



Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent

We spoke about the hope that Advent brings us this week in our collective worship assembly. We are so lucky that at our school, we can be filled with hope as we wait for the birth of Jesus. Fr Kieren quoted from the movie 'Polar Express' this week at our Advent mass and we know that by saying 'I believe' we always have the hope that this time of year brings us.



Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 14th December between 12-3pm. There will be an own clothes day for children on Friday 13th December and there are more details on how you can help in this newsletter. We rely on our PTA fundraising to enhance opportunities for our children. Please do all you can to support.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers/dresses/accessories next Thursday 12th December. For those on dinners, this will also be Christmas Dinner Day.

Own Clothes Day

Next Friday 13th December, children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for a donation for the Christmas Fair. The PTA have asked for specific donations from each year group, but all donations gratefully received. Please see the information later in this newsletter for more information.

Christmas Dates

Please read the dates for the next couple of weeks for information on what will be happening in the build up to Christmas.

Santa Dash

Thank you to you all for your support and generosity in raising £230 for Caritas Charities who will support those in need across Salford Diocese in the lead up to Christmas. The children looked fantastic and we have had a lovely day.

Punctuality

Can I please make a plea for everyone to make a big effort to get into school in time to start at 8.55am. We all know that things can happen on some mornings to make us late but when this is consistently happening, then efforts should be made to address this. It is disruptive and unfair on teachers who may have started lessons and then having to repeat for those who are late. Time is really precious in school and we should do all we can to make it count.

Take care,

Mr Doherty



Headteacher's Awards this week.

Well Done everyone. We are proud of you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Award</u>
06/12/24	RL	Hugo	Always being kind, safe and respectful. Hugo is a delight to have at St Monica's and an asset to our class. He is focused and works exceptionally hard to develop his learning.
	RP	Luca	Being very respectful in church, saying his prayers nicely and always being ready and working hard.
	1B	Alperen	For always being ready to learn and trying his hardest with everything.
	1/2F	Harper	For always being such a positive member of the class and for making us smile everyday.
	2CS	Sylvia	For always being ready, respectful and always working so hard at everything.
	3B	Caleb	For always being kind and a good friend to everyone.
	3/4C	Eliza	For being kind, enthusiastic and working hard.
	3/4S	Matas	For always producing fantastic artwork.
	5K	Georgia	For great enthusiasm during the St Antony's Carol Service and representing our school beautifully
	5/6B	Oliver	For an amazing effort in his Reading assessment and all his VIPERS sessions.
	5/6S	Jasmine	For exceptional scores in her assessments. You've worked so hard - well done!





This week's achievements...



Well done to all of those who we celebrated on their achievements out of school. Well done boys and girls. We are proud of you!

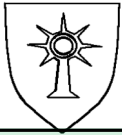
Also, a special mention to our footballers who played in torrential rain at Acre Hall on Thursday evening. A credit to our school. Thank you too to Mr Blackburn for putting in the time to take them to these events.



Santa Dash

Assembly—

Everyone was ready for the Santa Dash at our assembly this morning!



Musical Performance



Some of our Year 5 pupils performed in a magnificent Christmas concert at St. Antony's College along with pupils from English Martyrs and St Hugh of Lincoln. It was absolutely breathtaking and once again the boys represented St. Monica's with distinction. Well done to you all and to Ms Keville for helping to put on this wonderful concert.



Santa Dash-Thank you everyone!





Some dates for your diary (Please keep an eye on these as they will be updated throughout the term)

W/B 9th December– Bikeability

Tuesday 10th December– Reception Nativity 10am and Nursery Nativity 2pm (both in school)

Wednesday 11th December– KS1 Nativity at 2pm in Church

Thursday 12th December– Christmas jumper/accessory day

18th December– Whole school mass at 9.30am

18th December– KS2 (Years 3-6) Carols in Church at 2pm (Please note that there is no evening performance this year.)

19th December– Christmas Parties (school will provide the food)

Friday 20th December-Children finish for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th Jan 2025-Return to school-(Please see website for the term dates for the year.)

Thursday 6th February-Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Imagine That

Friday 14th February 2025– Children finish for half term

Term dates for 2025-26 are now available on school website.

W/C 2.12.24

Whole school - 96.4%

Nursery - 97.67%

RL - 90%

RP - 99.13%

1B - 97.6%

1/2F - 97.14%

2CS - 99.31%

3B - 97.24%

3/4C - 92.67%

3/4S - 98.33%

5K - 93.08%

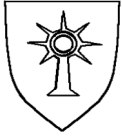
5/6B - 96.90%

5/6S - 96.77%

Attendance

Well done to our Class 2CS for the highest attendance this week. Great job!

Before the end of term, we will be reviewing individual attendance figures and identifying persistent absence so that we can look to find solutions for this. Clarity has been given to schools on lots of areas in regards to attendance. What is very clear is that holidays during term time are not permitted and schools will have a duty to report to the local authority with fines ensuing. Please do refer to our holiday dates when booking holidays as unauthorized holidays will be reported to the local authority.



OWN CLOTHES DAY
Friday 13th December

Please support our
Christmas fair by wearing
your own clothes.



Children wearing their own clothes are asked for a donation towards the fair:

Nursery and Reception: 🍭

Chocolates/sweets (for chocolate tombola)

Year 1 and Year 2: 📺

Ladies gifts (for gift room)

Year 3 and Year 4: 📺

Gents gifts (for gift room)

Year 5 and Year 6: 🍷

Bottles (for bottle tombola, unopened please)

We also welcome donations of cakes and good quality toys & books for our stalls.

No bric-a-brac thank you.

If anyone can volunteer for an hour at the fair, help to set up on Friday afternoon, or if you are able to donate any raffle prizes, please contact

Amanda on

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07827 328541.



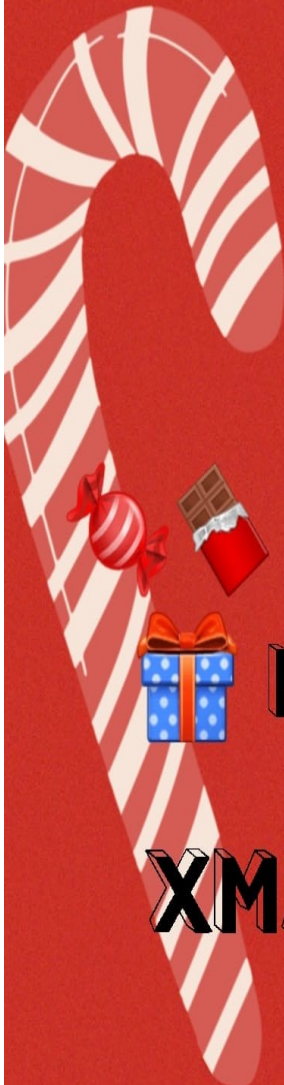


St. Monica's RC Primary School

The child is at the centre of everything we do.

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BOTTLES

SWEETS CHOCOLATE



LADIES & MENS GIFTS

XMAS FAIR SAT 14TH DEC

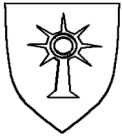
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NURSERY OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

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SCHOOLS.**



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Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

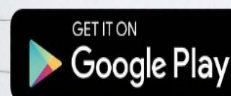
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Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.



You have raised £296.15 for school. Thank you so much. This will go towards new playground equipment for the children.