

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

SS John and Monica's Catholic Primary School is joining thousands of other schools and early years settings across the country by getting involved in an exciting one-day event called **No Pens Day Wednesday**.

### **What is No Pens Day Wednesday?**

A national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language, *No Pens Day Wednesday* aims to raise awareness of the importance of these skills in children and young people's education and beyond.

For one day, SS John and Monica's pupils will put down their pens and all lessons and activities will have a focus on speaking and understanding skills rather than writing or using a computer keyboard.

### **When is No Pens Day Wednesday?**

We'll be joining this national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

### **Why are we taking part?**

Speaking and understanding skills underpin everything we do (learning, making friends, having good mental health, and ultimately getting a job) and directly affect pupils' education and life chances. Including speaking and understanding skills in a planned and structured way in pupils' education can have a positive impact on their learning and beyond.

### **How will your child benefit?**

No Pens Day Wednesday gives your child a chance to practise their speaking and understanding skills for a whole school day. Our pupils will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

If you would like to know more about this day, please feel free to speak with your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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*No Pens Day Wednesday is run by I CAN, the children's communication charity. For more information visit [www.ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday](http://www.ican.org.uk/no-pens-day-wednesday)*



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