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NEWSLETTER



As we come to the end of what has been an incredibly **busy**, **productive** and **fulfilling** half term, we would like to take this opportunity to **thank** every member of our school community for their continued **support**, **commitment** and **enthusiasm**.

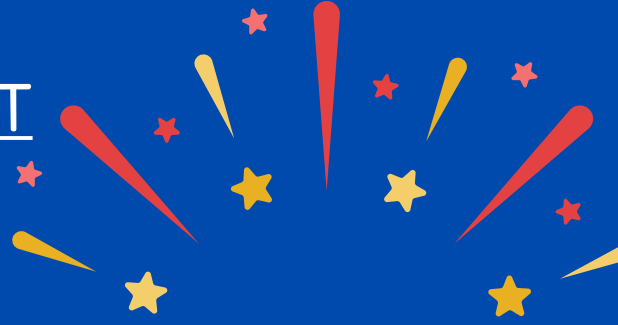


St Monica Primary School

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Message from SLT



Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your amazingly generous Harvest Festival contributions. The response from our community was truly outstanding and we were overwhelmed by the quantity and quality of donations received. Your kindness and willingness to support others is greatly appreciated and demonstrates the strong sense of community that exists within our school. Thank you for helping us make such a positive difference to those who need it most



We would also like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic children and wonderful staff. The achievements we celebrate each day would not be possible without the dedication, care and commitment of our teaching team, support staff and wider school team. They work tirelessly to provide high-quality inclusive learning experiences, exciting enrichment opportunities and exceptional care for every child. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a talented and caring team and we are extremely grateful for all they do. Equally, our children continue to impress us every day with their positivity, resilience, hard work and enthusiasm for learning. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school.





This week has also seen some fantastic enrichment opportunities for our children. Our Year 1/2 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Turner Sims today, whilst our Year 5 pupils had a wonderful experience visiting the Art Gallery and Southampton City Centre. These visits provided valuable opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom, develop cultural awareness and create lasting memories. We would like to thank all of the staff who organised and supported these visits, but most importantly we would like to congratulate the children. Their behaviour, attitude and conduct were impeccable throughout and they represented the school brilliantly. We regularly receive compliments when our children are out in the community and this week was no exception. We are immensely proud of them!

A plea from Gardening Club

Our Gardening Club is reaching out for a little help from our school community. We are always looking for ways to improve and develop our garden, creating a space where pupils can learn about nature, responsibility and the environment while enjoying time outdoors.

If you have any spare gardening tools that are no longer being used, or if you have plants, bulbs, seeds or cuttings that you would be willing to donate, we would be most grateful. Every contribution, no matter how small, can make a real difference and help us continue to grow and enhance this valuable resource for our children.

Whether it is a trowel tucked away in a shed, a packet of seeds you no longer need, or plants that could find a new home in our garden, your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting the Gardening Club and helping us create a thriving outdoor space for everyone to enjoy.

Kind regards

Miss Hirst & Mrs Glasspool



A sincere thank you must also go to all parents and carers who attended Parent Consultation meetings this week. These meetings provide an invaluable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress and work together to support each child's learning journey. Strong partnerships between home and school are one of the most important factors in helping children flourish both academically and personally. If you were unable to attend your appointment this week, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that an alternative conversation can be arranged, which can be a phone call. It is important that children see the value we place on working together and understand that school and home are united in supporting their success.



As we look ahead to next half term, we would like to remind families about the importance of attendance and punctuality. Every lesson matters and every minute of learning counts. Arriving late can be unsettling for children and means they miss important learning, routines and instructions at the start of the day. School starts promptly at 8.30am and children should be arriving at this time, so they are settled and ready to learn. Please note that any child arriving after 8.40am is recorded as late. Improving punctuality remains an important focus for us and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring children arrive on time each day.



Finally, we would like to wish all our children, families and staff a happy, restful and enjoyable two-week half term break. Whether you are spending time with family and friends, enjoying activities closer to home, or taking advantage of the extended break for a holiday, we hope it provides an opportunity to relax, recharge and spend valuable time together. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout what has been a very successful half term.

We cannot wait to welcome all of our children back to school on Monday 2nd November @ 8.30am.

Best wishes
Miss Clark & Mr Waghorn



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



 OCTOBER

Monday 19th - Friday 30th October
 October Half Term

 NOVEMBER

 Monday 2 November
First Day Back - Autumn Term
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 Wednesday 11 November
NHS Child Flu Immunisation Day

 Thursday 12 November -
EYFS 2027 Open Evening, 17:00-
18:00

 Friday 13 November
Children in Need Day & 
Robin Hood Pantomime

 Monday 30 November -
INSET DAY (School Closed to
Pupils)

 DECEMBER

 Wednesday 2 - Friday 4
December - Year 6 Calshot
Residential Adventure

 Wednesday 9 December -
Step into Christmas - Friends &
Family Event

 Thursday 10 December -
Christmas Jumper Day - Save the
Children

 Monday 14 December -
Friends & Family Christmas Raffle
Draw

 Monday 14 December -
Christmas Disco - Friends & Family
Event

 Wednesday 16 December -
Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas
Jumper Day

 Thursday 17 December - Year
6 Sing for Victory Performance,
14:30 in the School Hall

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



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI COMPANIONS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY
- DANGEROUS MENTAL HEALTH ADVICE
- DATA HARVESTING & OVERSHARING
- DISTORTED SOCIAL SKILLS
- INAPPROPRIATE OR EXPLICIT CONTENT
- "SNEAKY" UPSELLS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

Advice for Parents & Educators

- TALK OPENLY ABOUT FAKE RELATIONSHIPS
- ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTION
- AUDIT PRIVACY SETTINGS & AGE LIMITS
- REINFORCE WHERE TO GET REAL HELP

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Top Tips for Educators

PUPIL WELLBEING CONVERSATIONS

1. MATURE WORK, TOGETHER, & KIND RELATIONSHIPS

2. BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

3. KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED

4. HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS

5. THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE

6. BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

7. CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

8. DO NOT CARRY IT ON YOUR OWN

9. HELPFUL OPENERS

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about LOOKSMAXXING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- TARGETING MALE INSECURITIES
- OURIOUS ADVICE
- EXTREME REMEDIES
- BODY IMAGE ISSUES
- MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
- A 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.

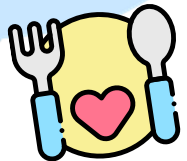
We do not want to be forced to take this action so please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.

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	Weekly Attendance %	★
★	Potter	99%	★
	Rosen	91%	
★	Keller	97%	★
	Nightingale	97%	
	Seacole	97%	
★	Attenborough	97%	★
	Earhart	97%	
	Pankhurst	99%	
	Swift	100%	★
★	Mercury	94%	
	Lee	91%	
★	Spielberg	99%	★
	Whole School	97%	

★ 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>9th October 2026</u>	<u>16th October 2026</u>
Potter Class	Leo	All of Potter Class
Rosen Class	Hudson	All of Rosen Class
Keller Class	Wiki	Harper
Nightingale Class	Remi	Wren
Seacole Class	Jude M-M	Victoria G
Attenborough Class	Grace-Marie	Rowan
Earhart Class	Ted	River
Pankhurst Class	Michael	Alexander
Mercury Class	Charlie	Lucas J
Swift Class	Evalyn	Tommy
Lee Class	Josh	Robyn
Spielberg Class	Devon	Mia