



# St. Monica's Primary School

## Newsletter 28th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of another term, and what a delight - the weather has blessed us with blue skies today! As the season of Spring turns us to thinking of Spring cleaning, I am very much looking forward to some Spring cleaning of our own here in school, with redecoration works being done in the school hall over the break. We have been waiting a long time for this, and look forward with anticipation to a fresh new look.



Today is Maundy Thursday, and the children have shared a special assembly together this morning, listening to the gospel and thinking about Jesus as our servant king. Some of our Mini Vinnies joined in the assembly with readings, and I am very grateful to them for their participation which added to the lovely reflective atmosphere.

The children's journey through Lent has been filled with prayer and reflection, both in school and in church, opportunities to respond to their learning about Holy Week, and thoughtful fundraising for those less fortunate. We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have planned activities for the younger pupils in school to take part in, all in the aid of The Good Shepherd Appeal.

The times for services and Masses at St Monica's parish for Holy Week and into next week are detailed for you below.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Easter.

Mrs J Pearson

### Services and Masses for Holy Week and the Easter Octave: St Monica's parish

**Maundy Thursday - 7pm** evening Mass followed by period of Watching before the Blessed Sacrament until 9.50pm (night prayer)

**Good Friday - 3pm** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday - 7pm** - Easter Vigil (Blessing of the New Fire, Paschal Candle, Blessing of Baptismal Water, Renewal of Baptismal Promises) and First Mass of Easter

**Easter Sunday - 10am** Mass

Monday of the Easter Octave – 1st April 11.00am

Tuesday of the Easter Octave – 2nd April 10.00am

Wednesday of the Easter Octave - 3rd April 10.00am

Saturday of the Easter Octave – 6th April

11.00am – Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00pm – For the Parishioners of Saint Monicas

**2nd Sunday of Easter** – 7th April 10.00am DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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### Welcome to New Pupils

After Easter we will be welcoming four new pupils to school. Two will be in Robins from 8th April, One in Swifts from 15th April and another in Kingfishers on 22nd April. Please help us to welcome them all to the St Monica's family and help them settle in to the Summer Term in their new classes.

### 'Daley Mile' - in memory of Cath Daley

On Tuesday 9th April at 3.45pm the staff at school will be walking a mile around our field (7 laps) in remembrance of Cath Daley, our beloved friend and colleague who passed away on this day two years ago. You are warmly welcomed to join us with your children, and like we did last year, we will be donating some money to St Rocco's in her name.

### FOSM Spectacular Easter Spoon Competition

The children's entries into the spoon competition have been fantastic, as always. The children have loved walking past the display tables looking at the entries as they have been coming in over the past few days. You can tell how much joy and creativity has gone into each and every one.



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### FOSM Spectacular Easter Spoon Competition

It was an impossible task to pick just 3 winners, but the staff enjoyed casting their votes and the winning spoons are below.

**The winners were: 1st - Aiza Qayyum**



**2nd - Ruby Karwa**



**3rd - Luke Robinson**



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### Passion Play



We are all so proud of the hard work, dedication and talent that Kingfisher and Blackbird classes put into their really moving retelling of the Easter story in the two performances of 'Hosanna!' earlier this week. A special thanks too to the parents and grandparents who helped them learn their lines and the songs, and helped with costumes.

*A lovely thank you message from one of our families: "I just wanted to pass on my thanks and congratulations to all the staff and children after tonight's fabulous production. I fully appreciate the time and effort invested in to putting together such a performance. It was wonderful to see all the children showing off their many talents and the costumes and props were fantastic. Thank you for all your efforts."*



### Lent Stalls

Thank you to our Year 6 pupils and all the families for their support. We have raised an incredible £256.28. The collection in Church after the Passion Play raised a further £76.63, making our total for the Good Shepherd Appeal to be **£332.91.**

### Rock Steady Assembly Concert

Here are a few photographs from the amazing Rock Steady Assembly. What a fantastic opportunity for them to embrace their inner rock star!



### Strings Assembly

Yesterday morning, some of our KS2 children performed a wonderful assembly for their parents under the direction of Kate from Accent. She would like to thank the children for their dedication and said they have been a joy to teach and made her very proud to see their progression.



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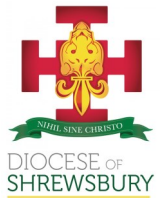
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### Irish Dancing World Championships

12th in the World. WOW.

These Yr5 & Yr6 St Monica's girls in their Irish Dancing ceili team went on to the World Championships stage on Monday 25th March and danced their hearts out.

They came off the stage bursting with pride, so happy with their performance and how well they danced. It's a feeling like no other for them.

One dancer said, 'I want to do it a million times over'.

Erica, Lily, Maya, Sophie & Leisel, we are all so proud of you - well done.



