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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful year at St Monica's, we arrive at our final newsletter: a chance to reflect on and celebrate all that we have achieved this year.



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100 Year Photograph

The 100 Year Photograph has now been finalised and, as you can see, it looks brilliant. It is a proud moment for all of us featured in the photograph, representing St Monica's during our centenary year and marking our own small contribution to the history of such a wonderful school.

For 100 years, St Monica's has served Bootle with heart, faith and purpose, building a rich and remarkable legacy. To see the generations of St Monica's families who come to the school each day is something to cherish. It is remarkable and unique. To now take our place within that long and prestigious story is something none of us takes for granted.

To purchase the photograph, please follow this link:

<https://htmp.st/WSG-28X8-7212231211>.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click on the “contact” button on the website home page (htempest.co.uk) where the Tempest team will be happy to help.

I am excited to proudly place this photograph in the foyer so people can look at our piece of history for the next 100 years.

Goodbye to our Amazing Year 6 pupils



Our superb Year 6 pupils have had a memorable final week at St Monica's. It began with their Leavers' Mass in church, beautifully led by our Year 5 pupils and Father Ged. On Wednesday, Y6 performed their Leavers' Assembly to the whole school, before delivering a final, heartfelt performance for their families. There were tears from parents and staff, lots of laughter and moments to cherish. Today, they performed a final song in our assembly before taking part in the traditional St Monica's Guard of Honour.

This week was a celebration not just of our pupils' time at St Monica's, but of the incredible young people they have become, with a dazzling range of talents, skills and personalities across both classes. Our Year 6 have lit up the classrooms and corridors of our school over the years and they will be very much missed. As we always say, go and shine!

The cohort also achieved excellent SAT's results, which we are very proud of: well done all. Finishing in style.

Sports Games Platinum Award

I have some superb news from Miss Tohill, we have been awarded the Sports Games Platinum Mark this week.

This is the highest level of the national School Games Mark, which recognises schools for the highest quality and impact of our PE, sport and physical activity provision. It is not simply an award for having successful sports teams. It looks at whether a school:



- gives a wide range of pupils opportunities to be active and compete
- deliberately engages less-active children and pupils facing barriers
- provides inclusive sporting opportunities
- develops pupil leadership through roles such as sports leaders
- uses physical activity to support wellbeing and wider school priorities

Miss Tohill leads with passion and knowledge, always wanting the best for all and this award is a reflection of her hard work and dedication to the children of St Monica's.

Staff Leaving

Miss Horder is leaving us today. She is a very talented teacher with a warm and caring manner, and we wish her nothing but the best in her new school.

Sefton Days Out over the Summer

Parents and carers can now use the new Sefton Family Life Toolkit app to view and book places on free summer activity programmes. The app provides easy access to information about available sessions, helping families to find and register for activities quickly and conveniently. Scan the QR code and download the Sefton Family Life Toolkit app today to explore what is available this summer and secure your child's place..



[Free Events in Sefton](#)

Return to School: Wednesday 2nd September

It has been a fantastic year, with impressive academic outcomes in Reception, Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 SATs. We have also achieved three prestigious awards and continued to improve our school premises to make the school even safer.

When we return, our Forest School will be ready, and the Marie Hulligan Prayer Garden will be in place. It really is an exciting time here at St Monica's, and there is so much to look forward to.

We return to school on Wednesday 2 September.

Final Message

As we begin the summer holidays, I encourage everyone to slow down and cherish the time spent with those they love. Let us all put phones and tablets down and connect. It is often the simplest moments that become our most treasured memories: sharing a meal, enjoying a walk in Derby Park, laughing together or simply having time to talk.

As a Catholic community, we are reminded that our families and loved ones are among God's greatest gifts. May the summer give us all time to be truly present, to show kindness and patience, and to give thanks for the special people who walk alongside us. Let us hold our loved ones close.

All that remains is for me to thank you for your continued support for St Monica's throughout the year. Seeing so many of you attend our events time and again brings our community ever closer together. We feel incredibly fortunate that you choose St Monica's for your children and allow us to play such an important part in your lives.

May God bless all our St Monica's families and bring us back safely in September, rested, renewed and ready for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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