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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an action-packed Summer Term ahead, I have collated all the dates for this newsletter to give families enough time to plan and take time off work where needed. More information for each event will be sent out by the relevant year groups. You will see we have been able to secure a whole school photograph for our 100 year anniversary, which will be taken on 9th July - something to really look forward to!

Key Dates for Summer Term	
Thursday May 7th	Y4 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday May 11th - Thursday 14th May	Y6 SATS Week: 8am Breakfast Club for all children
Monday 18th May - 21st May	KS1 SATs
Thursday May 21st	Y4 First Holy Communion
Friday May 22nd	Celebration Mass for Marie Hülligan with May Procession, normal time finish
25th - 29th May Half Term	

Monday 1st June	Multiplication Tables Check for Y4 pupils begins
Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 5th June	CHET Residential Y5
Monday 8th June	Phonics Screening Check Y1 starts

Wednesday 17th June	Test Week; Nursery 5pm Meeting
Thursday 18th June	Y1 Chester Zoo; New Reception Families, 5pm Meeting
Friday 19th June	100 Year Celebration in school
Saturday 20th June	Teddy Bear's Picnic new Reception and Nursery Children
Wednesday 24th June	Y1 Philharmonic Visit PM
Thursday 25th June	Y6 Transition Day for Sefton; Y2 Philharmonic Hall am
Friday 26th June	INSET Day
Monday 29th June - Wednesday 1st July	PGL Y6 Residential
Thursday 2nd July	Chester Zoo Y2
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fayre
Monday 6th July	Sports Day (Nursery 9am; Reception 10:15am ; Year 1 11:30am)
Tuesday 7th July	Sports Day (Year 2 9am; Year 3 10:15am ; Year 4 11:30am)
Wednesday 8th July	Sports Day (Y5 9am; Y6 10:15am) / Rocksteady Concert 2pm
Thursday 9th July	School Photo - Whole school 100 Years (all pupils and staff)
Friday 10th July	Y2 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm
Monday 13th July	Reports Out
Wednesday 15th July	Leavers' Assembly Y6, 2pm
Thursday 16th July	Rocksteady Concert, 2pm
Friday 17th July	Finish for Summer (normal time) Guard of Honour Y6 (1:30pm)

Assembly: St Joseph the Worker

In Assembly today, we reflected on the life of St Joseph the Worker and what his example can teach our children in their daily lives. We thought about Joseph as a man of faith, humility, and quiet strength.

We celebrated Joseph's important role as the earthly father of Jesus and the loving husband of Mary. We spoke about how St Joseph protected his family, guided Jesus as he grew, and showed what it means to be a strong and compassionate father figure. I linked this to the important role that stepdads and father figures play in the lives of children. Roles to be celebrated and cherished.

As a carpenter, Joseph worked with his hands, using skill, patience, and dedication to create, repair, and build. We reflected on how his work reminds us that every job has dignity and value, and that through hard work, perseverance, and service to others, we can honour God in all that we do. We spoke about the importance of hard work and how it can take us far in life, how so many of our families work long hours to provide and care for their families, following the example of Joseph.

Our Year 1 children have also been spreading the Good News this week as they explored the wonderful power of the Holy Spirit, filling our classrooms with joy, energy, and faith as they shared God's love with others.



Sunscreen and Water: Everyday

With the warmer weather and sunshine now here, we are looking forward to spending more time learning outdoors and making the most of our outdoor spaces. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a named water bottle so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.



We also ask that children come to school with sunscreen already applied so they can enjoy outdoor learning safely and comfortably.

Hooped Earrings

A reminder to families that children should only wear small stud earrings to school. Looped or hooped earrings are not permitted, as they can present a safety risk during lessons, playtimes, and physical activities. If a child comes to school wearing looped or hooped earrings, they will be asked to remove them for their own safety.

Friday 1st May - Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Winners			
Nursery	Zimife Joe has shown wonderful progress this year. Her confidence has grown so much, and it's been a joy to see her flourishing across all areas of learning. She approaches new challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude—well done!	3R	Amaya Mills - she has tried hard to increase her pace whilst keeping her presentation to a very high standard. We are so proud of you, Amaya. Well done!
RA	Jaxson Ponder - for making brilliant progress in phonics and approaching all of his learning with resilience and a smile. You are a St Monica's star, Jaxson!	3G	Riley Lawson - For his outstanding effort in improving his handwriting. Riley has been working incredibly hard to make his writing neat and well-presented, and it is really paying off. He recently shared how proud he feels of his progress, and we couldn't agree more. We are very proud of you, Riley!
RH	Jesse Hughes - for showing resilience in his writing. Jesse has worked super hard on his pencil grip and is forming his letters with control and confidence. Well done, Jesse. We are all so proud of you!	4W	Eden O'Hara - for her progress using formal written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication. Eden is applying these methods more accurately and with increasing independence. Well done, Eden!
1H	Carter Wherry - For showing resilience and making a big effort with his phonics and concentration. Well done Carter - I am so proud of how much effort and progress you are making! Naia - For being a kind and considerate pupil who writes excellent stories and always shows compassion for others. A pupil who will go far!	4T	Luca Colton - For his hard work in maths. He has been working very hard to improve his knowledge of his times tables and has been applying the same effort to his maths lessons. He has been focussed and shown interest in discussions.

1T	Autumn for developing her resilience and working hard to challenge herself. A pupil who always has a kind word for others and a lovely, positive nature. Keep it up!	5GB	Chiemerie Nwokocha - We wish you well in your new school; we will miss you. A pupil who has lit up our school and will be missed by all who know him. Go and shine, Chiemerie.
2M	Carter Chamberlain - For making a really big effort to focus and concentrate as he prepares for his quizzes. Mrs Macdonald is super proud of him!	5M	Carter Noon - For his superb contributions in lessons, showing ever increasing determination and independence in his work A kind, positive pupil who is a joy to have in my class. Carter is having a sensational year—keep it up!
2C	Claudia O'Toole- for her fantastic progress in handwriting and for confidently using “-er” and “-est” suffixes to create a superb description of a wolf. What a writer! Gracie - A superb writer who writes excellent stories that show her superb handwriting. A pupil with a big imagination and a big future!	6M	Charlie Smith - For working so hard in his preparations for SATs and showing real maturity in his own independent learning, too. Well done Charlie!
Miss Tohill	Aoife and Ava Y6 for showing real ability in dance - they choreographed a complicated routine in the style of STOMP. Well done!	6L	Cassie Cahill Johnson for never giving up in her maths work. Well done for always having a go. Well done Cassie.
Miss Hough	Rosie Norman - For being a brilliant playleader on the reception playground. She has a great relationship with the children and is a mature and responsible role model. Hopefully the reception children will aspire to be as mature as Rosie when they reach Year 6.	6Q	Lilah Davis - For working hard in her preparation for Maths SATs and showing a positive learning attitude. Well done, Lilah!
Mr Gouldbourne	Sofia Johnson: A ray of sunshine who works very hard each day. A wonderful role model who always displays a kind heart to everybody. Sofia has the gift to make people happy and is a true St Monica's girl. A child with a big future. Elijah Reaney: a boy with ability across the curriculum. His beaming smile lights up St Monica's, he is always there for his friends and he has been working very hard to make super improvements in all his lessons.		

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great long weekend one and all.

Warm regards,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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