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NEWSLETTER

St Monica Primary School
Learn Dream Believe

Welcome Back!



The last two weeks have been wonderful as we have welcomed the children back to St Monica Primary School, full of enthusiasm and ready for an exciting half term of learning!

Staying Safe

as the days get shorter and darker...

As the days become shorter and darker, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of staying safe when travelling to and from school.

Please remember...

that children using bicycles or scooters should **dismount** before entering the school site and **walk alongside** them.



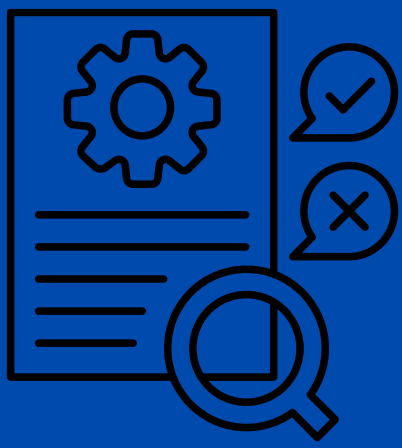
On arrival, bicycles and scooters should be walked from the pavement, down the driveway and through the side gate before being carefully placed in the bike shed.

We also ask that children walk alongside their bicycles and scooters when leaving the site at the end of the day until they have safely exited the school grounds.

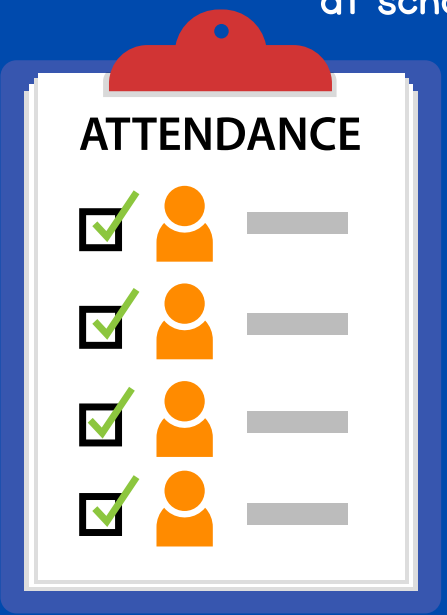
Thank you for your continued support in keeping our St Monica community safe.

Message from SLT

Last week, we were delighted to welcome a team of reviewers from Challenge Partners to St Monica. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the many strengths of our school and reflect on our priorities for continued improvement. As always, our children were fantastic ambassadors for the school, speaking confidently about their learning and demonstrating the values that make St Monica such a special place. We are grateful to our staff and children for their contributions and look forward to sharing the outcomes of the review in the coming weeks.



Attendance and punctuality really do matter - We have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. Being on time is essential to ensure children make a positive start to the day and do not miss important learning opportunities. We would like to remind families that continued poor punctuality may result in further action, including the possible issue of a Fixed Penalty Notice in line with local authority guidance. Thank you for your support in ensuring children arrive at school on time each day.





Please can we also ask all parents and carers to check that their Arbor account details and emergency contact information are up to date. As previously communicated, we will only release children to adults who are named on a child's authorised contact list. If any of your details have changed, or if you need to add or amend authorised contacts, please do so via Arbor or contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children safe.





We would also like to ask parents and carers to ensure that their child's medical information is kept up to date. If your child has a new medical condition, a change to an existing condition, or any updated healthcare needs, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Having accurate information enables us to provide the best possible support and helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Finally, although it may feel a little early to mention Christmas, we are currently finalising our festive calendar of events. We know how important advance notice is for families, and we will share all dates and arrangements as soon as they have been confirmed.

As Christmas begins to appear on the horizon, we would like to encourage our school community to remember that this time of year can bring different experiences for different families. While it is often a season of joy and celebration, it can also be a difficult time for some. If you are able to, please consider offering support, kindness or a helping hand to a neighbour, friend or fellow member of our community. Small acts of generosity and compassion can make a significant difference and truly reflect the values we seek to live out at St Monica. Please do contact Mrs Hunter through our DSL email address if you need support - stm.dsl@ilpartnership.org

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

Miss Clark & Mr

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 in the hall

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.

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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





Weekly Attendance

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Class	Weekly Attendance %
Potter	95%
Rosen	98%
Keller	98%
Nightingale	94%
Seacole	94%
Attenborough	96%
Earhart	97%
Pankhurst	98%
Swift	99%
Mercury	99%
Lee	96%
Spielberg	93%
Whole School	96%

Great attendance helps everyone succeed!







Regular school attendance is

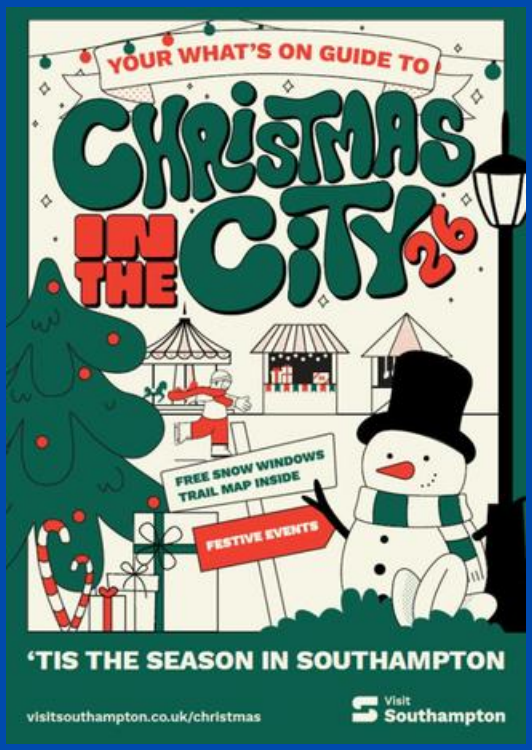


What's On in and around the local area











📣 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













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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	6th November 2026	13th November 2026
Potter Class	Olivia	Thalia
Rosen Class	Atticus	Laiken
Keller Class	Willow	Darcey
Nightingale Class	Willow	Hunter
Seacole Class	AJ	Maya
Attenborough Class	Angelo	Toby
Earhart Class	Charlie C	Luke
Pankhurst Class	Imogen	Camila
Mercury Class	Amelia	Tommy D
Swift Class	Poppy	Isaac
Lee Class	Bethany	Jake
Spielberg Class	Owen C	Hania