

SNIPPETS

NEWSLETTER



It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome everyone back to St Monica Primary at the start of the year. We hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful summer break and found opportunities to spend quality time together. A particularly warm welcome also goes to our newest pupils and families joining us in Reception. We are delighted that you have chosen St Monica Primary School and are thrilled to welcome you into our school community.



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Message from SLT



The start of a new academic year always brings a sense of excitement and optimism. September offers a fresh beginning, full of new opportunities, new experience and new aspirations. It has been wonderful to see our children return with such enthusiasm, ready to embrace the challenges and successes that lie ahead. Year R have had a successful start to school and all other year groups are enjoying getting to know their new teachers and classes.

As most of you are aware, I was seconded to St Monica Primary School two years ago as interim Principal. I am pleased to let you know that I am now the Headteacher of St Monica Primary School. As well as working at St Monica, I also work across the Trust for part of the week. Mr Waghorn remains as Head of School and is at St Monica all week. Mrs Sherwood is our SENDCo and is at St Monica 4 days a week.

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs Sherwood is now the trust SENDCo and supports other schools 1 day per week. Mrs Legg, the Deputy Head, is enjoying maternity leave after welcoming a little baby girl in the summer. We are always available at the start and end of the day so please do come and speak to us.

Entry into school

Thank you to all of you for supporting us with a calm entry into school and calm exit from the school. Can we please remind you that your child should always be with you, walking on paths and not climbing on banks or fencing. A particular thank you to our new YR parents who are lining up with their children in the morning on the pedestrian pathway. The car park should remain a car park and not be used to walk in and out of the school – this is to ensure everyone's safety, thank you.

Mobile phones

Thank you to the children for following our new mobile phone procedures. In order to support this culture further, we would kindly ask all parents and carers to help us maintain this culture by modelling limited phone use during collection times, thank you.

Before the children returned, our staff team spent two valuable INSET days preparing for the year ahead. We spent time reflecting on our vision, aligning our priorities and looking in depth at teaching and learning. All staff also took part in allergy awareness training and our Trust wide safeguarding training. Please find safeguarding updates on our school website: <https://www.stmonicaprimary.co.uk/Safeguarding/>

This year, we remain committed to raising standards, broadening opportunities and ensuring that every child receives a rich and engaging education. We are excited about the journey ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Thank you once again for your continued support in helping us make such a positive start to the new academic year. We hope you all have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

Miss Clark



Dates for your diary:

Term Dates for 2026 - 2027 Academic

Year



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



OCTOBER



SEPTEMBER



Wednesday 23rd September



Phonics Parent Workshop - EYFS



8:45am |  School Hall

Friday 25th September



Friends & Family Cake Sale



3:00pm |  Outside Reception 

Thursday 24th September



Phonics Parent Workshop - Y1/2



8:45am |  School Hall

Wednesday 30th September



Y5 Wonderdome



Morning |  School Hall

Thursday 1st October

Individual & Sibling Class Photos



Morning |  School



Yellow Photography

Thursday 1st October

Academy Committee Meeting |

Thursday 1st October



School Census Day

Friday 16th October



Y1/2 Trip to Turner Sims

Friday 16th October



Last Day of Term

Monday 19th - Friday 30th October



October Half Term



St Monica Safeguarding

ST MONICA PRIMARY SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mr. Waghorn
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss Johnston
Trust Designated Safeguarding Lead
Deputy Safeguarding Leads

Miss. Clark

Mrs. Sherwood

Mrs. Hunter

Mr. Langston

Mrs. Wilkinson

Need someone to talk to?

All staff are always here for you.

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



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.

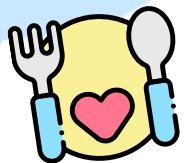
We do not want to be forced to take this action so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

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	Weekly Attendance %	
★	Potter	99%	★
	Rosen	100%	
★	Keller	98%	★
	Seacole	97%	
	Nightingale	97%	
★	Attenborough	95%	★
	Earhart	98%	
	Pankhurst	92%	
	Swift	97%	★
★	Mercury	99%	
	Lee	96%	
★	Spielberg	96%	★
	Whole School	97%	

★ Great attendance helps everyone succeed! ★



Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's academic success. When children attend school consistently, they build strong learning behaviours, stay engaged within lessons, and develop positive relationships with teachers and classmates. Missing even a few days can make it harder for children to keep up with classwork and can affect their confidence and progress. We encourage parents to help their children arrive on time (8:30am) and attend every day unless they are truly unwell - because every day in school counts!



What's On in and around the local area

YEAR 5 & 6
OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER | 5PM - 7PM

Join us for guided tours and a presentation by the Academy Principal at 6pm.

Open Workshops scheduled on Tuesday 22nd September from 5:00 - 6:00pm and Wednesday 23rd September from 10:45 - 12:15pm. Please email info@oasisgolfing.org or call 0203 9048 880 to request a place on a tour.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE

Woodlands

Open Evening

Wednesday 23rd September 6pm-8pm

Headteacher's presentations at 6:15pm & 7:00pm

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Discount Activities September

- 15th Sep | Bowling & Laser Tag Southampton | 6pm £4
- 17th Sep | Monkey Bizness Gosport | 6:15pm £2.50
- 19th Sep | Ice Skating Gosport | 3pm £4
- 19th Sep | High Score Arcade Southampton | 1pm £4.50
- 19th Sep | Ninja Warrior Southampton | 3pm £5
- 21st Sep | Flipout Portsmouth | 4pm-6pm - £4.50
- 24th Sep | Bowling Farham | 6pm - £3.50
- 26th Sep | Family Swim Romsey | 1pm - £3.50
- 28th Sep | Monkey Bizness Southampton | 6:15pm - £2.50

To book please email activities@spotlightuk.org

JAMES BEATTIE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMP
YEAR 1 TO YEAR 8

MON 26TH - TUES 27TH
8:30AM - 2:30PM PLACES LEISURE, EASTLEIGH

FULL CAMP £45 SINGLE DAY £25

Any queries, contact info@jamesbeattiefootballacademy.com

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Merlin Raffle **£3**

Win annual passes for a family of up to 6 people to all Merlin attractions for a whole year!

For all 20+ Merlin attractions, include Sea Life, Madame Tussauds, LEGOLAND, Chessington, and much more!

Scan the QR code to access the form and enter

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org



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Only £4 per ticket

Registered charity 1129258

Win a trip to Disneyland Paris!

Up to a family of 6. Includes 3 nights self catering break at Disney Santa Fe Hotel or Davy Crockett Ranch hotel, theme park access for 4 days, and Eurostar tickets for August 2027

Scan the QR code to access the form and enter

For more details please email activities@spotlightuk.org

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>11th September 2026</u>	<u>18th September 2026</u>
Potter Class	All of Potter Class	Oakley
Rosen Class	All of Rosen Class	Lennon
Keller Class	Ziggy	Jasper
Nightingale Class	Ava	Alexandre
Seacole Class	Olivia-Lily	Billie-Rose
Attenborough Class	Charlie E	Indie
Earhart Class	Willow	Riley
Pankhurst Class	Ryan	Lyla
Mercury Class	Tadiwa	Caysey
Swift Class	Elliot	Laura
Lee Class	Imogen	Emmie
Spielberg Class	Lauren	Travis

