



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th May, 2026

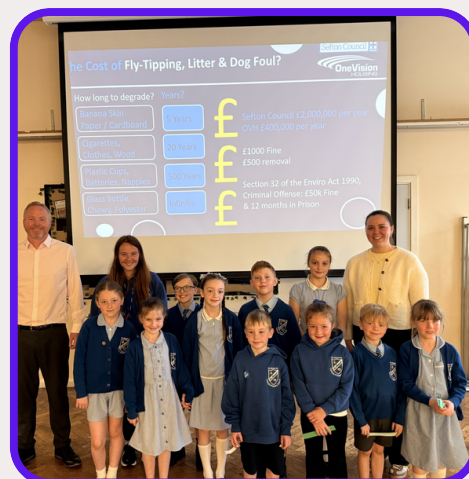
Sefton Council and One Vision Visit our Eco Warriors

Sefton Council and One Vision Housing visited us today to work with our Eco Warriors for a special assembly: Keeping Bootle Beautiful.

During the session, Neil taught our pupils about the impact that fly-tipping and dog fouling can have on our local community and explored how we can be good neighbours.

Abby also spoke to the children about the new food caddies that will soon be arriving from Sefton Council and how these will help families recycle food waste more effectively. Neil and Abby were incredibly impressed by our Eco Council.

Neil said, "The Eco Warriors at St Monica's are changing our local community with real passion. They are the future, and it was a pleasure to work with them."



Published Poets: I Have a Dream

We are incredibly proud to announce that six of our pupils have been selected to become published poets in the special anthology, "I Have a Dream". Today, our talented young poets confidently performed their work in front of the whole school and were a real credit to themselves and their families.





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Walk to School Week

We are excited to announce that our school will be taking part in Walk to School Week 2026. This year, Walk to School Week runs from **Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May 2026**, and we will be celebrating it together as a whole school community across these dates.

The theme for 2026 is “Mission Move”, which encourages children to take part in active journeys to school. Pupils are invited to walk, wheel, scoot, or take part in a “Park and Stride” approach, where families park a little further away and walk the rest of the journey.

Throughout the week, children will learn about the many benefits of active travel, including:

- Improving physical health and wellbeing
- Reducing pollution and helping the environment
- Building positive daily habits

We are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible taking part and making active choices on their journey to school. Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils stay active and healthy. - Miss McGuckin



