

1st December 2023

**St Monica's Film Club & Helping Hands would like to invite you to our
Family Film Night**

Wednesday 6th December 2023

Doors open at 4.30pm and the films start from 4.45pm.

There will be 5 screens and entrance is by ticket only. Tickets cost £4 each (the same price as last year) and include a complementary hotdog and a drink (vegi hotdogs also available) to eat during the interval.

Book your tickets here: <https://forms.gle/pUTGwCae4ykqxMU66>

Film	Show Time Start
Jingle Jangle – PG	5.00pm
Scrooge – A Christmas Carol – PG	5.15pm
48 Christmas Wishes – U	5.15pm
The Christmas Chronicles 2 – PG	5.00pm
Flexible Ticket - 3 shorter U rated films all on 1 ticket - watch 1, 2 or all 3 films 1) Boss Baby Christmas Bonus – U 2) A Giant Jack Christmas – U 3) Alien Xmas – U	4.45pm

Each picture has a link to the trailer for the film to be shown!



Think before you click!

All children are rehearsing well for our Christmas plays. We need your help for when you come to watch them perform! When you attend a school event and we ask you to not share images on social media it really is for a good reason. Not all families want their children's images to be shared on social media (including WhatsApp) some families **must not** have their children's images on social media. There may be children in this school who might be adopted, living in foster care or fleeing domestic violence and by revealing their identity could put the child at risk of harm. This could result in the child having to move schools. You may not know the child's background so **PLEASE** do not share images of anyone else's child other than your own. We must respect that all families are entitled to privacy.



Christmas Performances – Tickets

As we have more space in the school hall this year, we will not be issuing tickets. All performances will start promptly at the time advertised. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the performance starts as **you may not be admitted if you are late**, interruptions can really upset some children and can spoil other people's enjoyment of the show.



New Logos and Y6 Hoodies



The new logos have arrived and will be given out on Monday. Every child in the school will be given a new logo which needs to be ironed on top of an item of school uniform. I appreciate that not all families have an iron, some school staff will be bringing in their own irons from home to do this if you need some help.

All children in Year 6 went home today with the very first logos, including an extra logo if they have bought a Y6 hoodie. More hoodies are available for children in Year 6 – please see Parent Pay.

If you would like more than 1 logo for your child's uniform, extras can be ordered on Parent Pay – they cost £2 each and will be sent home with your child as soon as payment has gone through. The information about this will be emailed to you on Monday.

A lovely invite from St Michael's Church

An example of a craft activity = Mrs Cuthbert helping children to make the nativity out of peg people, she believes the food will be pizza...

There is no charge for this event!



CRAFT
SONG

All
welcome!

STORY
FOOD

**Saturday
9 December
10.30am – 12.30pm**

**ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
WHITCHURCH ROAD, CARDIFF**

Raffle Tickets

Please bring your raffle ticket stubs back into school with the money as soon as possible. Raffle tickets cost £1 each or £5 for the strip. You could win some lovely hamper prizes – the draw for the raffle will be during the Christmas Carol Concert at St Michael's Church on 20th December. Please do bring in your hamper items – lists of what to contribute have been sent out from each class teacher – please see them if you have forgotten what you might have been asked to bring in!

Scaffolding

There may be occasional changes to entrances over the next couple of weeks as the scaffolding is removed.

Links to the School Website – for up to date information about what your child **is learning in school**, **PE days** and **ANY homework** they may have

Step 1 Web Pages



Reception / Year 1

Step 2 Web Pages



Year 2 / Year 3

Step 3 Web Pages



Year 4 / Year 5 / Year 6



Plan Your Christmas in Cardiff, thanks to visitcardiff.com

There's a lot to unwrap this festive season in the Welsh capital but don't fret, Santa's little helpers working in the Visit Cardiff team have picked out the best of the city at Christmas. It's time to sleigh-cation and experience the festive magic in Cardiff.

