



## St Monica's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 4th April, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



### Big Lent Walk

Thank you for sponsoring your child for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. We raised a significant amount for good causes and the money is still coming in. Thank you to all our pupils who contributed to the fundraising and our pupils who put the steps in.



### Easter Pageant - Spectacular!

Our Year 3 children put on an exceptional performance of the Easter Story for a packed out St Monica's Church this morning. It was a performance to remember, with Father Ged, parents, staff and pupils enthralled by the superb readings, dancing, acting and singing. It really was a performance to remember: the

pupils shone brightly and showcased once again how special St Monica's children are.

“What a memorable morning, our Year 3 pupils brought the Easter Story to life and made the whole St Monica's parish proud. They are exceptional children. Thank you to all

involved,” Father Ged said to me after the celebration. You can watch the performance on the link below: <https://www.stmonicacatholicprimaryschool.co.uk/performances/>

### **Sunday Family Mass, Sunday 6th April**

This Sunday, 6th April, there will be a special Family Mass at 9:30am, followed by St Monica’s Easter Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. There will be friendly chat, refreshments, cakes and an Easter Raffle. Many of us will be there, and it promises to be a lovely Mass and celebration to share together.

This Sunday also sees the first “St Monica’s Little Church”. This will be for children in Years 1–5 and will take place during the 9:30am Mass.

### **Class Photographs - First Wednesday back, 23rd April**

In the first week back, class photographs for Reception, Year 2, and Year 6 will be taken on **Wednesday, 23rd April**. Full uniform for Y2 and Y6 children, please. We choose these year groups as this is the final year in their phase of education (EYFS, Infants, Juniors).



### **Easter Treasure Hunt**

Our Reception children took part in a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt in the sunshine, led by the one and only Miss Patsy. There was singing, dancing and one or two pupils even spotted the Easter Bunny! What a lovely afternoon in the sunshine.

### **Chicks and Tadpoles in Nursery and Reception**

Our children in Early Years have been fascinated watching our eggs in the incubator hatch into chicks — science in action! The chicks will now return to a farm to live a full life.

We also have frogspawn, and our Reception children are keeping track of their development into frogs — watch this space...





### **Mrs Furlong – Congratulations**

Finally, a special thank you to Mrs Furlong, who has given 23 fantastic years of service to St Monica's and retired today. Mrs Furlong has been a source of help, support and friendship to many generations of children and families since she joined St Monica's. I would like to thank her on behalf of all of us and congratulate her on a well-deserved retirement with her grandchildren.

"I have loved every minute working in St Monica's, a school that I believe is the best around. I would like to thank everybody I have worked alongside, and the amazing families I have worked for."

We return to school on Tuesday 22nd April for Summer Term. From everybody here at St Monica's, we wish you all a wonderful Easter Break in the sunshine.

**Take care one and all,**

Mr. James Gouldbourne

**Headteacher**

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