



St. Monica's Newsletter



Friday 20th June, 2025

**Teddy Bears Picnic - Saturday 21st (Nursery 10am - 11am;
Reception 12:30pm - 1:30pm)**

Tomorrow, we will host our Teddy Bears' Picnics for our new Reception and Nursery pupils in St Monica's. It's always a lovely day. Please bring a blanket and a picnic and the children can play and get to know their new classmates and enjoy some lovely activities.

Sports Days Next Week - Tuesday and Wednesday

Please see the dates and times for Sports Day on the page 3. We are praying for good weather so we can share these days with you. If it is too wet, sports days will be held in the hall without parents. We will update you on the day.

Lockdown Review

We held a Lockdown Drill this week. I am pleased to report this drill went smoothly. Children felt reassured by the drill and we implemented our lockdown protocol in a professional and swift manner.

Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience



St. Monica's Newsletter



Year 1 Family Assembly - Tuesday at 9am; Year 4 Family Assembly - Thursday at 9am

We have two family assemblies next week: Y1 is Tuesday at 9am; Y4 is Thursday at 9am. Families are warmly invited to share in these lovely occasions with the children. Please meet at the Foyer at 8:55. They will finish at approximately 9:30am.

Final Day - Friday 18th July

On the final day of term, Reception to Y5 will finish at 1:15pm. This will allow our traditional guard of honour for our departing Year 6 pupils when they finish at 1:30pm.

Parking on Timon Avenue

Can I politely request that families refrain from parking on Timon Avenue on occasions such as Sports Day or Family Assemblies. The road simply cannot accommodate the number of cars attempting to park: if there is an emergency, no emergency vehicle would be able to access a home or school. Neighbours' cars are also being damaged. We want to keep our good relationship with our neighbours and keep the road safe. Please park by the church and walk up. These photos below give a real indication of how bad this situation is - nobody would like this outside their home. Consider this, if your child needs an ambulance, would you be happy if it cannot access school?



Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience



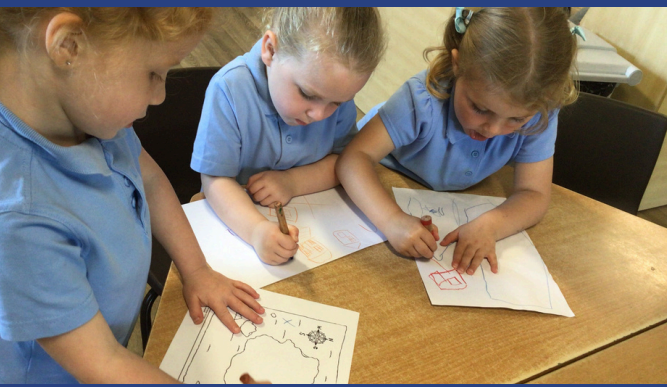
Summer Term

KEY DATES



| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Multiplication Tables Check | Year 4 - full attendance, please | 2nd June - 13th June |
| Phonics Scening Check | Year 1 - full attendance, please | 9th June - 13th June |
| Teddy Bears Picnic | New Reception and Nursery pupils | Saturday 21st June |
| INFANTS Sports Day | Nursery 9am; Reception 10:10am Year 1 11:20am; Year 2 1:20am | Tuesday 24th June |
| JUNIORS Sports Day | Year 3 9am; Year 4 10:10am Year 5 11:20am; Year 6 1:20pm | Wednesday 25th June |
| INSET Day | Whole School - school is closed on this day | Friday 27th June |
| Summer Fayre | Whole School - children to be picked up at 1:15pm, Summer Fayre begins at 1:30pm | Friday 4th July |
| Year 2 Leavers' Assembly | Year 2 | Thursday 10th July 9am Hall |
| Year 6 Leavers' Mass | Year 6 and Parents | Monday 14th July, 10am St Monica's Church |
| Year 6 Leavers' Assembly | Year 6 and Parents | Thursday 17th July, 2pm School Hall |
| Finish for Summer | Whole School | Friday 18th July, 1:15 finish Reception to Y5 1:30 finish Y6 |

Nursery



🏴‍☠️ Ahoy, Pirate Parents! 🏴‍☠️

This week we've set sail on an exciting adventure — making our very own pirate treasure maps!