 [Visit Cardiff's Ultimate Guide to Christmas](#)

 [A Winter Wonderland](#)

 [An Eventful Christmas](#)

 [Say Hello to Santa](#)

 [Magical Family Fun](#)

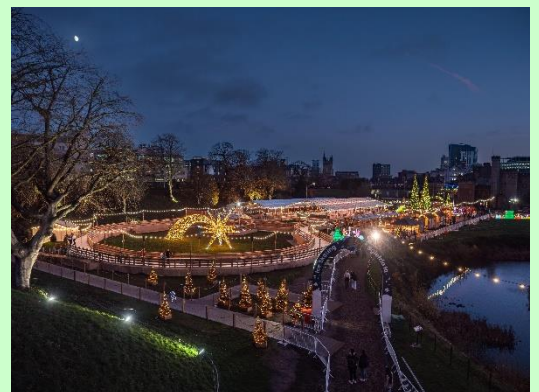
 [Team Night Out](#)

 [Christmas in a Castle](#)

 [Putting on a Show](#)

 [Festive Food & Drink](#)

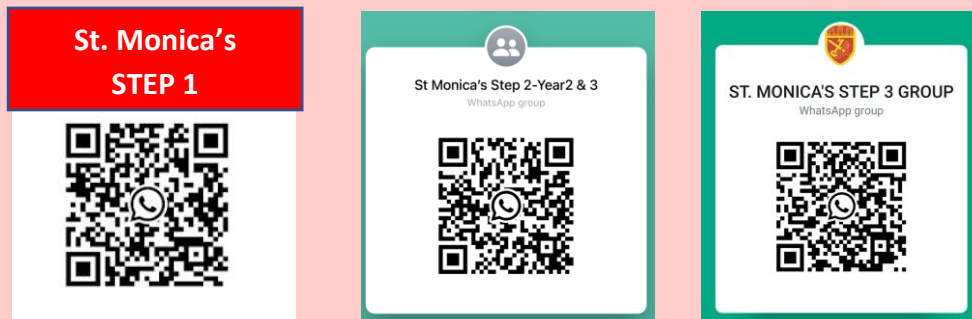
 [Give A Gift of Cardiff](#)



St Monica's After School Clubs

The last Film Club on Tuesday 5th December
 Chess and Coding clubs have now finished for this term
 Sports club will continue, the last session is Monday 18th December!

WhatsApp Groups for Parents



Contact details for staff

We MUCH prefer a face-to-face chat rather than an email, however, we know that for some parents, getting hold of us at the right time can be tricky.

For questions about Parent Pay or music lessons contact Mrs Fedorova:

Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk

To make an appointment to speak directly with (or see) the Head Teacher contact Miss Williams:

Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk

To email the Head Teacher: [Mrs Cuthbert](mailto:Mrs.Cuthbert)

To email the Deputy Head Teacher: mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Miss Hampson: misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Step 3 Mr Thomas: mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk

Mrs Irwin: mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk

We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp group for their child's year group really helpful too.

Dates for your diary

Mrs Cuthbert is not able to authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
	10.35 Jo Deeley (Highfields Church) for Worship	10.35 Rev. Caroline for Worship 4.30 Family Film Night	2pm Step 3 to Parish Eucharist	

Saturday 9th December 10.30-1.30pm St Michael's Church – Messy Christmas

Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec
Dress rehearsals	2pm Step 2 Christmas production	10am Step 2 Christmas Production 2pm Step 1 Christmas Production	10am Step 1 Christmas Production 2pm Step 3 Christmas Production	10am Step 3 Christmas Production
Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec	Wednesday 20 th Dec	Thursday 21 st Dec	Friday 22 nd Dec
Step 2 and Step 3 Choir at John Lewis Carol Singing The children will be performing at 10.30 – all welcome to support them!		1.30 Community Carols at The Table 6pm School Carol Concert at St Michael's Church	10.30 Step 3 to Sherman Theatre to see Peter Pan 11am Steps 1 & 2 to Sherman Theatre to see Hansel & Gretel Christmas lunch day – please book if you would like your child to have a meal!	Class games day – do not let your child bring any toys from home in please Last day of term – no school for 2 weeks

Booking Lunches

Please could parents **book lunch for their child the day before they need it** – it takes up a huge amount of time each day for teachers to ask each child what they would like. Parents are able to book lunches and make menu choices a week in advance. **Please do this using Parent Pay.**
<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



Booking your child's meal is essential!

