



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd May

Year 4 First Holy Communions

Our Year 4 children made the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this week.

They were beautifully prepared by our fantastic catechists, who worked so hard to support them on their journey.

The service was a wonderful occasion. The children looked fantastic in their sashes, and families had worked hard to ensure they looked so smart and ready for this special day.

After Mass, the children enjoyed a party and celebration disco with the rest of Year 4.

"I am very proud of our children who made their First Holy Communion. They conducted themselves perfectly throughout the day. The readings, participation in the Mass, and involvement of families all helped to make it a truly wonderful occasion." - Father Ged



Mass For Marie

This afternoon, we celebrated the one and only Mrs Hulligan in a packed St Monica's Church with a special Thanksgiving Mass.

Former pupils, governors and many colleagues from over the years joined our pupils as we celebrated a truly special person. It was a joyful occasion as we gave thanks for somebody who meant so much to so many.

Marie wanted everybody in St Monica's to become the best version of themselves, to maximise their potential and to shine. We will honour this Bootle Legend by naming our Prayer Garden, "The Marie Hulligan Prayer Garden".





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Stay and Read



A huge thank you to our wonderful EYFS families who joined us for our workshop about reducing screen time and the importance of sharing books together at home. It was lovely to come together to discuss ways we can support children's learning, language and imagination through reading.

The children then enjoyed snuggling up for a cosy read with their families, sharing stories and special moments together. We finished the session with a wonderful story read by Mr Gouldbourne, which the children listened to beautifully. Thank you again for your continued support, we had such a wonderful time together.

Parent Online Safety Assembly

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Local Solutions session on online safety, on Tuesday 2nd June. This 8.45am workshop will offer practical advice on how to protect your child in the ever-changing world of the internet.

With children spending more time online than ever, staying informed about the latest apps, platforms, and potential risks is essential. This session will give you the knowledge and tools to support your child in navigating the digital world safely. No need to apply, just turn up on the day.





UPCOMING KEY DATES

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
Tuesday 9th June	2:30pm Year 6 Parent Meeting (PGL Winmarleigh Residential)
Tuesday 16th June	New Reception Families Meeting - 5pm
Wednesday 17th June	Test Week; New Nursery Families Meeting - 5pm
Thursday 18th June	Y1 Chester Zoo
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; Parent Assembly from Local Solutions - Keeping Your Child Safe Online
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 1:15pm Guard of Honour Y6 1:30pm



Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Mr Gouldbourne	Travis Talent – for working hard to show his true potential in all subjects. A boy with many talents who brings a smile and warmth to St Monica's. Keep it up, Travis. You are a credit to your family!
Mrs Evans	Finley Stanes – for being a superstar who works hard and always has a positive attitude to life. Keep it up, Finley!
Ms Tohill	Morteza Shajirat – for a brilliant attitude during the football tournament and for scoring a hat-trick. Well done, Morteza! Aoife McAlynn and Ave Marie Lee - for fantastic choerography and dancing skills - you are both sensational and will go far!
Miss Byrne	Patrick Harrison – for being a fantastic author and creating wonderful caterpillar stories. You worked so hard to make your book special by adding a title, your name, a blurb, illustrations, and a lovely story. We loved listening to your amazing ideas.
Miss Andrews	Billie Rae Braniff – for being a hardworking and kind member of our class. Billie has been working so hard in her learning this week. Well done, Billie!
Miss Horder	Kallie Lewis – for always being kind to others and showing a positive attitude. Kallie has been putting lots of hard work into her writing, and we are so proud of her. Keep it up, Kallie!
Miss Hatcher	Teddy Law – for being a kind friend and always striving for excellence. Teddy is a role model to all and a credit to St Monica's and his family. Well done, Teddy!
Miss Tew	Arlo Knibbs – for trying his best and showing a fantastic positive attitude towards his learning this week. You are working hard to achieve your very best in everything you do. Well done for thinking carefully about how you can earn your Dojos and for making such sensible choices in class!
Mrs MacDonald	Thomas Riley – for giving 100% in his quizzes. He has worked so hard to concentrate and do his best. Well done, Thomas!
Mrs Chorzepa	Ember Baker-Flannery – for achieving an amazing 100% in your reading quiz. Your hard work, determination, and positive attitude have truly paid off. Keep up the fantastic work and continue reaching for the stars. This is a wonderful achievement and just the beginning of many more successes to come!
Mrs Reardon	Noah Williams – for writing an amazing story filled with imagination and powerful vocabulary. Well done, Noah - you are a brilliant young man who will go far!
Miss Gibbons	Jaxon Hird – for his fantastic independent adventure narrative. Jaxon has worked extremely hard to write a creative and engaging story. An author in the making! Well done, Jaxon. We are very proud of you!
Mrs Ware	Gabe Pawelczyk-Richards – for reading beautifully at church yesterday. He showed determination and resilience in learning his lines, even though it was a tricky task. Well done, Gabe!
Miss Thomas	Callie-Rae Murphy – for staying focused in lessons and working hard to improve her speed and focus during comprehension activities. Well done, Callie.
Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch	Anaya Luqman – for showing great skill and determination during our art topic. Well done, Anaya!
Miss McGuckin	George Crowder – for his excellent listening skills and positive contributions throughout all of our lessons. He has particularly excelled in our Statistics topic in Maths and has been a true role model pupil. Well done, George!
Miss McGiveron	Mila Marsden-Gillett – for demonstrating resilience in her learning and a positive attitude towards school. Well done, Mila!
Miss Quick	Sonny Slater – for trying hard with his reading and focusing on his intonation, expression, and emphasis. Well done, Sonny!
Mr Lynch	Thomas Avery – for showing an improved attitude towards his learning. Well done, Thomas! Luis Garcia – for showing maturity and making good decisions in school. You are really growing up, Luis. Well done!



