling and learning from objects that were used in the Operations Room. The class were taught about life in the Bunker, and the different roles men and women would have had at the time. Their workshop was followed by a private tour of the bunker. On Wednesday they were joined by a representative from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who talked about the important work that they do.

A fire officer from the London Fire Brigade (LFB) visited school on Wednesday to lead our annual workshops with Years 2 and 5. Both sessions covered fire safety at an age appropriate level. Please see the information, at the bottom of this Newsletter, about free fire safety home visits that the LFB offer.

Term Dates 2024 to 2025

Our term dates for the next academic year are available to view on our school website. Please click on the link on our homepage.

Year 5's 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.

PTA – Summer Fair – Sweet Cups

Our PTA are busy getting ready for this year's Summer Fair. This will take place on Saturday 6th July from 12 – 3pm. There promises to be lots of attractions, stalls and activities for our family members to look forward to. On Wednesday, the PTA will send home empty cups to be used on our children's Sweet Cup stall. If possible, please fill these empty cups with sweets and return them to school with your child.

Early Years – Windsor Castle Outreach

A representative from Windsor Castle will visit school, next Wednesday, to lead a workshop with our Early Years children looking at the monarchy. This is a part of the Windsor Castle schools outreach programme.

Year 3 Trip

On Thursday, our Yr3 pupils will travel to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to take part in a prehistory day. They will visit the replica Iron Age house and find out more about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.



Thank You – Stockley Park

We would once again like to say thank you to Stockley Park for organising our recent 'Recycle Bin' competition and for donating goody bags to the class winners as well as buying us a new paper recycling bin to be used in school. We received our new bin, on Monday, and the class competition winners (Venise, Arissa, Bethany and Mehmet) were presented with their prizes.

PINs Project – Parent Survey

Our school has recently signed up to participate in a new project to help meet the needs of all children in primary schools including those pupils with neurodiversity.

This pilot: **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** is funded by NHS England in partnership with the Department of Education, Department for Health and Social Care and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF).

The purpose of the project is to improve the experience of mainstream school for children who may have an additional educational need. This pilot will focus on early support and intervention for neurodiverse children. It will achieve this by bringing together health, the local parent carer partnerships, the local authority, and education staff.

As a part of this project, the Hillingdon Parent Partnership group have asked us to email a parent survey to all parents (we emailed home further details on Monday). The information from the survey will be used to understand the current strengths and potential areas of improvement in our school.

The survey is **for all parents and carers** of children attending schools participating in the project. Thank you to everybody who has already completed the survey online.

Survey closes - next Friday:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ebasqoHD-0izlPnVge6UjzAK8c2Rf59PsfF45PWN4a1URTk2WVBHN0ZVWDVVVg4N1ILQzNMTzJYVC4u>

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



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

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.

Jewellery in School

Reminder: The only jewellery allowed in school is a pair of plain stud earrings. Pupils should not wear necklaces, chains or any other jewellery. Thank you.

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	203
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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

Follow -US-

Summer Holiday Club
LOADING ...

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

The poster features a yellow background with a blue header and footer. The central area is divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant contains the 'fun fest HOLIDAY CLUB' logo. The top-right quadrant has a 'Summer Holiday Club' title with a sun icon and a 'LOADING ...' progress bar. The bottom-left quadrant lists 'Upcoming Holidays' for Summer Holidays from July 23rd to August 27th, Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm, and includes social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. The bottom-right quadrant provides 'Booking Info' including the website, school address, phone number, and email.

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



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.

Free Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to **prevent** fires, the importance of smoke alarms to **detect** a fire and your **escape** plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour? Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. To help you we have listed some of these examples below:

- **Increased risk factors can include:**
Anyone that smokes; overloaded electrical sockets or poor wiring; unsafe use of candles or naked flames; previous fires or near misses; cooking left unattended; hoarding of any kind or someone who lives alone.
- **They are less able to react because of:**
Mental health conditions such as dementia or learning difficulties; no smoke alarms are fitted or they don't work; alcohol dependency or drug misuse (prescribed or recreational); physical health issues including sensory impairments eg; hearing or sight.
- **They have a reduced ability to escape:**
Mobility issues due to a physical disability; age-related problems or as a result of a long-term illness; escape routes are not kept clear or are blocked due to actions such as hoarding or conditions that affect decision making.

If you know anyone who has **any combination of these risk factors**, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them.

Remember -This is not an exhaustive list, if you are unsure please contact us for extra advice.

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

Swaps for Good during Great Big Green Week

Great Big Green Week 2024, the UK's largest celebration of community action to tackle climate change, has begun! For many years, Fairtrade campaigners and supporters have taken part and this year is no different.

The theme of this year is 'Swap Together for Good'. From 8 to 16 June, people across the country will hold events, sharing their own knowledge and learning from others about how to build a better future for people and planet. At the same time people everywhere will be making considered everyday swaps that help create a safer, greener future - **including swapping to Fairtrade products.**

There's never been a better time to try out a new Fairtrade treat.

Check out the 10 Fairtrade 'Swaps for Good' blog here:

[https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/swaps-for-good-during-great-big-green-week/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=GBGW+Events+Planned&utm_content=SC:+GBGW+Events+and+swaps+\(wider\)+C+18:13:23](https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/blog/swaps-for-good-during-great-big-green-week/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=GBGW+Events+Planned&utm_content=SC:+GBGW+Events+and+swaps+(wider)+C+18:13:23)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
19/06/2024	Windsor Castle Workshop (Early Years children)
06/07/2024	Summer Fair
09/07/2024	Year 5 class assembly
12/07/2024	Year 6 class production

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>

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



The much loved Cakes and Bakes stall will return to the Summer Fete on Saturday **06/07**

Please contact Audrey on 07576265509 if you can donate a bake on the day or to join the fun bakers whatsapp group



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