VOTE FOR US!!!

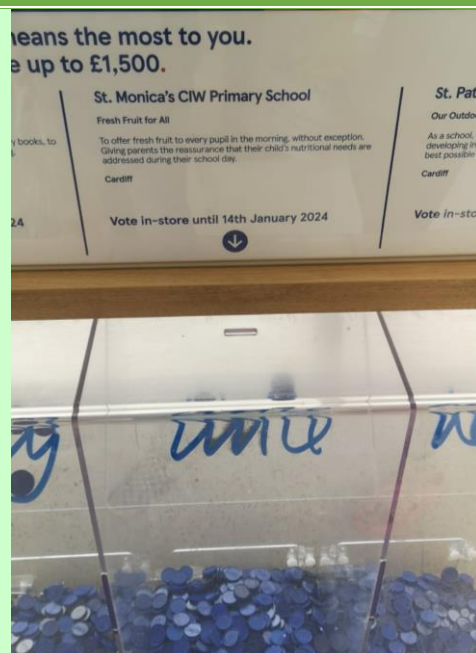


We are delighted say that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts as been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. **Vote now until Mid January 2024.**

St. Monica's CIW Primary School - Fresh Fruit for All

To offer fresh fruit to every pupil in the morning, without exception. Giving parents the reassurance that their child's nutritional needs are addressed during their school day.

All you need to do is pick up a blue voting token – in any Tesco store in Cardiff, and drop it into the St Monica's slot in the plastic voting station which is usually by the entrance of each store.



How to donate to St Monica's

There are many ways you could help in school, the first step is to either:

- come to the monthly Helping Hands meetings at The Table, or
- join the Helping Hands WhatsApp group, or
- join the online Parent Space meetings held at 9pm once per month

We welcome any donations, whether they be:

- **donations of time** (become a regular walker for trips to the park, listen to children read, help with fundraising events)
- **donations of resources** (Step webpages will have resource lists of things they may need to help with a particular learning context or with things needed for Christmas plays)
- **donations of money** (to help support trips or special events in school)

If you would like to donate money – you can do this in several ways, either in an envelope into the school office, via our donate button on Parent Pay or by doing a sponsored event – just like Miss Meyer...

Donations Greatly Received!!!



Our donation button is active on Parent Pay – thank you to those people who have found it. Our new target is to ensure that every child can access educational trips. You can get to the link by clicking on the picture below, or by visiting the school website...

Lovely invites from The Table



Christmas @ the Table, all welcome!

Saturday 9th December, 10:30am–12:30pm, 7:30–9:30pm

Christmas Crafts with the Cariat Blanket Project

All sorts of Christmassy crafting for all ages, abilities and interests

Sunday 10th December, 6pm

Carols, Beers and Candles

Emmanuel's take on the traditional carol service; rousing carols, poignant stories, fresh beers and pretty candles, oh and if you insist... some mulled wine and mince pies

Saturday 16th December, all morning

Breakfast with Santa

The Table throws open its doors for Breakfast with Santa – two sittings, booking needed

Sunday 17th December, 10:30am

The Everyone Carol Service

A chance for everyone, whatever your age, to celebrate Christmas with Emmanuel Church

Wednesday 20th December, 1:30pm

Community Carols

Celebrate Christmas with members of the Cathay's community lead by St. Monicas School and their choir – all welcome

Sunday 24th December, 10:30am

Christmas Eve Carol Service

Emmanuel's relaxed Christmas Eve carol service to help you rejoice, reflect and prepare for Jesus' Birthday

All welcome



the Table,
Pentyrch Street,
Cardiff

