



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th June

Year 5 Residential

Year 5 have just returned from a fantastic week at CHET for our annual Y5 residential. Despite the thundery weather forecast that had us worried, the pupils enjoyed three days of sunshine, team building and adventure.

Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of activities, from the zip wire to the climbing wall, from archery to den building, to toasting marshmallows on the camp fire and singing songs.

They overcame fears, showed resilience and encouraged one another throughout: showing The St Monica's Way. It was also lovely to see pupils developing their independence, from packing their own suitcases to organising themselves and supporting each other. Some still have a little way to go with folding clothes, we will call that a work in progress!

The children were a real credit to St Monica's. Graham, the manager at CHET, told us, "We look forward to hosting St Monica's each year. This year, the children were so polite, well mannered and up for all of the activities. The staff and parents should be very proud."

Some of the children told us that their own parents had visited CHET with St Monica's when they were pupils. It is brilliant to continue such a special tradition, and we look forward to returning again in 2027. More photos [here](#).







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



Nursery - by Miss Byrne

This week, we learned about the friends of Jesus and how they spread the Good News all around the world. We talked about how Mrs Evans is like one of Jesus' friends because she helps to share the Good News throughout our school.

Using a map of the school, the children searched for different places where the Good News was shared. When they found the correct location, they listened to a Bible story. The children enjoyed exploring the map and learning how Jesus' message reached people everywhere.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Horder

This week, Reception have been learning all about keeping healthy. We explored the importance of making healthy choices and discussed how eating a balanced diet helps our bodies to grow strong. The children enjoyed chopping a variety of fruits to make their own delicious fruit salads. We also made our own healthy pizzas and enjoyed eating these on Friday afternoon!





Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

Next week, our Year 1 children will be taking part in the Phonics Screening Check.

This is a short, statutory assessment that takes place nationally and helps teachers assess children's phonic knowledge and their ability to apply these skills when reading. During the check, children will be asked to read 40 words aloud to a familiar adult. These words include both real words and "alien" words, which help assess how well children can use their phonics skills to decode unfamiliar words.

The screening check is carried out in a relaxed and supportive environment here in St Monica's and we design it to feel like a normal reading session. We have prepared the children carefully so they feel confident and comfortable. Over the weekend, please continue to practise phonics at home. Little and often is best, focusing on spotting sounds, blending words and reading with confidence.

We are so proud of the children. They have all made excellent progress, and we know they will shine next week. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement as we work together to develop confident, fluent readers.



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

Do you believe in giants? Do you think giants really exist? Have you ever met one?

**If not, you need to read our article!
Today, we found a massive coat, a hat, some building blocks, tools and a few handyman leaflets in our classroom. We explored the mysterious items and made predictions about who they might belong to and why. When we read the handyman leaflets, we worked out who the owner of the oversized clothes might be.**

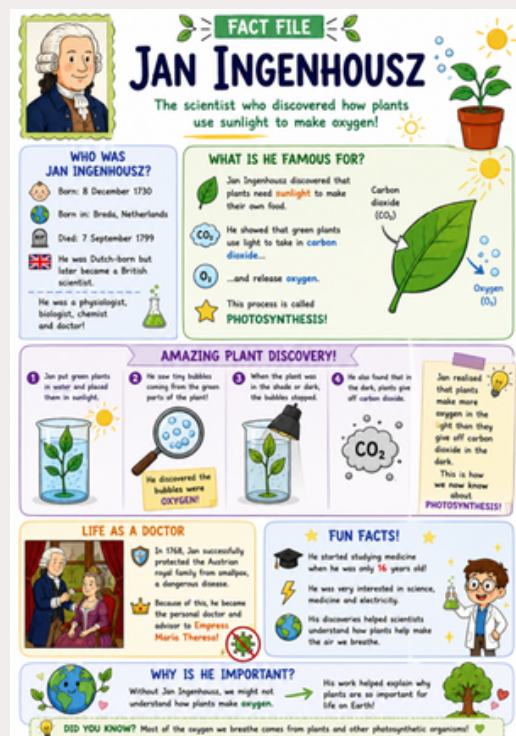
Please ask your child what they discovered!





Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Gibbons

This week, Year 3 continued their learning about plants and photosynthesis. When we were finding out about Jan Ingenhouz, the scientist who discovered photosynthesis, we found out that he saw bubbles of oxygen coming from the leaves. This led to his famous discovery. We recreated his experiment to see if we could also see bubbles in the sunshine!



Year 4 - by Mrs Ware and Miss Thomas

Year 4 have been working incredibly hard to develop their times tables knowledge in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check. We are delighted that many of the children have now "gone green" in TTRS, demonstrating that they are fluent in their times tables up to 12×12 . Their dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm have been fantastic to see, and we are very proud of the progress they have made. Keep up the great work, Year 4!





They enjoyed a range of exciting activities, including archery, zip wire, orienteering, curling, long ropes and many more. Throughout the week, the children showed great independence, resilience, teamwork, and maturity. Staff were very proud of the positive attitudes they demonstrated and the way they supported one another. Well done to all of our Year 5 pupils for making the most of this wonderful experience! - CHET 2026



Through this, pupils have developed an understanding of how historical, social and economic circumstances have shaped migration to and from the UK, and the impact these movements have had on individuals, communities and society as a whole.





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