

# ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



## Special Mass on Sunday

Father Ged will celebrate a special Mass at St Francis de Sales Church at 10:30 am on Sunday to mark the union of St Monica's and St Francis de Sales as one parish. The Archbishop and staff members will be in attendance. It would be wonderful to see members of our school family there. See page 5 for more details.

## Careers Day

A huge thank you to all parents and family members who have volunteered to come in on 4th February – your support is greatly appreciated. Why not start discussing with your children what their aspirations are for when they grow older in preparation for the day? We like pupils to have a Plan A and a Plan B. For instance, footballer and a doctor.

## Kindness Assembly

In today's assembly, we spoke about "filling each other's bucket with kindness". Every kind action towards another person helps to fill their bucket with kindness. This could be something you encourage at home as well?

## Year 6 End-of-Year Dates

We know you may need to arrange time off work, so here are the confirmed key dates for the end of Year 6:

- Leavers' Mass: 10:00 am, Monday, 14th July
- Leavers' Assembly: 1:30 pm, Thursday, 17th July

## Year 4 First Holy Communion

The key date for Year 4 First Holy Communion have been confirmed with Father Ged: Thursday, 5th June at 10am. A letter with full details will follow shortly.

## Parking Around St. Monica's

Please be considerate when parking around the school. Unfortunately, we recently had to contact the police due to a car parked directly outside the main entrance, which put pupils and families at risk. Let's continue to uphold our high standards of respect and safety.

## Spring term Dates

### Careers Day

Tuesday  
4th  
February

### Mental Health Week

3rd-9th  
Feb

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday  
11th Feb

### Composer of the Month, January

[RIOPY - modern French composer. Perfect to listen to whilst relaxing with your family.](#)  
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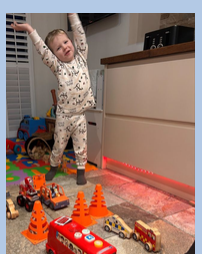


In Nursery, we've been enjoying the story of The Three Little Pigs. Our role play area has been transformed into a busy construction site, where we've been hard at work building strong and sturdy houses for the pigs to live in.

As part of our learning, we've been discussing how to make sure the houses are safe and can protect the pigs. To make sure everybody is safe, we've created warning posters and put them up around the area to let people know there's a wolf on the loose!

# Nursery

This week, Reception have been enjoying the story The Naughty Bus. Each of us took home our very own Naughty Bus, which has been up to all sorts of mischief - thanks for the photos!



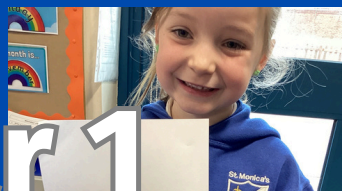
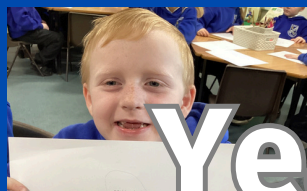
In Geography, we've been exploring the fascinating world of maps. We've been drawing our own maps to document the journeys we take in our daily lives. Why not have a go at creating a map of your house together this weekend? It's a fun way to practise those mapping skills!



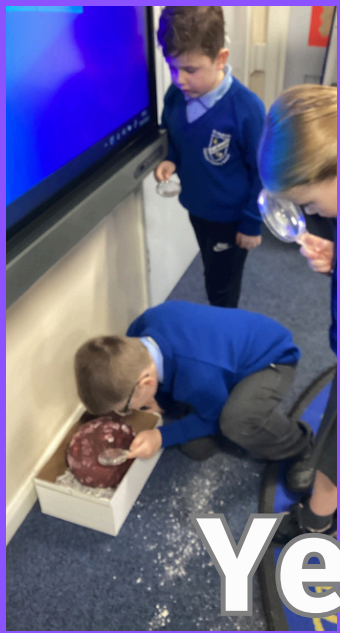
# Reception

This week, Year 1 have been learning about their trusted adults. We've discussed who we can talk to if we have worries or just need someone to listen. While there are many adults our pupils trust, each child chose five and created their own "trust hand".

Why not ask your child who their trusted adults are and who they would go to if they were feeling worried about something? It's a great way to reinforce this important lesson at home.



# Year 1



## Year 2

Year 2 were amazed when they walked into their classroom to discover enormous white footprints on the floor and a mysterious nest with a massive egg inside!

Using our scientific skills, we investigated the clues and discovered that it was... a dragon egg! We've been writing all about this extraordinary event in our lessons and are eagerly waiting to see if the egg will hatch.



Year 3 have been learning all about healthy eating in Science. As part of our linked DT project, we're gearing up to create our own healthy toasted sandwiches, thinking carefully about nutritious and balanced ingredients.