Monday 18th - Friday 22nd May



Headteacher's Hot Chocolate-17th April

Mr Gouldbourne	Elsie Le Marinel – A clever, kind-hearted pupil with the intellect to go far. Elsie always displays a positive mindset and is a role model to others. She also completed her water challenge this week. Stay hydrated! Luca Colton – A shining light. A clever, happy, and positive role model who is a credit to himself and his family.
Ms Tohill	Sofia Heffernan – For making a great effort to use the crouch start in PE. She is always willing to try everything we do and has an excellent knowledge of the areas we have covered.
Miss Byrne	Florence O'Toole – She is a true superstar who always follows the rules, shows kindness to everyone around her, and is always willing to help and support her friends
Miss Andrews	Freya Molloy – For being a role model to her peers through her kindness and care towards others. She is always ready to support and look after her friends. Well done, Freya, you are a superstar!
Miss Horder	Luna Vernon – For showing great confidence in her writing and independently writing multiple sentences. Well done, Luna. Keep it up!
Miss Hatcher	Francis Smart – For working so hard on his phonics sounds. His lovely, positive manner always shines through. Pearl Farrell – For her fantastic writing and excellent manners around the school. What a role model for all pupils at St Monica's.
Miss Tew	Rosie Hallmark – Well done for always being a reliable and respectful pupil who tries her best in everything she does. You always show integrity and set a wonderful example to others.
Mrs MacDonald	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!
Mrs Chorzepa	Cillian Mosey – For always working hard in maths and taking pride in completing tasks to the best of his ability.
Miss Hoy	Leo McNally – For being a lovely, kind pupil who always shows a caring side. He is also a brilliant and caring big brother in SMASH.
Mrs Reardon	Harriett Spofforth – For being a kind and helpful friend and pupil. She is always ready to help both her friends and teachers. Harriett is always cheerful and a joy to have in class!
Miss Gibbons	Arla Ainsworth – For her determination to expand her vocabulary and use more ambitious and expressive language in her writing. Well done, Arla. Keep challenging yourself and growing your brilliant mind!
Mrs Ware	Georgie Callaghan – Your perseverance has been fantastic. Your consistent scores of 25/25 in TTRS are inspiring. Keep up the great work, Georgie!
Miss Thomas	Christopher Distefano-Palazzo – For his hard work and participation in our maths lessons. His confidence has grown, and it really shows. Well done!
Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch	Thomas Taafe – For working hard and putting excellent effort into planning and writing his persuasive letter. A boy with the intellect and ability to go far.
Miss McGuckin	Ellie-Mae Metcalfe – For demonstrating a positive attitude to her lessons and always being willing to have a go. You have worked especially hard in our Science lesson on life cycles this week. Well done, Ellie
Miss McGiveron	Joseph Strickland – For working so hard in his preparations for SATs and never giving up, making the most of his intellect and potential.
Miss Quick	Anastacia O'Connor – For working hard in her preparation for SATs and showing maturity in her independent learning. Well done, Anastacia!
Mr Lynch	Orla Brady – For working so hard in her preparations for SATs and showing excellent effort all week. A superb pupil.



Nursery - by Miss Byrne



Nursery have been exploring the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this week. We enjoyed preparing and tasting the different fruits from the story each day. We practised our cutting, peeling and sharing skills whilst talking about healthy foods, colours and flavours.

Lots of descriptive words were used to talk about the fruits, helping to develop vocabulary and communication skills. Everyone was excited to try new fruits and loved retelling the story together throughout the week.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Horder

Reception have made a wonderful start to their exciting new topic, People Who Help Us. We were very lucky to welcome a visit from our local fire service, who taught the children all about the important work they do in our community.

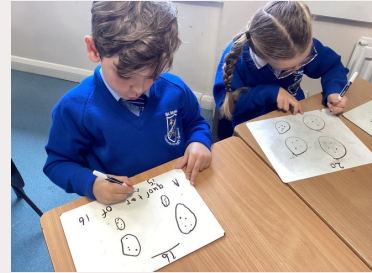
The children loved exploring the fire engine, sitting inside the cab, and even having a turn with the water hose. It was a fantastic experience, and we had so much fun learning how firefighters help to keep us safe every day. Why not ask your child to make a list of people who help them in their lives?





Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

This week in Maths, our Year 1 have been developing their understanding of fractions. We began by exploring the concept of halves, learning that when we find a half of something, we are splitting it into two equal parts. Once this idea was secure, we moved on to quarters, discovering that a quarter means dividing something into four equal parts. To build a strong foundation, we first explored fractions using shapes. The children enjoyed folding, cutting, and shading different shapes to make halves and quarters. **At home, try asking your child questions such as, “What is half of ten?” and “What is a quarter of 20?” Keep changing the number until your child is confident.**



Year 2- by Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Chorzepa and Miss Hoy



Children in Year 2 have been learning how to tell the time using analogue clocks. They have explored how there are 60 minutes in an hour and practised reading and making different times, including o'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to. Using their own clocks, the children carefully moved the hour and minute hands and worked together to solve time challenges.

