

St Monica Primary School



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Welcome to St Monica Primary School



Dear Families,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to St Monica Primary School!

At St Monica Primary School we believe that highly skilled staff can achieve the best possible education for children where we can achieve the highest outcomes, are aspirational and have the determination to succeed; a school in which we all learn, dream and believe.

Our school is a happy and safe place where pupils are encouraged and supported to achieve their best. The standard of teaching and learning we expect is extremely high and we pride ourselves on creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all children.

Our vision is that all children thrive academically and develop into caring, responsible and hardworking citizens. Learning is fun and pupils are enthused and supported to achieve their very best.

St Monica Primary School is part of the Inspire Learning Partnership, and works collaboratively with other schools in the Trust in order to fulfil our Trust's vision of transforming lives and building futures.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Monica Primary School and are privileged to have your child start their school journey with us.

Miss Clark
Headteacher



Mr Waghorn
Head of School



Welcome to Early Years at St Monica Primary School

We believe that it is vital that your child has the best possible start to their school life.

With this in mind, we create a caring atmosphere in EYFS where children feel safe, are able to take risks in their learning, challenge themselves to problem solve and achieve their best.

We pride ourselves on equipping the children with skills and experiences that enable them to be curious about the world around them. Through an engaging and fun curriculum, rich in real life hands on experiences and engaging books, we inspire the children to learn.

We ensure that all children develop positive relationships with all adults and their peers to enable them to play and learn successfully together.

We look forward to getting to know you, your family and working together on this exciting adventure!

Mrs Legg

Deputy Headteacher



INSPIRE values

Innovation: think creatively

Nurture: support and grow

Success: make improvements

Passion: love it

Integrity: listen to your heart

Responsibility: take control

Excellence: achieve the best



Learn — Dream — Believe

Contact information

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Ofsted

We were rated 'good' in all areas of the school by Ofsted in March 2025. Please see our website for the report.

Arbor



At St Monica Primary School, we use Arbor to store all the information we hold about your child. We will send you a login to set up an account so that you use the parent portal to pay for trips and update consents.



Transition to School

At St Monica Primary School we offer a gradual transition into school. This begins in the Summer term when your child starts the parent and child stay and play sessions. We will also be making contact with your child's pre-school, nursery or childminder to arrange a visit (either in person or virtual) during the summer term so that we can find out a bit more about your child prior to them starting school.

In September, we will be visiting you and your child at home. Following this, the children will gradually increase the amount of time they spend in school each day before attending school full time. A full transition timetable was included in your welcome email.

School Uniform

Our School uniform is:

- Grey or black trousers, shorts, dress or skirt
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt (plain or with school logo)
- Black shoes
- A blue checked dress may be worn in the summer months

For PE:

- Plain round necked PE t-shirt (white or royal blue)
- Black shorts or jogging bottoms in colder weather
- Trainers or plimsols

Your child will also need a water bottle. Book bag and PE kit.

Our school uniform is supplied by:

- **Wearabouts:** www.wearabouts.co.uk
- **Brigade:** www.brigade.uk.com

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name on.

More information on our school uniform can be found on our school website.

Healthy School

St Monica is a Healthy School and if you decide to provide your child with a packed lunch, we please ask that you provide your child with a healthy lunch. We are also a nut free school due to severe allergies so please do not bring any nut products into school, thank you.

Social Media



Please do follow us on Facebook. Simply 'like' our page and see all the amazing learning and events that are taking place in school. We regularly share photographs and news to showcase all of our learning so it is worth following to give you an insight into the school.

St Monica Friends & Family

We have an active Friends and Family group at St Monica. If you wish to be involved with raising funds for our children, please email the team at: stm.pac@ilpartnership.org.



School Dinners



All children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to free school meals. These are provided free of charge under the Universal Free School Meals Scheme. This means that your child can have a free hot dinner every day at school. Hot meals are provided onsite by Southampton City Catering. There is a choice of three delicious options every day. Children get to choose what they would like during registration in the morning.

Whilst all families are eligible for universal free school meals, certain families are also entitled to an additional offer. If your family is on a low income, or in receipt of certain benefits, you may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) throughout your child's time at school. If you think this may be the case, please let us know. There are additional benefits to this, including vouchers during the holidays and much more.

Please visit <https://www.citycateringsouthampton.co.uk/schoolmenus> to view the current menu.



