



Newsletter

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Catholic Social Teaching: *Dignity of Work and Participation*

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Welcome back to you all.

In the words of Pope Francis, 'Happy Easter! May you bring to all the joy and hope of the Risen Christ'. Let us remember Jesus was the Prince of Peace; The Servant King; the humble one who taught others how to live in the way we should. Jesus did not ask us to take up the cross as he did but instead to make small sacrifices to help others; to show one another love; to help those in need; to be selfless and give what we can to help our brothers and sisters. Mother Theresa said, 'We cannot all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.' Let us remember this in our daily lives and never underestimate the difference a small gesture can make.

This term is set to be another busy one! Please do take the time to read the newsletters & check our school platforms such as Class Dojo and our school websites regularly.

Spring is always such a wonderful time of the year. It is lovely to have the lighter nights returning and the feeling that Summer is well and truly on its way. Please do enjoy this time with your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Best wishes,

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*Loving Father,
As we begin this new term,
Guide us with Your wisdom and fill our hearts with kindness.
Help us to grow in faith, love, and learning each day.
May we always follow Your path and be a light to others.
Amen.*

Summer Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and joyful Easter break. As we begin our summer term, we look forward to a time of learning, growth, and faith-filled experiences. This term is always an exciting one, filled with special events, celebrations, and opportunities for our children to shine.

Eastertide Celebrations – We continue to celebrate the joy of Easter through prayer services, reflections, and special assemblies like the upcoming Crowning of Our Lady.

Curriculum Focus – This term, our children will explore exciting topics across all subjects. Look out for class newsletters and updates on key learning areas.

Sacramental Preparation – Many of our students are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers during this special time.

Sports & Outdoor Activities – With the warmer weather, children will enjoy more outdoor learning, sports activities, and preparations for Sports Day.

Charity & Community Work – We continue to focus on serving others through fundraising, food drives, and community outreach projects thanks to our pupil leadership teams and Parents Class Reps.

We are also sad to announce that Mr Sullivan will be leaving us at the end of April. We would like to thank him for his dedication and support of our school. We wish him all the best. Ms Rodrigues will be stepping in to ensure that our Year 2 children continue their successful academic journey with us.

We are excited for all that this term holds and look forward to working together to make it a memorable one for our children. Thank you for your continued support, and may God bless you and your families.

Mrs Lenka Jallow
Head of School

Best Attendance and Punctuality

Congratulations to:

Class 1 for achieving 97.6%
(KS1)

BEST ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY THIS WEEK

Remember that attending school is a legal requirement so make sure you're on time and ready to go at the start of each day!

Wednesday's Word

Our Wednesday Word for this week, which links in with our Sunday Gospel is:

JESUS

"Each encounter with Jesus changes our life. Jesus is with us today! He is alive, Jesus is in our hearts."

Pope Francis

May – The Month of Mary

Many traditions in the Church have their roots in ancient times and the month of May is no different. For May we can look back at the ancient Greeks who dedicated the month of May to Artemis, their goddess of fecundity. The month of May was also significant to the Romans who honoured Flora, their goddess of bloom or blossoms. The Romans would celebrate "floral games" at the end of April ask for Flora's intervention to help all things that bloom. For Catholics and many other Christians, May is an opportunity to speak to Mary and get to know her better. We can read the Gospels discover her as the Mother of Jesus and how as a young girl, she too would have felt fear of the unknown, just as many of us are feeling right now. We can also look to her faith and trust in God, knowing that He walks beside us and will catch us as we fall, always helping us to get back up again. Mary's complete trust and obedience in God's plan for her is inspirational, for if a young girl about to be married can so completely and absolutely put her life in God's hands, then her example can bring us hope and comfort in these challenging days.

Why is May dedicated to Mary?

The devotion to Mary during the month of May started sometime in the Thirteenth Century and began as a way to encourage more non-religious practices to be replaced with more religious traditions and acts of worship and prayer. During this month, Catholics will offer up prayers and adoration to Mary both in Church and at home. In these difficult times we all need the loving care of Our Mother and it is important to remember that we can pray to Mary anywhere - through formulaic prayer or spontaneous prayer and meditation.

What can we do during May?

Pray the Rosary: In Fatima, Portugal in 1917, Mary appeared to three children and asked them to pray the Rosary to help save the world. Pope Saint John Paul II too insisted that everyone pray the Rosary for the peace and salvation of the family. Please feel free to upload your videos of you praying

QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

"When the week begins, think of how you will end it. Start your week with joy."

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Assemblies will be held every last Friday of the Month

12– 16/05—KS2 SATs

02– 06/06—Multiplication Check Yr 4

19/05 —Crowning of Our Lady

06/06—KS1 Ball

27/06—KS2 Ball

04/07—Summer Fayre

9/07—Sports Day

School ends on 18TH July 2025

As you may already know St Monica's is on social media. Our goal is to model a positive, safe use of social media, sharing moments of joy, achievement, and the many "little wins" that happen every day in our school community.

Please follow us-

<https://www.instagram.com/stmonicascatholicprimaryschool?igsh=aHdseW5yNTk1cmJs>



The children really enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and easter bonnet parade, Here our some photos from the day we would like to give a big thank you to our class parent reps and staff who made the event possible.



School Uniform

As the days are becoming warmer, children should come to school dressed in their Summer Uniform. Please ensure that you refer to the School Uniform Policy and if you require assistance, please feel free to speak to the School Office.

School Assemblies

Parents are invited to join us every last Friday of the month to celebrate children's achievements. The first Friday is 25th April and we will start 9am.

Curriculum

This is a very important term for the children. Not only will Yr6 be practicing for the National Literacy and Numeracy tests, Yr4 for Multiplication Check and Yr 1 for Phonics Screening check, but we will also be consolidating and extending the work covered in the year, so that firm foundations are laid ready for the children's transition in to their new year groups.

Feast of St Monica's Mass

On Friday 2nd May, we will be celebrating our Patron Saint, St. Monica as a whole school as-

SEAL

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the final term of the school year—**Summer Term**! We are so proud of all the progress the children have made so far and look forward to a term full of learning, growing, and celebrating their achievements. This term, we are focusing on **Relationships** and **Changes** as part of our **SEAL** curriculum. Children will explore what makes a good friend, how to play cooperatively, and how to build respectful relationships. As the year ends, we will also support children in understanding and preparing for transitions, helping them express emotions and build confidence. We encourage families to support this learning at home through conversations, stories, and emotional support. Together, we can help children finish the year feeling secure, confident, and excited for what's next!