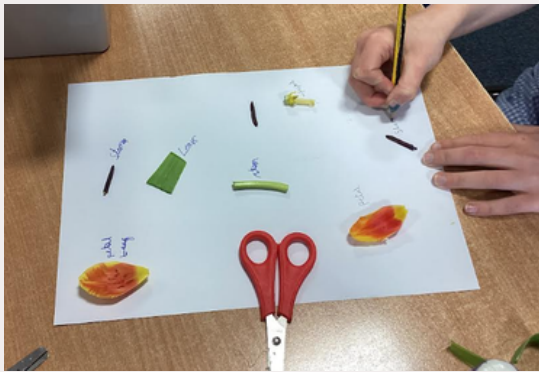
They are growing in confidence and showing great determination during these lessons. **You can help at home by asking your child to spot times on clocks around the house, talk about daily routines, or practise telling the time before meals, bedtime, or school.**



Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Gibbons

This week in Science, Year 3 have been exploring the reproductive system of plants. We discovered many new parts of a plant and learned about their important roles in producing new seeds, helping plants continue to grow and reproduce their own kind. As part of our learning, we carefully dissected tulips to investigate the structure of a flower in more detail and gain a better understanding of how plants reproduce.

Support at home: Why don't you ask us what an anther holds, or what a filament is?



Year 4 - by Mrs Ware and Miss Thomas

Year 4 showed fantastic enthusiasm and determination during their PE athletics lesson this week, where the focus was on speed bounce activities. Pupils challenged themselves to improve their coordination, balance, and agility while showing excellent energy and commitment throughout.

It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging one another and aiming to beat their personal bests. The class showed great resilience, teamwork, and a positive attitude to physical activity. Well done, Year 4, on such an active and engaging lesson.



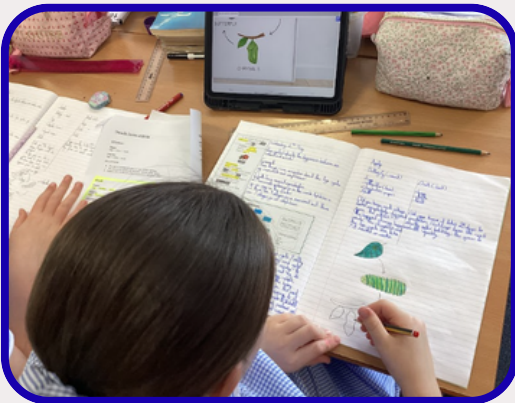


Year 5- by Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch and Miss McGuckin

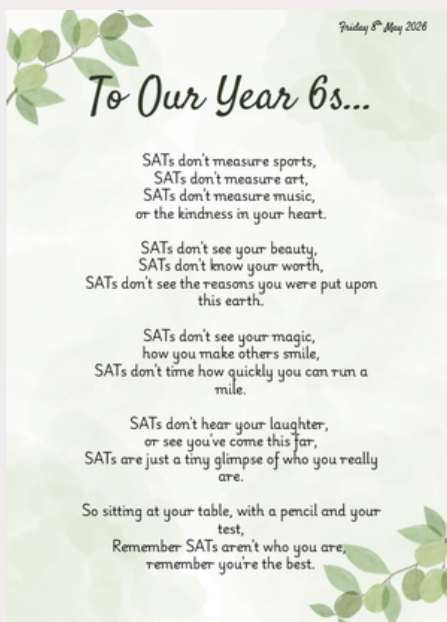
This week in Science, Year 5 have been learning about life cycles as part of our Living Things and Their Habitats topic. We focused on birds and insects, exploring how their life cycles are similar and how they differ. The children discovered that all living things go through stages of development, but not all life cycles look the same. They also learned about metamorphosis and how some insects change dramatically as they grow.

Year 5 did a fantastic job observing, comparing, and explaining the different stages in these life cycles, using their scientific vocabulary with confidence.

Parents can support this learning at home by asking questions such as: Can you name the stages of an insect's life cycle? What does metamorphosis mean? or How is a bird's life cycle different from an insect's?



Year 6



Next week, our Year 6s will complete their SATs which they have been busy preparing for... Good luck, Year 6! You've worked so hard and we're all so proud of you. Remember – these tests don't measure your kindness, creativity or the amazing person you are. Simply try your best, make sure to get plenty of rest this weekend, and be ready to showcase all that you've learned... 🌟



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