



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 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,

A representative from Windsor Castle visited school, this week, to lead a workshop with our Early Years children looking at the monarchy. This was a part of the Windsor Castle schools outreach programme.

Yesterday, our Yr3 pupils travelled to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to take part in a prehistory day. They visited the replica Iron Age house and found out more about life in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages.

### Years 3 to 6 Sports Day – Monday

Our Years 3 to 6 Sports Day will take place on Monday. This event will take place on Rockingham Recreation ground (the field/park adjacent to our school). We aim to start at 9.15am and finish by 11am (at the latest). All pupils require their PE kit, a water bottle and a sun hat. Please apply sun cream before school if it is a sunny day and we ask that parents avoid coming over to where the children are sitting (in their House groups) during the event. Thank you in advance.

### All Sports Days Events

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

### Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday (28<sup>th</sup> June) is a non-uniform day: no football tops please. Pupils may wear their own clothes in return for donating a luxury item to our PTA Summer Fair adult tombola. These items could include a bottle of wine/spirits, chocolates, luxury biscuits etc. Our PTA will collect luxury items at morning drop off – from 8.40am at the green entrance gate.



### Summer Fair

We are very much looking forward to this year'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!

### Test Week

Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 pupils will complete age/level appropriate tests next week (Years 2 and 6 have already completed the majority of their tests). The results will be analysed and used to help staff to complete their end of year teacher assessments. Results will be included on your child's end of year report.

### Jewellery in School

Due to health and safety reasons, pupils should only wear a pair of plain stud earrings. Pupils should not wear necklaces, chains, hooped earrings or any other jewellery to school. Thank you in advance.

## Summer Fair

### LAST CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS, SIGN UP NOW!

We are still in URGENT NEED OF VOLUNTEERS between 12-3pm to run the stalls and BBQ at our Summer Fair on Saturday 6th July.

How can you sign up...

- Via link or QR code in poster - <https://tinyurl.com/summerfair24>
- Contact your PTA year group representative
- Email [stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com](mailto:stmaryspta-uxbridge@outlook.com)
- Return the form recently shared in your book bag

WE ARE IN DANGER OF NOT BEING ABLE TO RUN A FULL EVENT, so even an hour of your time to run a stall could make a huge difference on the day.



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



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



## Year 5's Class Assembly

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

## Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

### PINS Project

As mentioned in last week's Newsletter, 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.

Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the Parent Partnership survey online – **the link will expire at the end of today.**

The results will be used to plan further support in school:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ebasqoHD-0izlPnVqe6UjzAK8c2Rf59PsfF45PWN4a1URTk2WV/BHN0ZVWDVVVg4N1ILQzNMTzJYVC4u>



## 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>75</b>
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# SUMMER HOLIDAYS

## FUN FEST UXBRIDGE!



**Upcoming Holidays**

**Summer Holidays**  
 23rd July to  
 27th August  
 Monday - 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](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://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**

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:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
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>