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NEWSLETTER



It has been another fantastic fortnight at St Monica Primary School.

As we move further into the term, it has been lovely to see the children growing in **confidence**, settling into their routines and demonstrating our school values through their **learning**, **relationships** and **behaviour** each day.



St Monica Primary School

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Message from SLT

Over the past fortnight, members of the Senior Leadership Team have been spending time in classrooms, observing learning across the school. We have been really pleased with what we have seen. Classrooms have been calm, purposeful and focused, with children engaged in their learning and positive relationships evident between adults and children. Strong teacher modelling, effective support from our Learning Support Assistants and increasingly confident and independent learners have been particularly noticeable

It has also been wonderful to see children taking greater ownership of their work and showing real pride in what they achieve. Our regular visits to classrooms allow us to celebrate the many strengths across St Monica, while also continuing to identify where we can make learning even better. One of our ongoing areas of focus is writing, particularly ensuring that children benefit from high-quality modelling and understand the thinking that goes into becoming a successful writer.

There has also been plenty of excitement beyond our everyday classroom learning. Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic visit from the Wonder Dome, giving the children an opportunity to explore space and our solar system and inspiring a real sense of awe, wonder and curiosity. Our Year 1/2 children are also looking forward to their upcoming local study of Sholing, when they will explore the area around their school and see their geography learning come to life in a meaningful local context.



A big thank you to all our YR and Y1/2 parents and carers who were able to join Mrs Killick's phonics workshop last week. Working in partnership with families is such an important part of helping our children become confident readers, and we hope the session gave you some useful and practical ideas for supporting reading at home. We are already looking forward to planning our next workshop.



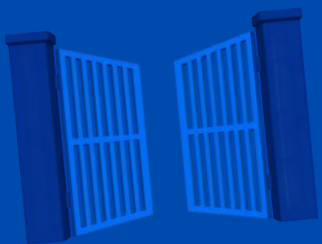
We were also extremely proud of the children during our fire drill this week. From our youngest children to our oldest, everyone responded sensibly and calmly, leaving the building safely and respectfully. It was an excellent example of the children taking responsibility and understanding the importance of our routines in keeping everyone at St Monica safe.

Finally, thank you to families for continuing to support us with our expectations around PE kits and mobile devices. Our new Mobile Phone Procedure is working really well, and we appreciate the positive and mature way in which children and families have responded. As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we would also like to remind all adults to keep mobile phone use on the school grounds to a minimum.

As always, thank you for your continued support of St Monica. The partnership between school and home makes such a difference to our children. Please do stop and speak to us at the gate or contact the school office if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Kind regards,

Miss Clark & Mr Waghorn



Dates for your diary:
Term Dates for 2026 - 2027 Academic
Year



OCTOBER

Monday 5 October

Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
Staff & Children only



Friday 9 October

Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow



Suggested donation: £1.00



Monday 12 October

Parents' Evening - Session 1



Tuesday 13 October

Parents' Evening - Session 2



Wednesday 14th October

Y5 Trip to West Quay & Southampton Art
Gallery

Friday 16th October



Y1/2 Trip to Turner Sims

Friday 16th October



Last Day of Term

Monday 19th - Friday 30th October



October Half Term



NOVEMBER



Monday 2 November

First Day Back - Autumn Term
2



Wednesday 11 November

NHS Child Flu Immunisation Day



Friday 13 November

Children in Need Day &



Robin Hood Pantomime



Autumn Term 2026

Please make a note of these important dates and events coming up throughout the autumn term we will add to this and keep you updated via emails and our website

St Monica Safeguarding



ST MONICA PRIMARY SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Mr. Waghorn
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss Johnston
Trust Designated Safeguarding Lead

Need someone to talk to?
All staff are always here for you.

Deputy Safeguarding Leads



Miss. Clark



Mrs. Sherwood



Mrs. Hunter



Mr. Langston



Mrs. Wilkinson

If you have a worry, please speak with a trusted adult. We are here to help you.

St Monica Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The term "Designated Safeguarding Lead" (DSL) refers to the person accountable for overseeing the safety and wellbeing of the children in the care of their setting. Our school has several Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs).