This week, we've been exploring different types of bread. From soft wholemeal slices to crusty sourdough, we've been tasting, describing, and comparing them. It was exciting to try something new, and we discovered just how many different flavours and textures bread can have!

We can't wait to use what we've learned to design and make our sandwiches.



## Year 3

Mr. Lynch's class have achieved an incredible milestone: winning our attendance trophy with a perfect 100% attendance for the second consecutive week! This showcases 6L's dedication and team spirit. Congratulations to the entire class—keep up the outstanding work!

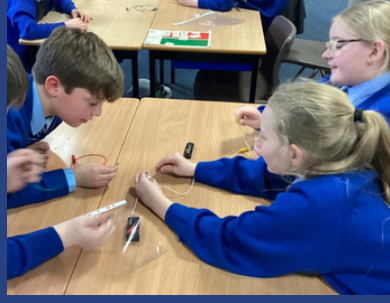
## Attendance Matters

**School Average for the Week: 95.04%**

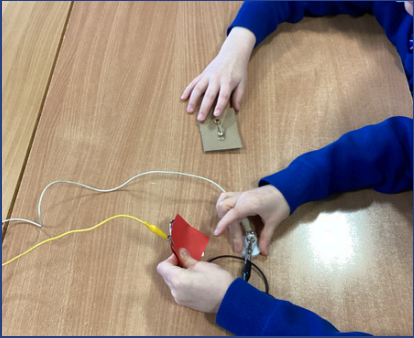
**School Average for the Year 94.9%**

**National Average for the Year: 94.8%**





**Year 4 had an electrifying Science lesson this week as we delved deeper into our topic on electricity. This week's focus was on designing and creating our very own switches.**

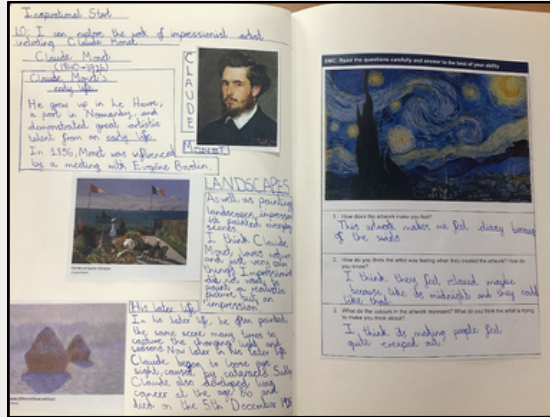


**We connected these switches to circuits and investigated how they control the flow of electricity, allowing us to turn the current on and off with precision. The lesson was full of hands-on science and teamwork.**

**We can't wait to continue our experiments next week and uncover even more about the world of electricity!**

# Year 4

# Year 5



**Year 5 has begun an exciting new Art topic: Impressionism! This week, we explored the life and work of the renowned Impressionist artist Claude Monet. We delved into his artistic journey, the techniques he employed, and the mediums he used to bring his masterpieces to life.**

**Did you know the term 'Impressionism' originated from one of Monet's most famous paintings, 'Impression, Sunrise'?**

**Inspired by Monet's work, we're looking forward to creating our own local landscapes in the Impressionist style. Stay tuned for some incredible artwork!**

**This week in Art, we began an exciting new topic: South American Art! We are exploring the vibrant work of Beatriz Milhazes, an artist from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her unique style combines collage and paint to create vivid, colorful pieces that beautifully blend elements of traditional Brazilian culture with modern European influences. To deepen our understanding, we watched interviews where Milhazes shared insights into her creative process and examined many of her stunning artworks. Inspired by her style, we'll be creating our own artistic interpretations of the city of Liverpool. We can't wait to share our finished masterpieces with you!**



# Year 6

To celebrate the union of St. Monica's and St. Francis de Sales as two churches in one parish, a special Mass will be held **this Sunday at 10:30 AM in St. Francis de Sales Church**. We are honoured to have Archbishop Malcolm joining us for this Holy Mass, making the occasion even more meaningful.

**One Parish, Two Churches -  
Special Mass -  
Sunday 10:30am**

Father Ged warmly invites everyone in the parish to attend, saying:

**"This is a truly special occasion, and I very much look forward to celebrating it with those who can make it.**

**Let's come together in faith and fellowship to mark this joyful day. All are welcome!"**



# The Story of Zacchaeus

Today in assembly, we explored the power of kindness through the Bible story of Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus, a tax collector, was known for being unpopular in his community. But when Jesus saw him, He showed kindness and compassion, inviting Zacchaeus to come down from the tree he had climbed to see Him. This act of kindness transformed Zacchaeus, leading him to change his ways and repay those he had wronged.

The story reminds us that small acts of kindness can have a big impact, inspiring change and building connections. Why not talk as a family about ways to show kindness to others this week?