Staffing

Children in Early Years are split into two classes: **Rosen** and **Potter classes**.

Currently, the classes are taught by Mrs Young, Mrs Ford and Mrs Ballard. We will confirm who the teachers and Learning Support Assistants working within the year group are over the coming months.

The School Day

8.30am: Doors open

8.40am: Registration

9.00am: Phonics

9.30am: Morning Session

11.30am: Lunch

12.30pm: Afternoon Session

3.00pm: Home time



Tapestry

At St Monica we use Tapestry as an electronic learning journal. You can download the Tapestry app onto your phone. Using your special code, you will be alerted to all of the fantastic learning your child has completed and milestones that they have achieved. These alerts can be pictures, videos or messages.

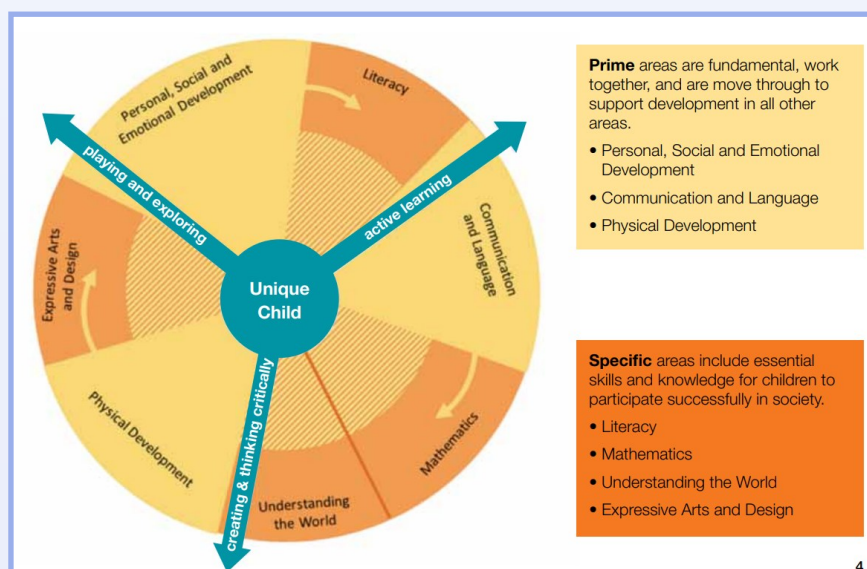


The School Day

For children in Early Years, the doors will open at 8.30am with the school day (registration) starting at 8.40am. The day finishes at 3.00pm. You will need to collect your child from outside of their classroom at this time. If anyone else is collecting your child, please make sure your child's class teacher (or the office) are aware of this.

The day will consist of whole class teaching, small group work and independent learning that we call Discovery Time. Your child's class teacher will complete a Reception Baseline Assessment on your child soon after entry and will really spend time getting to know them. Provision in the environment will change frequently and will adapt to the needs of the children.

All learning will be based on the 7 key areas of learning (3 prime and 4 specific) and will develop your child's characteristics of effective learning.



Prime areas are fundamental, work together, and are move through to support development in all other areas.

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development

Specific areas include essential skills and knowledge for children to participate successfully in society.

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.



Safeguarding

Our Commitment

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 safety and wellbeing of every child in our care is our absolute priority. We expect all of our staff, pupils, parents, volunteers, Academy Councillors, visitors, contractors and third party professionals to share this view.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

The term "Designated Safeguarding Lead" (DSL) is used in the DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education document and refers to the person accountable for overseeing the safety and wellbeing of the children in the care of their setting.

All DSLs in our Trust wear a wide black lanyard displaying the Trust/School logo, with 'DSL' written on it in white wording.

Registering a concern about a child

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

For more information about safeguarding at St Monica, please visit our school website.

www.stmonicaprimary.co.uk/Safeguarding



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Getting your child ready to start school

In order to prepare your child to start school, it would be really helpful to focus on the following over the summer holidays:

- Talking about themselves, their family and their interests.
- Dressing themselves independently, including jumpers that are inside out.
- Toileting themselves and managing their own personal hygiene including washing their own hands.
- Listening to stories that are read to them, enjoying key phrases and talking about a favourite book.
- Singing songs and rhymes, joining in and having fun.

We will look forward to meeting you and child as part of your child's induction into school and welcoming you to St Monica Primary School.