Nursery - by Miss Byrne



This week in school we have been learning all about keeping healthy and looking after our bodies. We talked about why it is important to wash our hands correctly to help keep germs away and practised the different steps carefully. We made delicious smoothies and discussed how fruits can help us stay strong and healthy. The children enjoyed creating their own bedtime routines and thinking about all the things we need to do before going to sleep to help our bodies rest. We also learnt about the importance of brushing our teeth every day and how to keep our teeth clean and healthy.

What a busy, fun and exciting week we have had learning so many important life skills!

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Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Horder

This half term, the children have been exploring the story of Supertato. We received a mysterious letter from some peas asking to be freed! The children investigated different ways to rescue them, exploring melting and freezing through exciting science activities. However, we soon discovered that the peas were actually evil and had escaped on the loose!

To help protect the school, the children created "wanted" posters, designed traps using a variety of resources, and worked together to warn others about the Evil Pea.

We also explored superheroes by designing our own superhero masks and discussing the special powers we would each have. The children showed fantastic creativity, teamwork and imagination throughout all of the activities.

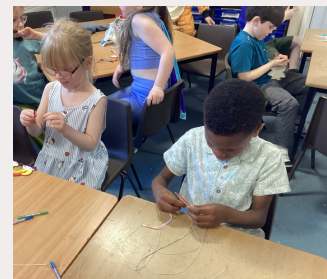




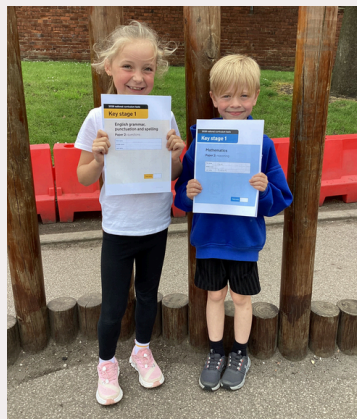
Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

Year 1 have been learning all about hot and cold places. We know that places near the Equator are much hotter, and we even enjoyed packing suitcases for different holidays! We packed different items for hot and cold places and talked about what we would need in each climate.

We also compared the North Pole and the South Pole using an atlas and recapped our learning about the continents and oceans of the world. We have also been learning about the countries that make up the UK and their capital cities. Ask us to sing our songs at home!



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



Our Year Two children have been working so, so hard in Mr Gouldbourne's 'special quizzes' (SATs) and the teachers are incredibly proud of all their effort and determination!

