

Proposed community usage and activity at St Mary Brookfield Hall from September 2023

We plan to offer the hall every weekday afternoon and evening to local groups who wish to offer after-school clubs or evening classes for adults, as well as some weekend and holiday hire.

After-school clubs will be made available to all children in the local area. They'll be advertised on our website, signage on streets and in local newspapers/magazines such as the Tufnell Park Parents Group. We'll publicise to local schools as well so that local families know what is on offer.

The cost for each child will be between £10-15 depending on the activity and the group that runs it. Normally after-school clubs are for 15 children, but they could be for up to 30 if there are enough adults to supervise. Any clubs organised directly by Wildwood Nature School will offer a proportion of places for free for children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Hall hire will cost £50/hour. The same will apply for evening classes - local teachers or groups can get in touch to run classes or events.

Depending on the group or event, we're open to considering holiday and weekend hire.

All groups and individuals wanting to offer community classes and events will be subject to relevant checks (e.g. DBS checks if working with children) and references.

Activity	No. participants	Frequency	Day
Wildwood Nature School	20 children + 4 members of staff (growing to 40 children + 6 members of staff in 2027)	Daily on weekdays during term time	Monday - Friday
Spanish after school club	15-30 children	Weekly during term time	TBC
Yoga after school club	15-30 children	Weekly during term time	TBC
Dance after school club	15-30 children	Weekly during term time	TBC

Drama after school club	15-30 children	Weekly during term time	TBC
Yoga and meditation (evening) - 5.30-6.30pm	15 adults	Weekly	TBC
Tai chi (evening) - 5.30-6.30pm	15 adults	Weekly	TBC
Dance for adults (evening) - 5.30-6.30pm	15 adults	Weekly	TBC
Music and instrumental classes for children (morning)	15-30 children	Weekly	Saturday
Private party hire (afternoon)	Up to 30 children	Occasional	Saturday/Sunday
Parent education talks - 7-8pm	30 adults	Quarterly	TBC

We have posted flyers through local residents' doors to let them know about our plans and have asked for their input and recommendations for after school clubs, evening classes and events that they would like to have at St Mary Brookfield Hall.

Prior community usage and activity at St Mary Brookfield Hall

Activity	No. participants	Frequency	Day	Start date	End date
York Rise Nursery*	24 children & 4 members of staff	Daily on weekdays	Monday-Thursday (until 2019) and then Monday - Friday	1991	July 2022
Agincourt Badminton Club**	5-10	Weekly	Thursday evenings until 2019 and then Friday evenings	2002	July 2022
Private party hire***	Up to 50 children and adults	Sporadic (15-20 weekends per year)	Saturday or Sunday		July 2022
Night Shelter****	16 adults	Weekly (January to March)		2010	2020
Perform Drama School	30	Weekly	Saturday mornings	2018	March 2020
Duncombe Badminton Club	5-10	Weekly	Wednesday evenings	2002	July 2019
Harmsworth School of Dance	?	Weekly	Thursday afternoons	2002	July 2019
Tai chi club	15	Weekly	Monday evenings	2016	August 2019
Greenlight Taekwondo				2013	Unsure - before 2019
Pentecostal Church	30	Weekly	Sunday mornings	2017	2017

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Joms Vikings	15			2013	2016
Yoga class	14	Weekly	Tuesday evenings	2013	2016
Meditation	20	Annual	Weekend	2015	2016
Zumba Fitness	12	Weekly		2011	2012

* York Rise Nursery announced its closure in March 2022 due inability to meet running costs.

** Badminton space can be hired at [The Dome sports facility](#) on Weedington Road NW5. And there are plans for a badminton court at the [Highgate Newtown Community Centre](#) (less than a 10 minute walk from St Mary Brookfield Hall), due to open September 2023.

*** There are numerous options locally for private party hire including the [Peggy Jay Centre](#) on Parliament Hill Fields NW5, [Hargrave Hall Community Centre](#) on Hargrave Road N19 and [Queen's Crescent Community Centre](#) on Ashdown Crescent NW5.

**** The night shelter moved to a hotel during the pandemic and now takes place in St Mary Brookfield Church.

Many of the other regular activities dwindled in number and then stopped - see letter from Father Damien Mason confirming that community usage was at an all-time low at the point of deciding to offer the lease.

