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Friday 18th September, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

School Council Elections

Children in Years 1 - 6 should bring home a School Council application today and Monday. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to become a leader and help make a difference to life at St Monica's. Parents are very welcome to help younger pupils complete their applications and put their own ideas into words.

Speeches will take place next week, followed by elections on Thursday. Our new School Council members will be announced in Friday's assembly. Miss McGuckin has big plans for the year ahead, and we welcome applications from all children. If your child is interested, please encourage them to apply - we would love to hear what our budding leaders have to say and the difference they can make.

Meet the Teacher from Next Week

Tuesday 22nd, 2:15pm	Year 1 - Miss Tew and Miss Hatcher
Wednesday 23rd, 2:15pm	Year 2 - Mrs MacDonald, Mrs Chorzepa
Thursday 24th, 2:15pm	Year 6 - Miss McGiveron, Mr Lynch and the teaching team
Friday 25th, 2:15pm	Year 4 - Miss Gibbons and Miss Thomas
Monday 28th, 2:15pm	Year 3 - Mrs Reardon and Miss Partington
Tuesday 29th, 2:15pm	Year 5 - Mrs Ware and Miss McGuckin

St Monica's - Instagram



We have closed our Twitter account and are posting new videos on Instagram. I must say, our teachers are starting to show their inner Spielberg and hopefully you can see fun and engaging videos from each year group. We are looking for our first video that can break 20 likes - 16 is our current high score. The teacher who gets the most likes will win a prize...

<https://www.instagram.com/stmonicascatholicprimary/>

Weekly Attendance Heroes

Good attendance habits last a lifetime, and our attendance has started in superb fashion this term. Our trophy winners this week are: 1H and 1T for the Infants, and a three way tie between 4T and 6L.

Weekly Attendance: Class by Class			
RA	96.61%	Nursery	96.61%
RW	96%	4T	98.67%
1H	100%	4G	88.62%
1T	100%	5W	98.28%
2C	98.21%	5M	98.67%
2M	95.20%	6L	96.67%
3R	97.67%	6M	98.62%
3P	96.28%	Overall	97.11%

97% overall - superb, let's keep this up!

Friday 18th September: Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Winners

Class / Teacher	Winner	Reason
Nursery	Carter Yool	For being a kind, caring friend who is always thoughtful and helpful towards others. Well done, Carter.

RA	Nellie Bain	For settling in brilliantly and bringing happiness and kindness to our classroom. We are very proud of you!
RW	Vincent Kearney	For showing kindness to everyone and making sure others feel included. A true gentleman with a bright future.
1H	Teddie Doherty	For a fantastic start to Year 1, working hard and showing respect and aspiration. Well done, Teddie!
1T	Harry Peris	For perseverance when practising number formation. Your hard work is making a real difference - you are a superstar!
2M	Chimamanda Nlemeke	For resilience in lessons and growing confidence and maturity. Mrs Macdonald is very impressed!
2C	Francesca Vogel	For giving her best in writing and finding creative ways to make her work engaging. An author in the making.
3R	Meadow Foulkes	For an excellent start to Year 3, listening carefully, answering thoughtfully and giving her all! Well done, Meadow.
3P	Sophia Schorah	For working hard, taking pride in her handwriting and being a kind friend and wonderful role model.
4G	Freya Morrison-Foster	For enthusiastic reading and thoughtful questions when exploring The Witches. Keep that spark going!
4T	Jazmyne Ponder	For a fantastic start, listening carefully, trying her hardest and showing aspiration. A caring and clever pupil.
5W	Kaiba Amphlett	For thoughtful contributions in lessons, careful listening and a positive attitude to learning. A clever boy with a big heart!
5M	Gabe Pawelczyk Richards	For always trying his best, especially when learning about the Greek gods in history. A historian in the making!
6M	Brooke O'Shea	For resilience during a difficult week and valuable contributions in class. We are proud of you!
6L	Oliver Schorah	For excellent descriptive writing with ambitious vocabulary and carefully chosen detail. What a pupil!
Mrs Hough	Dottie Rae Rimmer	For resilience and determination. Mrs Hough and Mrs Pattison are very proud of your efforts!
Mr Gouldbourne	Louie Johnson	For fantastic improvement in his handwriting. You always work so hard, Louie, and your determination is paying off. You will go far, young man.

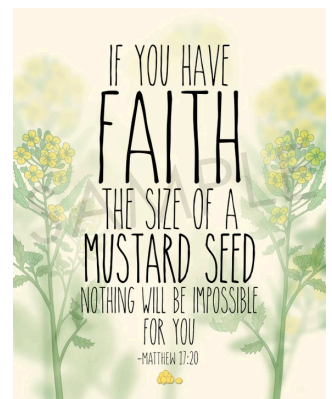
100 Year Photographs have arrived



Our centenary photographs have arrived. We will contact families whose orders are ready to collect. We will buy a special frame and then display our school photograph in our Foyer. Mr Cooney looks especially handsome.

Assembly Reflection: The Mustard Seed

In assembly, we reflected on Jesus' parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13:31–32), which grows from the smallest of beginnings into a tree where birds can find shelter and people find shade. It made us think about our own pupils and how much they grow and change over the years here in St Monica's. The child who once needed a hand to walk through the school gates is soon the one helping a younger pupil feel welcome. Those little steps matter: trying again, choosing a kind word or noticing someone who needs a friend.



As parents, carers and staff, we help that growth through the love, patience and encouragement we give each day. We do not always see the difference straight away, but every shared story, reassuring hug and "I'm proud of you!" helps our children put down strong roots. Small moments now can make a wonderful difference to the people they will become.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. James Gouldbourne

Headteacher

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