



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 28th 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, we held our KS2 Sports Day, on Monday, and were lucky enough to see some lovely weather. The children had a great time competing in the different events and cheering their House teams on. St. Francis were this year's winning House. The dates for our remaining (EYs and KS1) Sports Days are listed below.

We've had two class trips this week. Year 1 visited Odds Farm yesterday and Year 2 have planned to walk to Fassnidge Park, this afternoon, to find out more about their local hero – Kate Fassnidge.

Today was a non-uniform day. Thank you for all your kind donations of luxury items. Our PTA will use these items collected at our upcoming Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July (further details below).

Test Week

It's been such a busy week, this week, that not all classes have managed to complete their end of year tests. These tests will be completed next week. The results will be analysed and used, by teachers, to inform their end of year teacher assessments. These will be included on your child's end of year report.

Staff Allocation – for the Next Academic Year

Class – Year Group	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Nursery – (LEYs)	Mrs Bowen	Miss Connelly
Reception – (UEYs)	Mrs Chandarana	Mrs Still
Year 1	Miss Gahan	Mrs Inkpen Miss O'Connor
Year 2	Ms Rowland	Mrs Charlton
Year 3	Mrs Parry	Miss Wall
Year 4	Ms Haji	Mrs Horswood Mrs Sullivan
Year 5	Mr Stringer	Miss Bradford
Year 6	Mr Morris	Mrs George

Transition Day

Our transition morning will take place on Tuesday (2nd July). The children will go into their current classroom (as usual) after the morning drop-off but they will then get the opportunity to visit their new class following a special 'transition' assembly. They will spend a lesson with their new teacher and teaching assistant(s). This is the same day as the Year 6 Hillingdon Transition Day when the majority of our Yr6 pupils will visit their new secondary schools.

Mrs Park and Mr Beacham

We are really sad to be losing two of our teachers next year. Mrs Park has taught our Year 2 class, over the last three years, helping her pupils to make excellent progress by the end of KS1. She has also supported less experienced staff and helped our teachers to develop their Science planning and teaching. Mrs Park has made the decision to leave the teaching profession to pursue a change of career.

Mr Beacham was a former pupil and we were delighted to welcome him back as a teacher two years ago. He has been a real asset to our teaching staff and has also helped to lead numerous sporting events including a recent cricket competition. Mr Beacham has been offered the exciting opportunity of teaching in Egypt over the next two years.

Mr Beacham, and Mrs Park, will be missed by both pupils and staff next year. We hope you will join us in wishing them all the best for the future.

Help Needed – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly – Cakes/Biscuits

Our Year 6 pupils will perform their WW2 themed Leavers’ Assembly on **Friday 12th July**. They will decorate the hall with bunting and will play some songs from the 1940s as parents enter the Hall. This assembly will start at 2pm but we would like to invite Year 6 family members, into school, for refreshments from **1.45pm**. If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits that we can share with parents that would be much appreciated. Any help serving the refreshments would also be much appreciated. Thank you.

Ms Rowland and Ms Haji

We have two new teachers starting with us in September. Both Ms Rowland and Ms Haji will join us for our Transition Day next week. We hope you will give them a warm welcome when they start with us full time.

Early Years’ Sports Day

This year’s Early Years Sports Day will take place on Thursday 4th July. The events will start at 9.15am in school.



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!

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 swimming lessons start on Monday. Pupils require their swimming shorts/costumes, a towel and swimming hat. Please refer to the swimming letter sent home to all Year 4 parents/carers.

Sun Hats and Cream

We have been lucky enough to have seen some lovely sunny weather this week. We ask that all pupils bring a water bottle and sun hat to school if the warm weather continues. Please apply sun cream before school.

Free Fairy-Tale Workshops

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a free fairy-tale workshop next Friday. These will be led by the Perform theatre group as a part of their outreach work.

The children will bring home a flyer with details of some of the out of school drama lessons/workshops that Perform offer:

<https://www.perform.org.uk/>

Year 6 – Diary Dates

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

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.

Term Ends

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



Summer Fair

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

Date: Saturday 6th 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!

Spanish Lessons

Our last Spanish lesson will take place after school today.

Please note: There is no Spanish lesson next week or for the rest of this term.

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)

Our Remaining Sports Day Events

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

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 6th July and ends on Saturday 14th of September. Please find more information on Hillingdon website -

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





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.

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	152
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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
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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

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.cnl.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

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Event
28/06/2024	Last Spanish Lesson
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>



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