### Key Dates:

Thursday 28th March 3.30pm	-	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	-	Summer Term commences
Tuesday 30th April	-	KS1 trip to Tatton Park Farm

### Weekly Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Robins	94.3
Wrens	95.2
Blackbirds	93.2
Kingfishers	100.0
Swifts	96.8
Skylarks	91.7
Totals	95.2

**Well done to Kingfishers  
100% this week**



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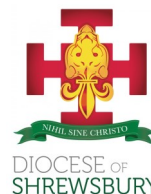


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<b>Summer 1 - Half Term Clubs</b> <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>KS2 – Netball Club</b> <b>Mrs Campbell</b>  <b>Mondays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>KS1 – Drawing Club</b> <b>(Limit to 15 children)</b> <b>Mrs Sisson</b>  <b>£10 for the half term*</b> <b>Tuesdays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>KS1 - Drum Club</b> <b>(Limit to 15 children)</b> <b>Mrs Kelleher</b>  <b>£10 for the half term*</b> <b>Wednesdays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.15pm</b>	<b>KS2 - Homework Club</b> <b>Mrs Rowland</b>  <b>Thursday Lunchtimes</b> <b>12.30pm – 1.00pm</b>	<b>KS2 - Cross Country Club</b> <b>Miss Lambert</b>  <b>Fridays</b> <b>3.30pm - 4.45pm</b>  <b>Club open to new members</b>
<b>KS1 and KS2 – Boxing</b> <b>(Limit to 16 children)</b> <b>External Club</b>  <b>£5 per person per lesson</b> <b>Mondays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>	<b>KS1 and KS2 – Taekwon-do</b> <b>(Limit to 40 children)</b> <b>External Club</b>  <b>£8 per person per lesson</b> <b>Tuesdays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>		<b>KS2 – Y5 and Y6 Book Club</b> <b>Miss Williams</b>  <b>Thursday Lunchtimes</b> <b>12.30pm – 1pm</b>	<b>KS1 French Club</b> <b>(Limit to 15 children)</b> <b>External Club</b> <b>Mrs Hinds</b>  <b>£36 for the half term</b> <b>Paid direct to provider</b> <b>Fridays</b> <b>3.30pm – 4.30pm</b>
			<b>KS2 Junior Choir</b> <b>Mrs Pearson</b>  <b>Thursdays</b> <b>3.30pm - 4.30pm</b>	<b>KS2 Y5 and Y6 Only</b> <b>Model Making</b> <b>(limit to 12 children)</b> <b>Mrs Rowland</b> <b>£7 for the half term*</b> <b>Fridays</b> <b>2.30pm – 4.45pm</b>
<b><u>Mondays</u></b>  <b>April: 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May: 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Tuesdays</u></b>  <b>April: 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Wednesdays</u></b>  <b>April: 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>  <b>April: 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><u>Fridays</u></b>  <b>April: 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>May: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Cross Country Club will start on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>

\*There is a small fee for Drawing, Model Making and Drum Clubs to cover resources and staff costs.

In the event of staff absence for school paid clubs, a club will be provided by another member of staff.

**Google Forms to register your child/children for these clubs are scheduled to be sent via School Spider at 7pm on Sunday 7th April.**

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## PROJECT ZONE

### JUNIORS

4-5:00pm – Disney arts & crafts  
4-5:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
4-5:00pm – Learn the Keyboard  
4-5:00pm – Girls only football  
4-5:00pm – Karaoke  
4-5:30pm – Card & gift making  
4-5:00pm – Pokemon Club  
4-5:00pm – Hairstyling

5-6:00pm – Origami  
5-6:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
5-6:00pm – Rollerskating  
5-6:00pm – Lego  
5-6:00pm – Gaming  
5:30–7pm – Card & gift making

6-7:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
6-7:00pm – Animal arts & crafts  
6-7:00pm – Chess  
6-7:00pm – Rollerskating  
6-7:00pm – Boxing

### MIXED – JUNIORS & SENIORS

4-5:00pm – Dance Squad  
4-5:00pm – Morris Dancing  
5-6:00pm – Pokemon Cards – Show & Trade  
5-7:30pm – Performing Arts

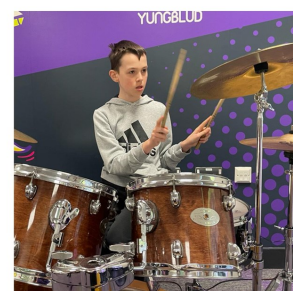
### SENIORS

5-6:30pm – Song writing  
6-8:00pm – Dungeons & Dragons  
6:30-8pm – Music Jam session – Beginners welcome  
7-8:00pm – Beginners Rock climbing  
7-8:00pm – Boxing  
7-8:00pm – Young leaders catch up (chill & chat)

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An OnSide Youth Zone



**Starting Sunday 31st March for 6 weeks**  
Project Zone runs every Sunday evening.  
Members must book online.

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