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NEWSLETTER

St Monica Primary School
Learn Dream Believe





Message from SLT

The children have spent time learning about anti-bullying under this year's National theme of 'Break the Silence'. During this week's anti-bullying assembly, children explored what bullying is and what it is not, learning that bullying is repeated, intentional behaviour that causes harm and involves an imbalance of power, whether face-to-face or online. They discussed the different forms bullying can take, including physical, verbal and emotional bullying, and considered the impact it can have on a person's feelings and wellbeing. Children also learned about the different roles people can play in bullying situations, including targets, defenders, bystanders and those who encourage bullying. Children reflected on how everyone can make a positive difference by reaching out, showing kindness and seeking support from friends, parents and trusted adults if there were ever any concerns. Please help to reinforce this message at home and do let us know if you ever have any concerns or worries.

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It has come to our attention that some children have been let out late at the end of the day. Please accept our apologies for this. We understand that this has caused problems and are very sorry that it has put you and your family in a difficult situation. We appreciate receiving this feedback and hope that it will now improve moving forwards. We have reviewed our processes and will ensure that children are brought to the playground promptly at the end of the day. In order to ensure the safe collection of children, teachers will release them one by one in the line. Children will not be able to leave the line until their class teacher has released them and they have been passed over to a parent or a named contact. Hopefully a prompt exit will allow this process to be more efficient. Thank you so much for your support with this.



As we move further into the festive season, excitement is certainly beginning to build around school. Today, our Christmas tree is going to be put up (a huge thanks to our amazing Friends & Family team and Mr Sketcher). I am sure the children will enjoy seeing the school begin its festive transformation. Over the coming weeks, there will be many opportunities for you to share in the children's achievements and celebrate their learning with us, as well as share the joy of Christmas. Please check Arbor for all key dates and event information for you to visit school, enjoy the performances and see the wonderful progress the children have made. We look forward to welcoming you school and celebrating this special time of year tog



Finally, it is that time again where we are seeking your views and would kindly ask you to complete our parent survey. Your feedback is really important to us; we value your comments and your perspective so we can make positive changes to the school. Thank you ever so much in advance for your time with this.



Have a lovely weekend & thank you for your continued support.

Miss Clark & Mr Waghorn

Dates for your diary:

Term Dates for 2026 - 2027 Academic Year



NOVEMBER

🏫 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

🪩 Thursday 10 December - Y1/2 Nativity - Christmas Counts - Performance 1 at 09:30 in the hall

🎄 Friday 11 December - Y1/2 Nativity - Christmas Counts - Performance 2 at 09:30 in the hall

🪩 Monday 14 December - Christmas Disco - Friends & Family Event

DECEMBER

🎟️ Monday 14 December - Friends & Family Christmas Raffle Draw

⭐ Monday 14 December - EYFS Christmas Nativity - Performance 1 at 09:30 at St Mary's Church

⭐ Tuesday 15 December - EYFS Christmas Nativity - Performance 2 at 14:00 at St Mary's Church

🎶 Tuesday 15 December - Y5 Carols Around the Christmas Tree - 14:30 in the hall

🎵 Wednesday 16 December - Y3 Christmas Music Performance - 09:30 in the hall

🎶 Thursday 17 December - Y4 Music Service Performance - 09:30 in the hall

🎶 Thursday 17 December - Year 6 Sing for Victory Performance, 14:30

St Monica Safeguarding



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

National Online Safety









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





Attendance Matters!

Great attendance helps our children learn, grow and achieve!

Class	Attendance %
Potter	95%
Rosen	98%
Keller	95%
Nightingale	96%
Seacole	99%
Attenborough	96%
Earhart	97%
Pankhurst	97%
Swift	92%
Mercury	98%
Lee	92%
Spielberg	93%
Whole School	96%

Thank you for your continued support!

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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



SOUTHAMPTON FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE

AT **HAMBLE SPORTS COMPLEX**
SATCHELL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4NE
STARTING: WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2027

Wednesdays:
Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1.....4.30pm-5.30pm
Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....5.30pm-6.30pm
Group 3: School Years 4, 5 & 6.....6.30pm-7.30pm

Dear Parents,
I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **25 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in January 2027. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and awards

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks, with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.** ***Mark Frith*** **(course co-ordinator)**

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:
SOUTHAMPTON + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)
and receive confirmation by text to:
07827 322780





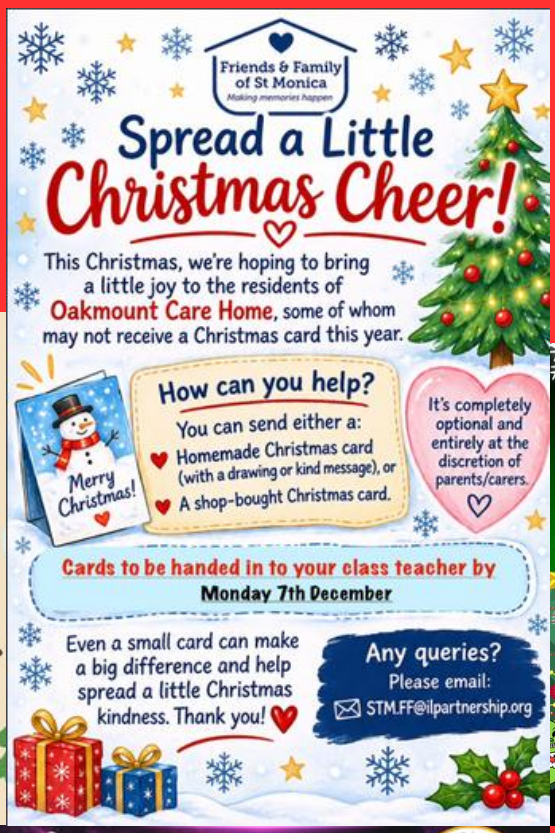








Friends & Family of St Monica















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Making memories happen

What's On

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated as Star of the Week for the last week and this week!!



Class	20th November 2026	27th November 2026
Potter Class	Colby	(Carried over) Colby
Rosen Class	Leo	Robyn
Keller Class	Nancy	Isabelle
Nightingale Class	Leo	Matteo
Seacole Class	Uriel & Sophie	David
Attenborough Class	Elsie	Sienna Rose
Earhart Class	Ted	Melissa
Pankhurst Class	Maizy	Jake
Mercury Class	Hugo	Millie
Swift Class	Sophie	Holly
Lee Class	Ruby	Rocco
Spielberg Class	Charlotte	Thomas