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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Friday evening newsletter.

A special day for Father Ged

Last Sunday, **Archbishop Malcolm McMahon** led a special Mass to mark the union of St Monica's and St Francis de Sales as *two churches, one parish*. It was a lovely occasion, bringing our parish communities together in faith and celebration.

It was wonderful to see so many members of our parish make the journey to St Francis de Sales to take part in this special service. A heartfelt thank you to our altar servers and readers, who represented St Monica's with such grace and dignity—they made us incredibly proud.

In today's assembly, we celebrated these pupils for their outstanding contribution. Father Ged also sent a special message of appreciation to them and to everyone who played a role in making the Mass so meaningful.



Careers Day 2025

Next Tuesday, we will welcome an incredible variety of professionals to our school for Careers Day. We have over 20 visitors taking time out of their busy schedules to inspire our pupils to think about their futures. From dental nurses to airline pilots, from supported accommodation officers, naval officers to firefighters and vets: we have a superb range of occupations and professionals visiting our classrooms. **We even have a well known fashion designer coming into Year 6 to put on a workshop for 6M!**

This event is all about celebrating the world of work and opening our children's eyes to the many paths they can take in the future. No matter the job, no matter the dream, every role and every job has the power to make a difference in our society. We want to raise aspirations and help our pupils understand the dedication and hard work it takes to achieve their goals.

It is wonderful to have such a strong community helping to shape the futures of our young learners in St Monica's.

Wellbeing Week 2025

Next week, we are excited to take part in Children's Wellbeing Week at St Monica's, with the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This theme is about empowering young people to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them so they can build resilience, grow and develop.

Throughout the week, we will be talking to our pupils about how to stay healthy and resilient in their daily lives. Through assemblies and engaging lessons, children will learn about the importance of staying in the 'green zone'—and explore strategies to support their happiness and well-being.

Please keep an eye on our Twitter for updates and insights into our activities throughout the week.

Let's work together to empower our children to **know themselves and grow themselves!**

Attendance Matters

St Monica's Weekly Attendance	95%	St Monica's Academic Year Attendance	94.91%	National Academic Year Attendance	94.50%
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At St Monica's, we are passionate about excellent attendance because we see the real benefits of this in class every day. Our goal is to help pupils develop good attendance habits that will stay with them for life.

There is a growing attendance crisis in many high schools across Sefton, and this is having a serious impact on students as they approach their GCSEs and A-Levels. By working together now, we can help ensure that our pupils build strong routines before high school, when habits become much harder to change. Let's continue to support our children in being present, engaged, and ready to learn.

A huge well done to two classes who gained 100%: Mrs Sanders and Miss Gibbons! They share the trophy this week.



Thank you for your continued support. Have a great weekend one and all.

Warm regards,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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