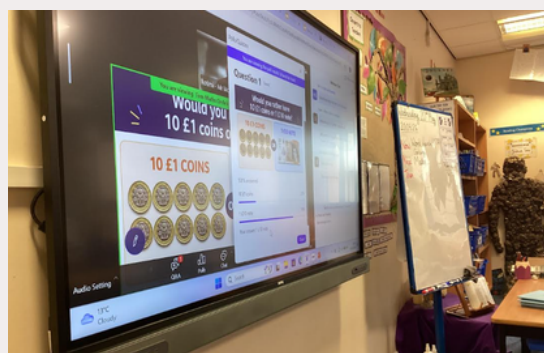
To celebrate their fantastic work, we enjoyed a fun movie afternoon, some exciting playtime outside on the yard with the play equipment, and a delicious ice cream treat. Well done, Year Two, you all earned it and put huge smiles on the teachers' faces!



Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Gibbons

This week, Year 3 joined the National Numeracy Day Live Lesson featuring Mr Money Jar. The children were given a range of “Would you rather..?” questions about smart spending choices a value for money. The children made sensible choices and were also aware of possible money scams. What superstars!

Next week, we will be learning all about money in our Maths lessons - perhaps the children could look at some coins and the prices of things over the weekend! Thank you.



Year 4 - by Mrs Ware and Miss Thomas

We are delighted to celebrate our Year 4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Thursday after many months of hard work, dedication, and preparation. Throughout the year, the children have shown great commitment as they learned more about their faith through prayer, reflection and weekly sessions in school. The celebration was a joyful and special occasion for the pupils, their families, and the parish of St Monica's, and we are extremely proud of the reverence and maturity they displayed on this important step in their faith journey. We thank all the staff, catechists and families who supported the children in preparing for this memorable day.

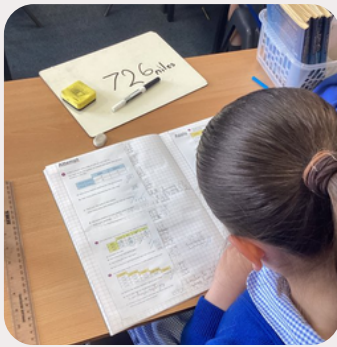




Year 5- by Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch and Miss McGuckin

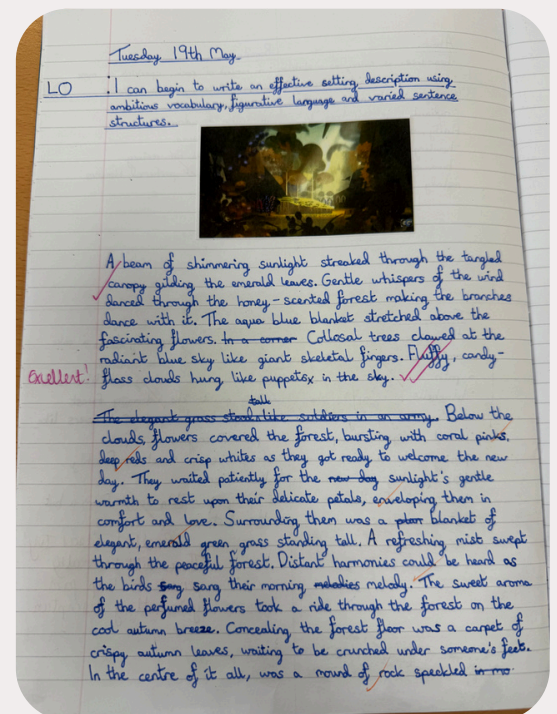
Year 5 have been working hard in Maths this week, focusing on Statistics. They have been interpreting and using line graphs, as well as reading data carefully from tables. The children have confidently used mathematical vocabulary such as “axis,” “vertical,” and “horizontal” when discussing graphs and charts. We also explored how to read, interpret, and reason with data to answer a range of questions.

Why not ask your child about the rule for reading the axis on a graph: “along the corridor and up the stairs”, which helped us remember how to read the horizontal and vertical axes correctly! Why not ask your child to explain to you about graph reading?



Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed planning and writing a setting description based on the animation ‘Rock, Paper, Scissors’. The children’s excellent vocabulary and language choices have really impressed us, and they have worked hard to create vivid and engaging descriptions. We have been particularly pleased with their creativity and the way they have used ambitious language to bring their settings to life.





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