First, we thought about our own treasures that we would hide, these ranged from special teddies, toys and jewels. Next, we learned about maps and symbols by creating colourful, imaginative treasure maps. We discussed the route we would take to get to our treasure and where would be a good place to hide it. Then we drew landmarks, paths, and of course, the all-important big red X marking the treasure spot.

Reception



Reception's Week was an exciting adventure into the world of pirates! The children explored pirate life by making telescopes, flags, and eyepatches, and even learned some pirate language. They loved roleplaying as pirates, using the new vocabulary we had learned and worked together to build a big pirate ship. Everyone created their own unique pirate characters and showed off their fantastic writing skills inspired by their swashbuckling adventures.

Alongside this, the children also observed our tadpoles as they grew into frogs, carefully recording their observations in their tadpole diaries.

Year 1



Year 1 had a great time at *"The Bear Hunt Adventure"* concert at the Liverpool Philharmonic! We loved watching artist James Mayhew create beautiful illustrations live, while the orchestra performed magical music by Grieg, Mussorgsky, Ian Stephens & Debbie Wiseman. What a journey!



RNLI

Assembly

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution visited today. They gave a terrific, hands-on presentation to our Junior pupils on water safety for our children, teaching how to be safe on the beach and near canals. Why not ask your child what they learnt about the different safety flags on beaches?

Year 2



Year Two enjoyed a magical trip to the Philharmonic Hall, where they experienced the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt brought to life by a live orchestra. The children were captivated as the music matched the rhythm and mood of each part of the story – from the swishy grass to the dark, gloomy cave. They listened carefully, amazed by how each instrument created sound effects and feelings. For many, it was their first time hearing a live orchestra, and they left inspired and full of excitement. It was a wonderful way to connect storytelling with the joy of music.



Year 3 shone brightly this week during their parent assembly. They explored the theme 'Jesus is the Light of the World' and shared thoughtful examples of how we can follow in His footsteps in our daily lives, such as buying Fairtrade items and helping others. The children's confidence truly shone as they did a fantastic job demonstrating the "St Monica's Way" to their families.



ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Fayre

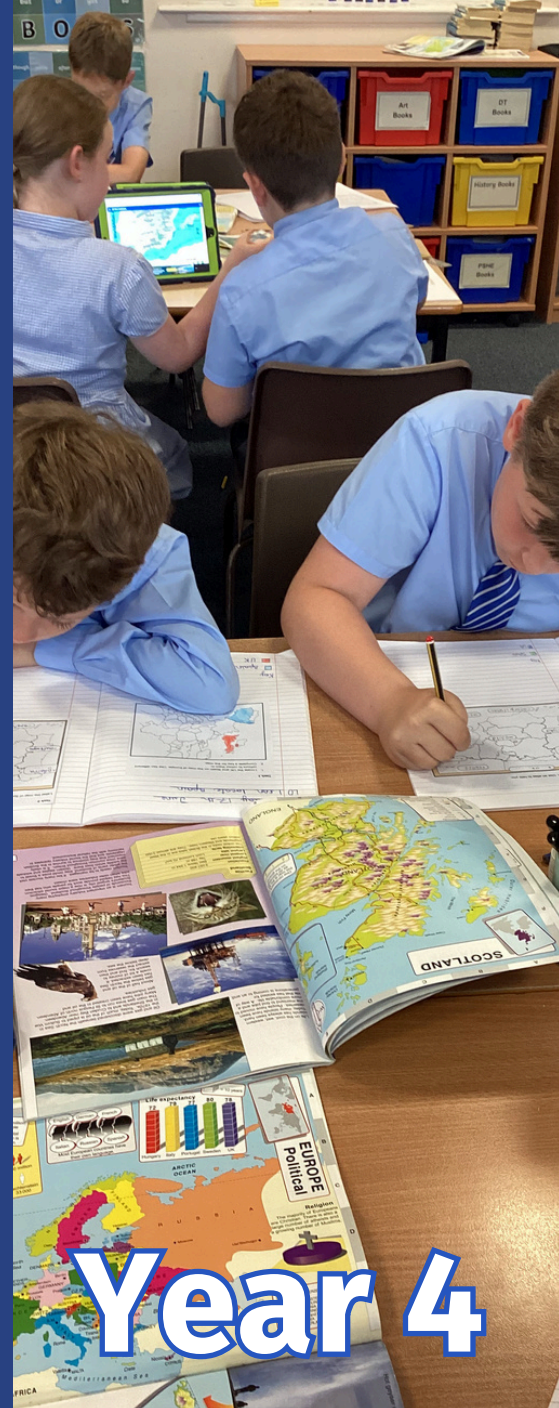
1:15PM -
3:30PM

FRIDAY 4TH
JULY

BEAT THE GOALIE
TOY STALLS
HOT DOGS
FOOD STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT
AND MORE!

This term, Year 4 have begun an exciting new geography topic focusing on Spain, with a special emphasis on the region of Catalonia. To launch our learning, pupils explored a range of different map types and learned how each one provides different kinds of information. Using atlases and iPads, the children located major cities such as Madrid and identified key islands and bodies of water that surround Spain.

The class showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they compared the size of Spain to that of the UK, sparking some brilliant discussions. We're looking forward to learning more about the culture, language, and landscapes of this vibrant country in the weeks to come.
¡Excelente!



Year 5



Did you know Yosemite National Park is located within the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California, USA?

This week in Geography, Year 5 have been exploring why millions of people visit Yosemite National Park each year. They learned about several key reasons, including the park's amazing physical features, such as Half Dome and El Capitan, which draw visitors to the beautiful scenery and challenge themselves through activities like hiking and climbing. They also learnt various human features including: campsites, visitor centres, roads and walking trails. In 2024, Yosemite welcomed over 4.1 million people! Year 5 have really enjoyed learning new geographical facts about Yosemite and discovering what makes it such a unique and popular destination.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have continued to work exceptionally hard with their writing. The children have explored a variety of genres and shown tonnes of enthusiasm and commitment to producing excellent work.

In Art, they have been studying the Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo. The children have enjoyed learning about her life and her unique artistic styles. Kahlo was famous for her self-portraits, portraits and taking inspiration from nature and artefacts of Mexico. This inspired the children in creating their own self-portraits and enabled them to revisit their shading skills.

Sports Week Update - by Mrs Tohill



This week, three groups of children have been off-site, proudly representing our school as part of National Sports Week.



A group of Year 4 pupils took part in a friendly football match against St. Elizabeth's Year 5 team. It was a closely contested game, with all the boys playing brilliantly. The final score was 1-0 to St. Elizabeth's, but our team showed great promise, and it's clear we have a bright footballing future ahead with this talented year group.



On Wednesday, 14 boys and girls from across Years 3 to 5 attended the International Tennis Kids Day. The event included a variety of multi-skills sessions, Zumba, tennis activities and even some maths challenges. It was a fantastic day, and once again, our children did us proud with their enthusiasm and teamwork. We even had pupils going to the beach to practise their tennis in preparation!



To round off the week, Year 5 pupils represented the school at a Euros Celebration event at Goals. They had the opportunity to play in different positions, develop their tactical understanding, and offer advice and encouragement to each other—a great way to build skills and sportsmanship.



Meanwhile, back at school, more Sports Day activities have been taking place in preparation for our big days next Tuesday and Wednesday. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in action!