



16th May 2025

St Monica's Talent Show

Tickets available on Parent Pay - £4 each, performers do not need to pay!
A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.

Do you know a family who would like their children to come to St Monica's?

We have spaces in most year groups as a few families have taken up housing or job opportunities outside of Cardiff. [this link takes you to our flyer, advertising a little bit about our school.](#) Please feel free to share it with your friends or church congregation.

It is easy to apply to our school, [this application form is for any Nursery or in-year applications/school transfers](#) or ask friends to visit our website or make an appointment to have a chat with us in school



Would you (or someone you know) like to work in St Monica's?

Mr Wood, our wonderful Estates Manager will be leaving St Monica's at the end of this academic year to take up a full time position in the new Fair oak Primary School. We are so sad that he will be leaving us!

As we prepare to move locations (a little bit further up Whitchurch Road) we are looking to recruit someone who can work with Mr Wood for a few weeks (to learn the ropes) and then work in our new school.

Can you, or someone you know, fix things, spot hazards and keep our school safe to be in? We are looking for someone who is cheerful (terrible jokes not essential), fit and active (football skills like Mr Wood's optional) and who can be an essential part of our staff team.



The advert will be going live soon on eTeach and Indeed or pop into school for an application pack.

Closing date is 2nd June, interviews will be 13th June.

Mobile Phones

The children in Step 3 are busy writing their persuasive arguments regarding mobile phones being brought to school. Our current position is that children who walk home alone (Y5 & 6 by agreement with Mrs Cuthbert) may bring a mobile phone to school that is kept in a special box in her office until the end of the day. The biggest debate is whether we should ban smart phones completely. Our focus is always on what will help keep children safe - both in the real world as well as the virtual/online world. I shall share the children's thoughts once they have shared them with me.

School Bags - Reception to Year 5

IMPORTANT - Please **don't buy a new school bag** for your child for September - the new school has very, very small cloakrooms. We will provide a school tote bag of a suitable size for every child, they will not be able to bring any other bag to school. The bags will fit any homework, reading books, a water bottle and a pencil case. (Y4 tested lots of bags to find the right type/size last term!)

Links to the School Website

For up to date information about:

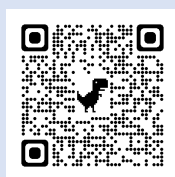
what your child is learning in school, PE days & home learning tasks (homework)

Step 1 Web Pages



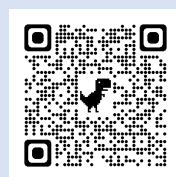
Reception / Year 1

Step 2 Web Pages



Years 2 & 3

Step 3 Web Pages



Years 4, 5 & 6

Dates for your diary

I am 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.

School term dates

Monday 19th May	Tuesday 20th May	Wednesday 21st May	Thursday 22nd May	Friday 23rd May
	Talent Show 6pm	Talent Show 6pm	4pm Finance, Premises and H&S Committee Meeting	2.35pm Praise & Celebration
½ Term Break - no school for 1 week				
Monday 2nd June	Tuesday 3rd June	Wednesday 4th June	Thursday 5th June	Friday 6th June
INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN	Worship - Becky Harris PC Jane Woodhall - Y6	Heartstone Project (De-escalation strategies) Step 3		2.35pm Praise & Celebration
Monday 9th June	Tuesday 10th June	Wednesday 11th June	Thursday 12th June	Friday 13th June
Worship - Mr Akrill	9.30 - Getting Ready for School (New Reception) Worship - Rev. Caroline		Water Safety Assembly 11am Vision & Values Committee Meeting Rev. Parmer (Y6) 4pm Standards Committee Meeting	2.35pm Praise & Celebration
Monday 16th June	Tuesday 17th June	Wednesday 18th June	Thursday 19th June	Friday 20th June
	Worship - Rev. Caroline		9.30 - Getting Ready for School (New Reception) Reports go home to parents	9am Helping Hands in school 2.35pm Praise & Celebration
Monday 23rd June	Tuesday 24th June	Wednesday 25th June	Thursday 26th June	Friday 27th June
Parent Consultations Booking Link will be sent home closer to the time Y2 Spectrum workshop Y6 iSingPop workshop	Colorfoto - individual and Y6 Leavers photos Y5 cycling festival	Y6 Cathays Cricket - transition project	4pm Full Governing Body Meeting	2.35pm Praise & Celebration
Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wednesday 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Sports Day (weather dependent)	Worship - Rev. Caroline	Worship - Jo Deeley		2.35pm Praise & Celebration

Monday 7th July	Tuesday 8th July	Wednesday 9th July	Thursday 10th July	Friday 11th July
Y6 Leavers Service at Llandaff Cathedral	Worship - Rev. Caroline	1.15pm Y6 'Joseph & his Technicolour Dreamcoat' at Llandaff Cathedral		9.30am Rock Steady Concert 2.35pm Praise & Celebration
Monday 14th July	Tuesday 15th July	Wednesday 16th July	Thursday 17th July	Friday 18th July
Y6 Leavers Celebration Day Parents & Friends invited for 6pm Y6 Evening Celebration	Last Day of Term for Children	School is closed to pupils as staff are packing the school up ready for the big move		
Summer Break - no school for 6 weeks - during this time the school will relocate further along Whitchurch Road - look out for the banners for our grand opening!				
Monday 1st September	Tuesday 2nd September	Wednesday 3rd September	Thursday 4th September	Friday 5th September
School is closed to pupils as staff are unpacking the school and getting all classrooms and outside areas ready				
Monday 8th September	Tuesday 9th September	Wednesday 10th September	Thursday 11th September	Friday 12th September
INSET DAY no school for children H&S Briefings for staff	Children return to school Reception Siblings start Breakfast Club reopens at 8.10am	Worship - Rev. Caroline		2.35pm Praise & Celebration

Dear Parents,

We have received some feedback from parents that they are unaware of what their children are learning in school, or what any home learning should look like. Please do look at the **Step Web Pages**, they contain everything you could ever wish to know about your child's learning in school. The QR codes on this newsletter lead directly to these, there are hyperlinks too, as well as easy access from the **school website - children section**. The separate **Curriculum Pages** on the school website contain all information for key areas of learning in Literacy, Numeracy, Welsh as well as other health and emotional wellbeing aspects of learning.

Today, the home learning grid for your child's Step will accompany this newsletter. The aim is that each half term, a hard copy of this grid will be sent home. It is always available on the Step Web Pages. It is the expectation that 1 piece of home learning comes into school each week, usually on a Monday. Reading books need to be returned weekly so they can be changed - children in Step 3 usually do this a little less frequently as they often have much larger books they read, which may take more than a week to finish.

We recognise that the Big Maths @ Home site has some glitches, I will be meeting with the developers in the coming weeks to iron out any issues we are having. I look forward to seeing many families at the Talent Shows next week - they are always the highlight of my year!

Your faithfully, Mrs Abi Cuthbert Head Teacher