

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025



**ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Strive to succeed in the presence of God*

### **World Book Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

To help celebrate this special day, The Friends will be selling *Wonika chocolate bars* after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. They cost £2 each with the chance of winning a golden ticket! 15 golden tickets are available!! Some prizes include:

- trip to the park for you and your class
- be the headteacher for an hour
- film afternoon for you and your class

NB - We will have dairy free bars too. All proceeds to The Friends. A big thank you to one of our parents, Tina Brown for organising this event.

If your child is at after school club, please send in an envelope labelled with your child's name and amount to pay and give it to Mrs Murphy in the office. Mrs Murphy will liaise with the after school and the bar will be sent home with your child.

**There will be a book sale in school next Friday** – To make this a success, we need more donations, so please donate any unwanted books in good condition by Thursday (after school at the latest). Thank you.

### **Assemblies this week**

On Monday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to the children about "Random Acts of Kindness Day" which had been on 17<sup>th</sup> February. She explained that by doing small acts of kindness to others not only made the recipient feel good, but the person who was doing the act of kindness felt good as well. She encouraged them to try and do a small act of kindness every day. The whole school also joined together to pray for Pope Francis who is currently unwell.

On Tuesday we had our whole school Judaism assembly – see below.

On Wednesday, Mrs Warrington spoke to the Junior children and introduced how our new **Eco-School Council** would work. Everyone is a member as it takes everyone doing their small part to make the difference. The children have been asked to think of ways to improve the school environment. Our first type of pollution reduction is noise! Here's to a quieter dining room!

### **Year 1 church visit:**

On Tuesday Class 1Y had a great time Visiting St. Monica's Church.

Anna showed the children all the key artefacts that you find in a church. She was very impressed with the children's knowledge, remembering the four Gospel writers and key words such as 'genuflect' and 'Tabernacle'.

Class 1G were due to walk there on Wednesday but postponed their trip due to the pouring rain.



**Girls' Football:** The Year 6 girls went to our final football tournament at Laurel Park School on Monday afternoon.

Ella, Olivia, Neveah, Aoibheann, Ula, Florence, Rose, Paloma, Eirinn and Erin played football against three other primary schools. They were great matches! The girls won 1-0 against SMAB and 5-0 against Garfield. They sadly lost the final game in the last minute against Hazelwood school; however, we are so proud of their resilience and perseverance representing the school. Well done to all the girls – future lionesses!



**Judaism Week** – This week, we were incredibly lucky to have the lovely Ruth return to our school to lead a whole school assembly and workshops for each year group. In her assembly, she reminded the children that the Torah is written in Hebrew and the Star of David is a Jewish symbol. She also highlighted key books and objects which are found in Jewish homes that link to Jewish traditions and festivals.

In their workshop, Reception learnt about Hanukkah which is the Jewish festival of light. In Year 1, the children learnt about Abraham and Moses, focusing on the symbols of Judaism. In Year 2, the focus was on the Shabbat which is the Jewish day of rest linking to the Ten Commandments. Year 3 had a focus on the key features of the synagogue. Year 4 children learnt about the stories and rules of the Torah. In Year 5, the children learnt about Passover and were able to revise how it links to the Story of Exodus. In Year 6, the children learnt how to write their names in Hebrew and they also learnt about Rosh Hashanah which means Jewish New Year. There are a few images of the day [here](#).



**Class 6G Class Assembly:** - Well done to 6G for their fantastic assembly on Thursday, all in rhyme, to celebrate the upcoming World Book Day on 6<sup>th</sup> March. The stage was filled with characters from the Gruffalo, Alice in Wonderland, Matilda, Peter Pan, The Hobbit and many more. The class assembly was a fun and creative tribute to the magic of books! Watch some of the action [here](#).

## **Booking instrument lessons with EMS**

The deadline to renew or book Summer term music lessons and instrument hire is **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. If you would like your child to have music lessons in the Summer term (including children who already have lessons – you still need to book if you want to continue), please visit <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> and book now.

Having trouble booking? EMS are here to help but please contact them before **12:00 noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025** on 020 8807 8881 or email [Enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:Enfieldmusicservice@enfield.gov.uk)

Please note this deadline only applies to lessons and hire - bookings for ensemble membership will remain open throughout the holidays and rehearsals have started again, but please do sign up as early as possible.

For further information and guidance please read our FAQs: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice/faqs>

*If you have already booked, you do not need to take any further action and we will be in touch with you regarding the date and time of lessons once these have been agreed with the tutor.*

## **St Monica's School Nursery**

We are inviting applications for nursery places for September 2025. Places are available for children who were born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. If you have a child of this age or know any other local families who may be interested, the application form (with all the details about times and prices) and the admissions policy can be found on the website by clicking [here](#). **The closing date is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Look at some photos below.**



**Year 5 Interschool maths quiz:** On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle organised and hosted the second interschool maths competition, this time for Year 5 children from nine local schools. It was a great afternoon of collaborative working and problem solving. A huge congratulations and well done to Ella, Aidan, Millie and Bruno who represented St Monica's and came joint 2nd with Firs Farm. Highfield came 1st and West Grove came 3rd. Take a look at some of the action [here!](#)

A big thank you to Mrs Hindle who organises this event for all these other Enfield schools – it's a lot of hard work coordinating it and writing a suitably challenging quiz and all the schools are very grateful and appreciative!



### Diary Dates for next week:

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – online bookings for parents evening closes at 11.55pm. Please ensure you have booked a slot to ensure you get an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher next week.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' evening takes place during this week after school – please note these are 10 minute appointments. Please be considerate of other parents and stay to time. Please knock on the classroom door it's your time to meet.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Girls playing football at Power League – details have been emailed to those taking part

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Choir perform at Millfield Theatre – choir must be wearing school uniform and will be travelling to and from the theatre by bus. Please ensure you have responded to the GoogleForm from Mr Charles-Nelson emailed today.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Ash Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. Ashes will be distributed in a school service

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Usborne Book sale on the stage area while parents evening is going on. Pre-loved uniform will also be on sale with an honesty box for donations

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – all children are invited to dress as a book character (except Class 5Y who are going swimming – they can dress up on the Friday instead). For those children who don't like to dress up, there are plenty of books with ordinary children wearing their own clothes!

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm** - Last day to bring in unwanted books to sell at the book sale the next day

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Book Sale in school – children may bring in £1 to buy a book (or more if they wish)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Cross Country competition for selected children in Years 3 & 4 at Lea Valley Athletics Centre

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Final date to book music lessons from EMS for the summer term (see details above)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 to Hilltop in Norfolk for the week! As well as the Year 6 staff, Mrs France and Mrs Baptiste will be attending. A supply teacher will be covering Class 5Y in Mrs France's absence.