

ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is next week. Please come along to meet your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress, behaviours for learning, and attainment in each subject. You will also have the opportunity to see the work your child has produced in their workbooks. A great way to track progress is by comparing the first and last pages of their workbooks. If you do not yet have an appointment, please call the office, and we will arrange one with you.

Weekly Attendance

We had another strong week for attendance at St Monica's, achieving 96.67%. Miss Andrews' class won our weekly attendance trophy with an astonishing 100%—what an amazing achievement. Add it to the trophy cabinet, Miss Andrews.

Class Water Bottles and Sunscreen

Please note that only water is permitted in pupil water bottles in class. Please do not send in flavoured water, juice, or any other drinks. Thank you for your cooperation.

With the spring sunshine starting, please apply sunscreen to your child each morning, regardless of the weather forecast.

Crossing Guard on Southport Road

The Crossing Guard is still unable to return to work, and we are awaiting an update on his return date. Please do not park on the pavement by the crossing on Southport Road, as this allows us to monitor pupils crossing safely and support the situation.

Spring Term Dates

Year 3 Easter Pageant - Friday 4th April (Y3 parents welcome)

Class Photographs Wed 29th April Reception, Y2, Y6

Easter Holidays Break up Friday 4th April, Return Tuesday 22nd April

Y5 CHET 28th- 30th April

2025/26 **Term Dates** (click)



Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience



This week in our Nursery, we have been exploring the wonderful world of 'Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm' written by Joy Cowley. The children have been learning about the farm animals and the adventures they have as they get washed by Mrs. Wishy-Washy. It's been a delightful and hands-on learning experience!

We have been learning about:

Farm animals: The children have learnt about cows, pigs, ducks, and more. We've been practising the animal sounds and matching animals to their names.

The concept of washing: Mrs. Wishy-Washy's Farm is a messy place, and the animals often need a good cleaning. We've been role-playing washing the animals and talking about the importance of caring for them.

Nursery



Our Reception had a wonderful springtime adventure at Windmill Farm this week. The children enjoyed meeting friendly farm animals - well, except for a grumpy pig that the farmer told us to stay away from!

We explored the beautiful countryside and even took a fun tractor ride. The sunny weather made the day even more special. One of the highlights was feeding the lambs. The children loved holding the bottles and watching the hungry lambs eagerly drink the warm milk. It was a great hands-on experience that taught them about caring for animals.

A huge thank you to the staff at Windmill Farm for an unforgettable experience.

The children returned with big smiles and exciting stories to share.

Reception



Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the World Museum! We explored African masks, learning about the different colours, materials, designs, and cultural significance.

As part of our geography topic, we discussed hot and cold places and the effects of climate change.

We discovered that if sea levels continue to rise, parts of Liverpool could be underwater. To help prevent this, we must recycle and avoid littering.

Later, we visited the Museum of Liverpool, where we explored old and new toys, comparing them to the ones we play with today. It was a fun and educational day—well done, Year 1!

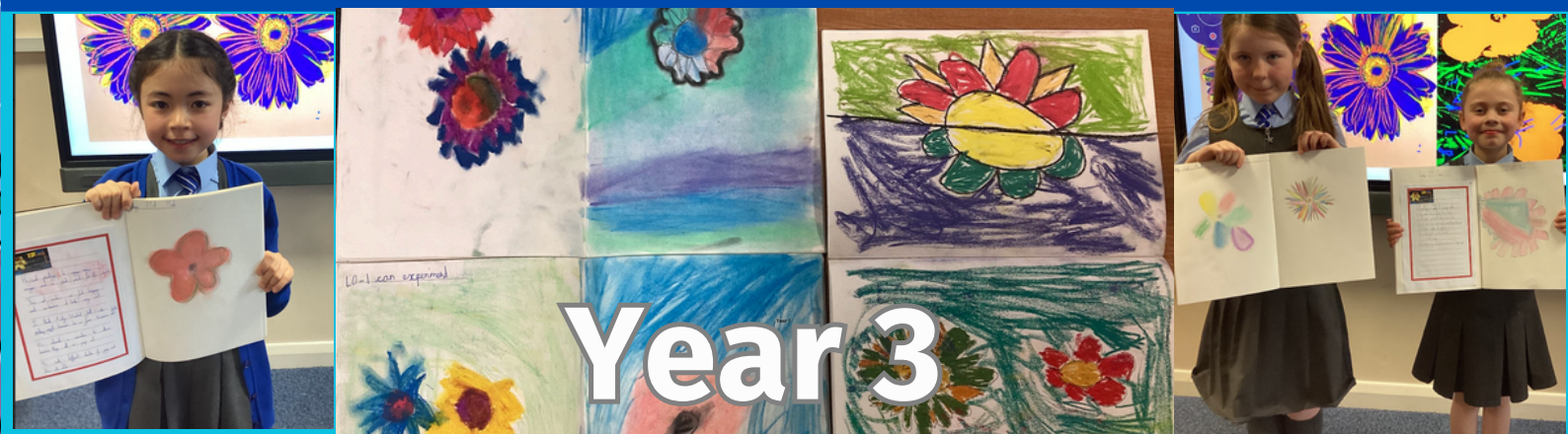
Year 1



Year Two took advantage of the beautiful Spring sunshine this week and completed our "reading buddy" time with Year One, outside in the fresh air.

