



### Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have had a lovely half term and the children have had a good break from school. I just wanted to get in touch before we return as we look forward to final half term of the school year.

### SEND Awareness Week

The last week of our previous half term was our SEND awareness week and we were all enthralled by how some of our amazing children helped present some of the difficulties that they face and how they use their skills to overcome these difficulties. We all have our own needs and the week helped to highlight how important it is to work together and help each other, as well as being kind to each other. We are ambitious for all of our children at St. Monica's and want the best for each child.

### Phonics Screening

Next week is the statutory Phonics check for all of our Year 1 children. It is important that our Year 1 children are in school next week as the check has to be administered next week. If there is a reason why your child in Year 1 will not be in school next week, it is important that we are informed.

### Secondary School Roadshow

On Tuesday 18th June at 4.30pm, the annual Secondary School roadshow will take place at St. John Henry Newman Parish Centre in Davyhulme, next to Our Lady of the Rosary School. School leaders from St. Antony's, Loreto Grammar and St. Ambrose Grammar will be presenting to parents and children about their schools. This primarily for Year 5 parents and children but everyone is welcome to attend.

### Sports Days and Open Evening

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 19th June, with EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) taking place in the morning. KS2 (Years 3-6) will take place in the afternoon. Exact timings will be confirmed this week. On the evening of Wednesday 19th June, there will be open evening for current parents to come into school and see their child's books and showcase of some their work. Teachers will be in the classroom but this will not be an opportunity to discuss children's progress or attainment.

### Chocolate Bingo and Summer Fair

Chocolate Bingo returns to St. Monica's on Thursday 27th June (details to follow) and the annual Family and Friends of St. Monica's Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 13th July (more details to follow).

Have a great weekend,

*Mr Doherty*

Trafford Council and Community Computers are opening a series of Trafford Tech4All pop-up shops providing:

- **Heavily discounted, high-spec laptops for £60** for low-income families receiving Universal Credit or other benefits
- **Free 25GB data SIM cards, contract-free for 12 months** for low-income families receiving Universal Credit or other benefits
- **Low-cost broadband plans** for families receiving Universal Credit or other benefits
- **Online safety support from Greater Manchester Police**

The pop-ups will have devices available for residents to purchase at the following locations:

- St John's Centre, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 1 – 4pm
- Lostock Library, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30 – 6pm
- Altrincham Library, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2 – 5pm
- Sale Waterside, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2 – 5pm

People will be eligible to purchase an item from one of the pop-ups if they are in receipt of a form of financial support or are a low-income household. A full list of criteria is at: [Eligibility | Community Computers Shop](#). **Proof of eligibility and Trafford address is required to purchase.**

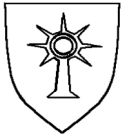
If you don't want to purchase a device, you can still come along to find out about digital skills training, how to keep your kids safe online and support with the costs of getting or staying connected at home.



### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS FROM FRIDAY 24TH MAY

24/05/24	Nursery	Willow	For always being a kind, caring and thoughtful member of the class.
	RQ	Marcus	For fabulous maths work using part whole models
	RV	Milan	For telling us all about the superpowers in your ears. You are a superhero!
	1B	Amelia	For trying really hard with her reading!
	1/2F	Ruadhan	For delivering an amazing speech in our assembly.
	2S	Sammy	For great work identifying deciduous and evergreen trees.
	3B	Ava and Amy	For a wonderful first week at St Monica's.
	3/4C	Ted	For consistent hard work across all subjects
	3/4GS	Isla	For super work during Deaf awareness activities
	5K	Isaac	For great effort in Art and Music lessons.
	5/6B	Reuben	For coping with challenges and changes really well.
	5/6S	Niaha	For showing a range of impressive, creative techniques in her Art project.





### The Crowning of Our Lady

Thank you to all of you who contributed flowers for our ceremony of Crowning Our Lady. Thank you too to Fr Kieren for coming into school to lead us in this ceremony. It was such a lovely morning and prayers and congregations like this really do help form our school and parish community. We pray every week together to the Blessed Virgin Mary and ask her to take our prayers to God. We always pray to her to take our prayers to God, those in our school community who need them, and also anyone in our own lives who we think might need help or intercession. As Catholics, we are blessed to have both Mary and Joseph as role models for how to be as parents and in Mary we recognize the love and devotion that our own mothers, grandmothers and carers can have for us. We know that we always have Our Lady to turn to in times of upset or trouble. In Fr Kieren's newsletter this weekend, he has shared an image that I think we probably could all recognise ourselves in at some point in our lives. We will continue to pray to Our Lady.





## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS -WELL DONE EVERYONE!



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations again to our children who recently made their First Holy Communion. Thanks also too to Mrs Hill and all of the Catechists who give up so much of their own time to make this such a special occasion.





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**Some dates for your diary**

**Monday 10th June– Return to School**

**Monday 14th June– Nursery to Blackpool Zoo**

**Tuesday 18th June– Partner Primary Roadshow at Parish Centre 4.30pm**

**Wednesday 19th June– Sports Day (EYFS am1 KS1 am2 KS2 pm)**

**Wednesday 19th June– Open Evening 3.45-5.45pm**

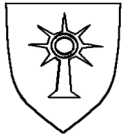
**Thursday 27th June– Chocolate Bingo 6-8pm**

**Friday 5th July– Reception trip to Smithills Farm**

**Friday 12th July– Y6 Retreat at Parish Centre**

**Saturday 13th July– Summer Fair**

**Friday 19th July– Summer holidays begin**



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