



## St. Monica's Catholic Primary School



11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### Welcome Back Newsletter – Autumn Term

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year at St Monica's Primary School! We hope you had a joyful and restful summer break filled with sunshine, laughter, and special time with family and friends.

We were so excited to welcome all our children back through the gates and to see so many bright, smiling faces ready to begin their learning journey in their new classes. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time – a very warm welcome to you all.

This year promises to be full of wonderful opportunities, rich learning experiences, and joyful moments. We have many exciting events planned throughout the year, including themed weeks, trips, workshops, and opportunities for pupils to shine in and outside the classroom.

We are especially delighted to announce that our Forest School provision will be expanding this year. Children across the school will have more opportunities to explore the outdoors, develop new skills, build resilience, and deepen their connection with nature – all while having fun! Please ensure your child has a raincoat and wellies so they are ready for outdoor learning in all weather conditions.

We also warmly congratulate our new pupil leaders for this academic year. They will be fantastic ambassadors for our school community and we are excited to see them flourish in their roles.

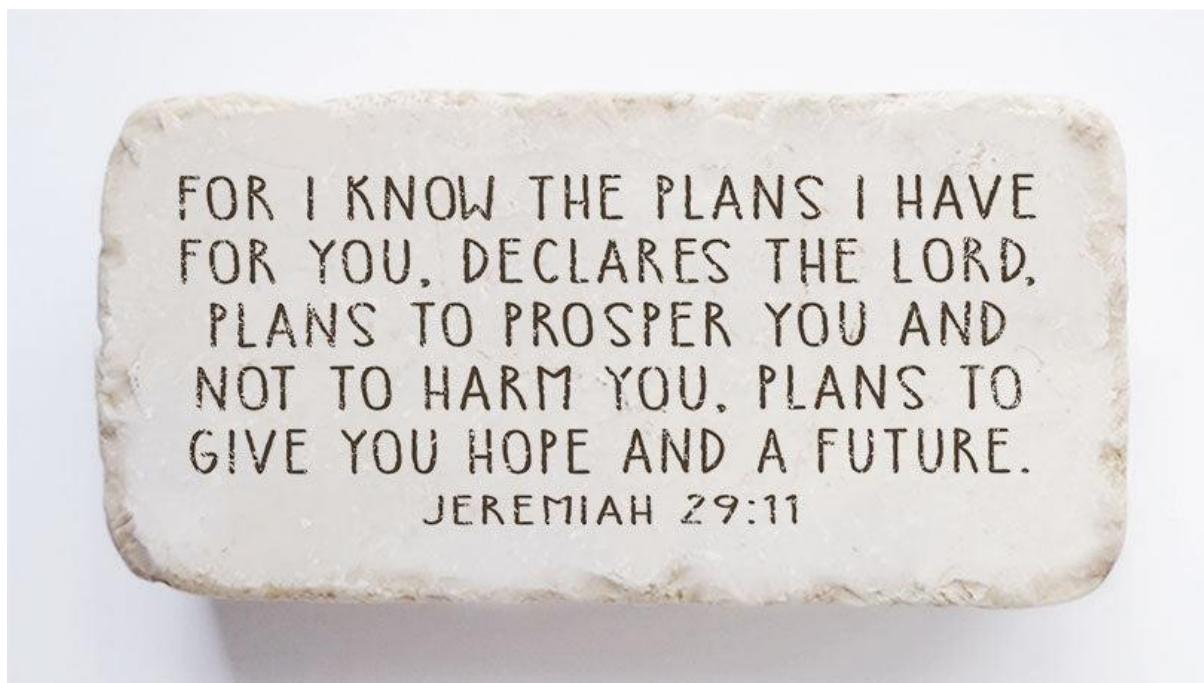
If you would like to be more involved, we are now inviting parents to sign up as Class Representatives. You can sign up at the School Office, and our first Class Rep meeting will take place on Wednesday, 1st October 2025, at 9am. Mrs Coley will be representing the school at these meetings, and we encourage you to get involved.

A few important reminders for this term:

- Like last year, children are not allowed to bring **smartphones** or **smartwatches** to school
- **Breakfast Club:** 8:30–9:00am, charged at £2.50 per session.
- **After-School Enrichment Clubs:** £35 per 6-week block.
- **Extended Day Provision:** £20 per hour.
- No clubs will run during the first week back in September.
- **Class Dojo** will remain our main communication platform. However, private messaging will be disabled. To discuss concerns or queries, please contact the school office directly. The school will determine the most appropriate communication method and designate the appropriate staff member to respond.

- **Personal Equipment:** Children in Years 1–6 may bring their own pencil cases containing: HB pencils, colouring pencils, a green pen, a purple pen, a small ruler, an eraser, and a glue stick. Pupils are expected to take responsibility for their personal items.
- **School Gates:** From September, the Hoxton Street (KS1) entrance will be the sole point of entry. Gates will open at 8:50am.
- If you need to discuss your child's **progress or raise a concern**, please follow the correct steps:
  1. Speak with your class teacher first.
  2. If needed, speak to your Phase Leader:
    - EYFS and KS1: Ms Rodrigues
    - KS2: Mr O
  3. Book an appointment with the Head of School.
  4. Finally, you may request a meeting with the Executive Head if necessary.
- Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in helping us maintain strong communication and a positive learning environment.

As a Catholic school, we remain rooted in faith, community, and service. Let us enter this new year with hope and trust in God's guidance:



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

Let's work together – school, home, and parish – to make this year a truly special one for every child at St Monica's.

**Warm regards,**  
 Mrs. Lenka Jallow  
 Head of School  
*St Monica's Catholic Primary School*