This is a wonderful time to share a story, practise our reading fluency and encourages our year two children to act as role models for the younger children.

We are hoping for more beautiful sunshine over the coming months so we can carry out our important role of reading buddies in the outdoors. Well done Year Two: you are superstars!



This week, Year 3 have been experimenting with different mediums, using Andy Warhol's artwork as inspiration. We used oil pastels, soft pastels and paint.

We had to think carefully about the colours we chose, as we wanted our flowers to pop out! Next time, we will be printing our design!

Our Year 4 students started their Holy Communion preparations this week with our catechists, beginning their special journey of faith and reflection. They are learning about the significance of the Eucharist and deepening their understanding of this important sacrament.

Meanwhile, Year 3 are busy preparing for the Easter Pageant. The children are practising their roles and rehearsing hymns to bring the story of Easter to life in a meaningful and memorable way. They have been over to our church multiple times this week so it will be the best celebration yet.

We also invite families to join us for Family Mass on Sunday, 6th April at 9:30am in St Monica's Church. This is a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and celebration.

Faith in St Monica's

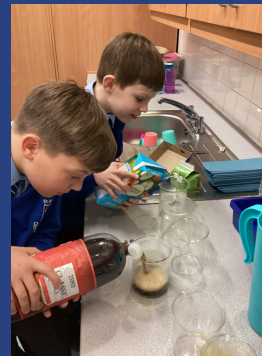
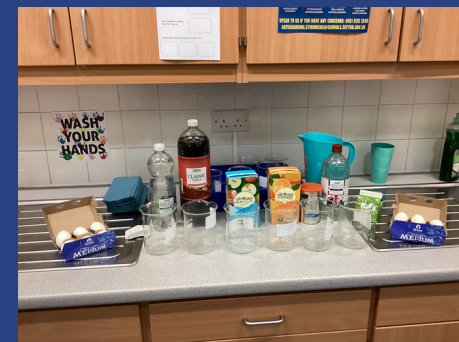


We investigated the effects of different liquids on our teeth. To do this we used boiled eggs to represent our tooth enamel.

We left the eggs in the liquids for 48 hours and then took them out to see how the appearance of each egg shell had changed. It was a smelly 2 days in Year 4!

We found out that it's not just sugar that can damage our teeth but liquids that contain acids. We discussed the importance of taking care of our teeth.

We have now started to look further into how our bodies work and we have learned the names of the different organs in our digestive system and the order in which they break down the food we eat.



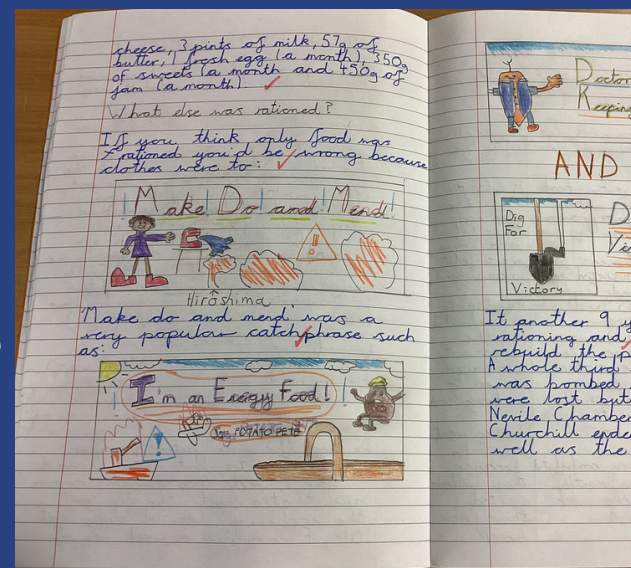
Year 4



Year 5

In our "Earth and Space" Science topic, we have been exploring the fascinating journey of the Moon as it orbits the Earth. Did you know it takes just 27.3 days for the Moon to complete one full orbit? This week, we have been learning about the different phases of the Moon, from the New Moon to the Full Moon, and how these changes happen over time. It's been an exciting way to connect with the wonders of our night sky! One child said, "Learning about the phases of the moon was really exciting and fun knowing we can research the moon at different stages."

Year 6 have been continuing to learn all about the events of World War 2 in our history lessons. We have been learning all about rationing, why it was introduced and what it meant for the British Public at the time. The children were shocked to discover what each person was allowed to have each week. One child commented about how they couldn't cope without sweets! The children looked at a sample menu at the time and decided that they really did not like the sound of powdered eggs. The children created their own factfiles about rationing. The end results were fantastic and very informative.



Year 6