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, please contact a DSL. All school DSLs are contactable via: STM.DSL@ilpartnership.org



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CHARACTER.AI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- BLURRED BOUNDARIES
- UNRELIABLE ADVICE
- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY
- PRIVACY CONCERNS
- UNHEALTHY ENGAGEMENT

Advice for Parents & Educators

- KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN
- CHECK AGE, SETTINGS & LIMITS
- PAUSE, CHECK AND ASK
- NOTICE AND RESPOND

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Sarah-Jane Hill

WakeUp Wednesday | The National College

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING
- REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION
- STRANGER DANGER
- A HARASSMENT RISK
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
- A MONEY DRAIN

Advice for Parents & Educators

- USE FAMILY CENTRE
- CHECK, TALK, REPORT
- MANAGE TIME ONLINE
- REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LOOKSMAXXING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- TARGETING MALE INSECURITIES
- DUBIOUS ADVICE
- EXTREME REMEDIES
- BODY IMAGE ISSUES
- MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
- PATHWAY TO EXTREMES

Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR CHANGES
- LISTEN FOR THE LINGO
- CHECK THE SOCIAL MEDIA
- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

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Important information & Reminders



Punctuality

We continue to have a number of children arriving late for school. missing important learning at the start of the day as well as disrupting the learning of others.

The school day starts at 08.30am and children are expected to arrive at school at this time. If your child is consistently late, and arrives after registration has closed, school will submit a fixed penalty notice to the local authority and you will receive a fine.

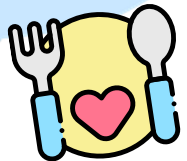
We do not want to be forced to take this action so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

If you are having difficulties with punctuality, please contact our Attendance and Family Support Officer on 023 8039 9870.

Your child is expected to arrive for school on time everyday. If your child is late our office team will follow up with a phone call.



We ask that all school dinner debts are paid weekly . Emails are sent every Friday to advise on amounts owing. If you have any queries, please contact the school office



Absence Procedures

If your child cannot attend school, parents/carers are required to contact the school no later than 9.00am. If no contact has been made by this time the absence will be unauthorised.

You can inform us of your child's absence using the in-app messaging system on Arbor. By sending an email to info.stm@ilpartnership.org or by calling us on 023 8039 9870 and selecting option1.

Failure to inform school of your child's absence will trigger our safeguarding procedures and this may result in a visit to your home. It is imperative that you inform us when your child is not able to attend school.

Important information & Reminders



No bicycles or scooters should be ridden on the school site. Please dismount before entering.

No dogs are allowed on school grounds and the use of mobile phones is not permitted



Safer School Route

A reminder to parents ♥

We are working with Southampton City Council to help keep our children safe on their way to and from school. Please can we remind all parents and carers to use the **safer school route** wherever possible.

The safer route means:

- ✓ Using the designated walking route and crossings
- ✓ Avoiding the school's residential roads where possible
- ✓ Helping to keep everyone (especially our children) safe and seen
- ✓ Reducing congestion and making drop-off and pick-up safer for all



School Streets / Safer Parking Restrictions

Restrictions are in place:

 **08:00 – 09:30 & 14:15 – 15:45**

 Deliveries must be made outside of these windows.	 ANPR registration is required and must match your vehicle.	 Blue badge exemptions are currently in place (according to the council).
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 For more information, please email the council at: school.streets@southampton.gov.uk

Thank you for your support in keeping our St Monica children safe and well! ♥



Weekly Attendance

★	Class	Attendance %	
★	Potter	98%	★
	Rosen	93%	
★	Keller	98%	★
	Nightingale	96%	
	Seacole	97%	
★	Attenborough	93%	★
	Earhart	93%	
	Pankhurst	99%	
★	Swift	99%	★
	Mercury	94%	
	Lee	93%	
★	Spielberg	93%	★
	Whole School	95%	

★ Great attendance helps everyone succeed! ★



Regular school attendance is



What's On in and around the local area



SOMETHING TO ADVERTISE?

🌟 Have a club, event or fundraiser news to share? Let us know by emailing info.stm@ilpartnership.org

Friends & Family of St Monica



What's On



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated as Star of the Week for last week and this week!!



Class	<u>25th September 2026</u>	<u>2nd October 2026</u>
Potter Class	Phoebe	Aura
Rosen Class	Murphy	Dorothy
Keller Class	Joseph	Dylan
Nightingale Class	Frankie	Freya
Seacole Class	Zachary	Diane
Attenborough Class	Lavinia	Isabelle
Earhart Class	Ekam	Macie
Pankhurst Class	Aryana	Lillie-May
Mercury Class	Archie	Luna
Swift Class	Charlotte-Rose	Brody
Lee Class	Leo	Lily
Spielberg Class	Lily	Chloe