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Dear Parents and Carers,

Phew! What a jam-packed and exciting week it has been here at St Monica's. From an unforgettable Year 2 Leavers' Celebration and our Sports Days to our centenary photograph, it has been a week to remember.



Year Two Leavers' Celebration

Prayers, singing, dancing, poems, plenty of smiles and a few tears from proud parents made our Year 2 celebration a really special occasion this afternoon.

The pride from parents and staff was palpable throughout. It was wonderful to look back on the children's time in the Infants and see just how much they have grown in confidence, independence and maturity. Every pupil had their moment to shine during the performance — no cue cards, just talent, maturity and The St Monica's Way on show.

We will be sad to see this chapter come to an end, but we are also excited to watch this terrific year group take their next steps into the Juniors.

100 Year Photograph - Thursday



On Thursday, we carried out something of a military operation to get 450 pupils and 60 adults onto a specially built platform at the back of the school for our whole-school photograph, marking our 100th anniversary.

Hours of planning, walkie-talkies, teamwork and excellent behaviour were the order of the day, and everything ran remarkably smoothly. Even the clouds helped!

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring that all pupils looked so smart in their uniforms, despite it being the summer term. I will share details of how to purchase the photograph in due course.

Sports Days



A huge thank you to the hundreds of family members who joined us for our sun-drenched Sports Days this week.

The children showed tremendous resilience and independence, giving their very best in every event and supporting one another throughout. Their competitive spirit and

determination were real highlights, and it was wonderful to see them respond so positively to both success and challenge. We did, however, need to use VAR on a few occasions during the parent races!

Miss Tohill delivered another fantastic week of sport, and it was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the school year.



Highlights for the Final Week

Monday 13th July: Picnic Celebration 100 Years	- Monday, children can bring an extra packed lunch and picnic blanket for the afternoon: Sandwich, treat and drink would be enough - no nuts, please. We will celebrate in class if the weather is too hot. - End of Year Reports sent out
Tuesday 14th July Year 6 Leavers Mass - led by Year 5, 10am	10am Church, service led by our Year 5 pupils. Year 6 parents welcome.
Wednesday 15th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly , 2pm	2pm in the School Hall for a look back on our amazing Year 6 pupils' time with us.
Thursday 16th July, 2pm	- Rocksteady Concert - SATs Results and Year 6 Reports out
Friday 17th July School finish 1:15pm Friday - break up for Summer	A reminder that school will finish at 1:15pm on Friday 17th July for all pupils.

Friday 17th July Year 6 Guard of Honour - 1:30pm Friday 17th July	• Year 6 parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at the end of the school day to help form a guard of honour as we say goodbye to our departing Year 6 pupils. • We hope you can join us for this special moment as we celebrate their time at St Monica's and wish them every success for the future.
Return to School	• Wednesday 2nd September

I know there are many events during the final half term, and we never take for granted your support or the sacrifices you make to take time off work and join us.

I also know, from personal experience, that it is simply not possible to attend every event, and that is perfectly understandable.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Have a great weekend, one and all.

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