

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parents Evening

Parents'/Carers' evenings will take place in school on Monday 18th and Thursday 21st November. You should have received information on how to book your slot. If not, please contact the school office.

GM Money Matters and School Nurse at Parents'/Carers' Evening

On the Monday of parents'/carers' evening, Manjeet from GM Money Matters will be on hand to offer discrete financial assistance and support and on Thursday, our school nurse Laura, will be available to offer help and advice with any medical or nursing issue concerning your child.

Phonics Information Evening

Mrs Peattie and Ms Frith will be hosting a Phonics information session for Reception parents. (Please note that Ms Frith will be hosting another session for Year 1 parents/carers on Thursday 28th November at 2.45pm) Apologies for the confusion over this. For those who are unable to attend these sessions, we will be recording the session and making it available to everyone.

School Improvement Plan

Please do take the time to contribute to our school improvement plan as mentioned in the newsletter last week. This will close at the end of next week.

<https://s.surveyplanet.com/hgpe7ts8>

Dates and Communication

We do try to communicate important dates as far ahead as possible, but this is not always possible due to logistical reasons, but also events can happen in response to need or direct requests from others. We will continue to look at how we can get this communication to you as soon as we possibly can. Please do keep an eye on the list of the dates in the newsletter.

Remembrance Sunday and Remembrance Day

On Sunday, children and their families are welcome to parade behind the St. Monica's banner. Mrs Richardson and Mrs Slater will be at Eden Square from 9.30am, with the parade due to leave for the War memorial at 10.25am. Children are welcome to wear school uniform if they wish.

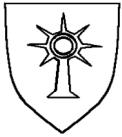
On Monday 11th November, children who attend any uniformed order or organisation are welcome to come to school in their uniform. All staff and children will be taking part in two minutes silence at 11am on Monday.

November Remembrance

November is also a month of remembrance in the Catholic Church, and we wish to mark this month in school by remembering and praying for all of our loved ones who are no longer with us. Ms Keville has asked if any of our families would like to send in messages or pictures of loved ones who have passed away to be included on our Prayer Tables at school and included in our St Monica's Memorial Book to be prayed for during assemblies. A copy of the photo would be best but please do speak to your child's class teacher if you need the original back.

SEND Parents/Carers Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first SEND coffee morning this year on Tuesday 12th November at 9.10am. If you are a parent of a child with additional needs or just wish to come along and have a chat with other parents and Mrs Agnew, our SENDCO, then please do just come along for a chat and a drink. This will be a general chat about SEND issues and not specific queries about individual children.



Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week and children will be learning about how we respect and welcome everyone here at St. Monica's and how bullying is not acceptable. To the mark the end of the week, children will be encouraged to wear odd socks on Friday 15th November as a symbol of how we accept difference in our school.

Term Dates 2025-26

Term dates for 2025-26 are now available on the school website to view here:

<https://www.stmonicasschoolflixton.org.uk/term-dates-for-st-monicas/>

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Doherty

Thanks to our GIFT team for organizing our poppy selling and collection this week. Well done everyone!



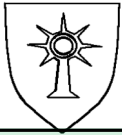


Headteacher's Awards this week. We have been so excited to have our Reception children with us this week for Friday assembly...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Award</u>
8/11/24	RL	Maebh	For always trying her best especially in phonics where she is amazing at Fred Talk.
	RP	James	For being respectful and always tidying up. He always thoughtful and interesting answers at carpet times.
	1B	Tommy	For trying really hard in all of his lessons this week! Superstar!
	1/2F	Ruby	For writing a lovely prayer for Remembrance Day
	2CS	Molly	For working really hard with addition & subtraction.
	3B	Evie	For working really hard in VIPERS lessons.
	3/4C	Willow	For making a brilliant effort with her handwriting.
	3/4S	Ivy	For writing a fantastic Amazon River journal.
	5K	Aoife	For excellent effort and enthusiasm with her home reading
	5/6B	Mete <input type="checkbox"/>	For always giving 100% and having a positive attitude

Well Done everyone. We are proud of you!





Our sports and other achievements this week...

Well Done everyone. We are proud of you!



Hi Tommy!



And just a little shout out to these Year 3 children who sang and actioned us out of assembly today.



W/c 4.11.24

Whole school - 97.28%

Nursery - 99.20%

RL - 96.36%

RP - 98.70%

1B - 98.40%

1/2F - 93.21%

Over 97% across school– that's more like it! Well done Nursery this week with 99.2%.

2CS - 97.24%

3B - 94.48%

3/4C - 98.00%

3/4S - 98.33%

5K - 96.92%

5/6B - 97.93%

5/6S - 98.71%

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

Tuesday 12th November– SEND parents coffee morning

Tuesday 12th November- Prospective Parents open visit 4.00pm-5.00pm

Thursday 14th November– Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents (9.15am and repeated at 2.45pm)

Monday 18th November and Thursday 21st November– Parents Evenings (appointments only)

Thursday 28th November– Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents/carers (others welcome) 2.45pm

Wednesday 4th December– Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am

Friday 6th December-Santa Dash (Details to follow)

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

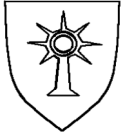
Friday 20th December-Children finish for Christmas Holidays

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

Friday 14th February 2025– Children finish for half term

Feedback on Open visits

We had a couple of open visits this week for parents of prospective pupils in Nursery and Reception. We don't put on events as such and visitors very much see what we do every day. We know that there are lots of things we are developing and improving in school, but it was lovely to hear parents remark about how happy the children were in St. Monica's and what a lovely atmosphere there was around school. Our staff strive to create this atmosphere every day and it was lovely to be able to share this positive feedback with them today.



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Thank you so much. Still 22 days to go!**