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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a wonderful year at St Monica's, we also arrive at our final newsletter of the year: a moment to reflect, celebrate, and look ahead.

We are so proud of all that has been achieved this year, not only in terms of academic progress, but in the personal development and character shown by our pupils each and every day. They have embraced challenges, supported one another and contributed so positively to school life.

Year 6 Leavers - Thank you for everything and go and shine in high school



Our superb Year 6 pupils have had a truly memorable final week at St Monica's. It began with their Leavers' Mass in church, beautifully led by our Year 5 pupils. On Wednesday, they performed their Leavers' Assembly to the whole school, before delivering a final, heartfelt performance for their families — a show filled with joy, hope, laughter, and a few tears too.

This was a celebration not just of their time at St Monica's, but of the incredible young people they have become, with a dazzling range of talents, skills and personalities across both classes. Our Year 6 have lit up the classrooms and corridors of our school over the years and they will be very much missed.

Year 6, dream big and go and shine in high school. We are so proud of you all.

The fantastic videos from the Leavers' Assembly can be found [here](#).

Message from the Y6 teachers:

"Here we are on the final day of your time with us, it's time to say a heartfelt goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. What a year it has been! They've worked incredibly hard, grown in confidence, supported one another, and brought so much personality, warmth, and humour to our school.

We are so proud of each and every one of them, not just for their achievements, but for the kind, resilient, and determined young people they've become. Whether they were leading by example, helping younger pupils, or giving their all in lessons and activities, they've truly made a lasting mark.

Though we'll miss them dearly, we know they are more than ready for the exciting journey ahead. High school has some very lucky students heading its way!

We wish all our Year 6 leavers the very best for the future: keep shining, keep believing in yourselves, and don't forget to come back and visit!"

- Miss McGiveron and Mr Lynch



Year 2 Leavers Assembly

Not to be outdone, our Year 2 pupils delivered an absolutely superb Leavers' Assembly last Thursday. They reflected on their wonderful experiences in the Infants through heartfelt readings, energetic dancing, and joyful singing. There wasn't a dry eye in the hall as the children confidently led the entire

production. It was a truly special morning and an assembly to remember: well done to everyone involved.

Bootle Library Visit - 6 Book Summer Reading Challenge

We were delighted to welcome Sefton Libraries into school this week to launch their fantastic “**6 Book Reading Challenge**”.

Taking part is easy: simply visit any Sefton Library at the start of the summer holidays, borrow six books for your child, and return them to the library by the end of the break.



Every child who completes this challenge will receive a **certificate in school** when we return in September – and there are even **prizes** up for grabs when you return the books to the library and complete the challenge.

With the lure of digital devices often hard to resist over the summer, this is a brilliant initiative to help children stay connected to reading and maintain healthy learning habits. A big thank you to Sefton Libraries for supporting our young readers!



Mini Police at Loggerheads

Well done to our Mini Police, who took up the challenge of a hike in Loggerheads this week. “The St Monica’s pupils are the best pupils we have worked with this year, they are kind, compassionate and want a fairer world.” - Gill Bell, Merseyside Police

Music Showcase with Create Music



We were incredibly proud of our guitar ensembles, who performed some fantastic pieces in our recent parent concert. Seeing everyone enjoying the Fleetwood Mac numbers brought smiles all round.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be revamping our whole music curriculum. From September, we'll be working in partnership with Sefton Music Hub to

bring an enriched music offer to our pupils. With a host of new instruments across all year groups and parent concerts planned, there's lots to look forward to, and we can't wait to welcome you in to experience it all.

September 2025: Nursery Place Available in St Monica's Nursery

We currently have a rare September 2025 place left in our Nursery due to somebody moving house and a place becoming available: if you, or somebody you know, is looking for a place in our Nursery, please contact our Office.



Some key information for next year:

- **School Shoes**

A reminder that school shoes should be *black, polishable shoes*: not trainers with visible logos or sports-style soles. Trainers should only be worn on designated PE days. Please avoid purchasing trainers for daily wear.

- **Water Bottles**

We kindly ask that you do not purchase expensive or heavy water bottles over the summer. From September, we will be offering *St Monica's reusable water bottles* for just £1 each and these will be the only water bottles allowed in school. This change

is in response to a growing number of expensive, heavy bottles being brought into school, these bottles take up too much space and can pose a safety risk when dropped.

- **PE Days for September 2025:**

Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Monday	Monday Swimming	Monday	Thursday
		Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday

Staff Departures

- **Mrs Sanders** is retiring after an astonishing 27 years of sterling service. A teacher with a heart of gold, she always puts the children at the centre of everything she does. Many generations of St Monica’s pupils have had their lives shaped by her care, dedication and love of teaching. Congratulations, Mrs Sanders, enjoy every moment of your well-earned retirement.
- **Miss Welsh** is leaving us after six fantastic years as a teaching assistant, she is now beginning her journey to become a teacher. She has all the passion and talent to become an inspirational teacher. Go and shine, Miss Welsh, we are so proud of you!
- **Miss Beswick** is moving on as she prepares to welcome her baby, what a special and exciting time ahead. We’ll miss her but look forward to seeing her again in the future. Enjoy every moment of the journey ahead, Miss Beswick.
- **Mrs McKenna** is also retiring, after 26 years of dedicated service as a teaching assistant in St Monica’s. Known for her warmth, positivity, and ability to connect with children, she has supported countless pupils to grow in confidence and reach their potential over the decades. Thank you, Mrs McKenna, we wish you a joyful and fulfilling retirement.
- **Mrs Morrow** is retiring after 20 years of making delicious and nutritious meals for our pupils in our kitchen, always served with a kind smile and a generous heart. A true unsung hero of our school, Mrs Morrow will be greatly missed by all. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement, and thank you for everything.

To all our families, I wish you a happy, healthy and restful summer. This year has been filled with achievements, joyful moments and a real sense of community and I want to thank you for your continued support every step of the way.

Over the summer, I hope you find time to rest, recharge and enjoy those special moments with your children, family and friends. Whether you're heading off on a holiday or simply enjoying the slower pace at home, may it be full of laughter, sunshine and happiness.

We return on Tuesday 2nd September, with gates open at 8:30am.

Best Regards,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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