



Spring 2 2025 Newsletter



Thursday 3rd April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this term's newsletter! So much has been going on and it's wonderful to be able to reflect on some of it!

Events

We had **World Book Day** and a jam packed week full of activities related to reading and enjoying books. The Book Fair was popular and we raised £605.00 which will help us buy more books for children to enjoy.

Year 6 had their **Parent Consultations** which was well attended and a workshop on their SATS.

British Science Week at school was fantastic! Pupils explored exciting experiments, interactive workshops, and fun science activities. A highlight was the incredible participation from families in the home science tasks, with pupils eagerly showcasing their experiments and discoveries. It was amazing to see so much enthusiasm for science both in school and at home, making the week a huge success!



Our **4th Chai.Coffee morning** was all about **PSHRE** and **Relationships Education** - thank you to all our families who attended and asked really good questions! Our British Science Week has hopefully inspired lots of future scientists from St Agnes. Thank you to all who helped their children at home doing different experiments and investigations! It was absolutely amazing to see so many parents turn up to our Nursery and Reception **Eid performance**! Thank you to all who came and contributed with food and made it so celebratory!

PAGS

Our Parent Ambassador Group (PAGS) continue to do an amazing job in supporting St Agnes such as assisting in parent workshops, trips, thinking of great ideas for fundraising for the school and hosting fun events with Mr Green. You are all amazing! We even have a Monday morning drop-in for new parents who might have questions about school life and they are ready to help out. If you might need some guidance or translating a concern, then please ask at the office to come and see the PAGS at one of the drop in sessions.

New parent governor!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome a new parent governor joining our Governing Body - **Mrs Sheiakh**. I am sure she will help ensure the strategic vision of the school is at the forefront of all that we do at St Agnes. On behalf of the Governing Body we extend our thanks and goodbyes to Mrs Bibi who made valuable contributions for the past four years. Mrs Bibi is now working as a teaching assistant at St Agnes!

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have had some brilliant clubs going this term with:

- a girls only Football club (Y5/6)
- Yoga (Y2)
- Dodgeball (KS2)
- Maths booster (yr6)
- Reading support club (yr1)
- MITC sports (Reception)
- Phonics (Y1)

Early Start Club is going well with pupils attending regularly, catching up on homework, reading books and as the weather gets better - enjoy some fantastic physical exercise! **NOTE:** after Easter holidays our Early Start club will

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have a **free** breakfast as well as the usual activities. The club will be every day from 8:00 am until 8:40 am. Make sure you let the office know if your child is attending and if they have any allergies we need to be aware of.

The pupils have been fantastic at lunchtime, showing great enthusiasm and sportsmanship while participating in the 'Shoot to Wembley' competition as part of **English Schools' National Football Week**. Their dedication, teamwork, and determination have been inspiring, with everyone giving their best effort and supporting each other. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils getting involved, improving their skills, and enjoying the Challenge. Thanks to all who have taken part so far!

Curriculum News

Nursery

This half term we have learned all about different **animals** and even got a visit from Pete the Cat! We also have been doing **Science** experiments. We learned about germs by touching a piece of bread with unwashed hands then putting it in a bag to see what happens after a few days. Ask your children what they saw on the bread!



Reception

This half term in Reception, the children have loved learning all about different **animals** and their **habitats**.

We have also enjoyed having our families in the classroom, to share the wonderful learning that takes place.



Year 1

This half-term has been a busy one for Year 1 with lots of wonderful learning taking place. We have been learning about **space** and enjoyed making our own **rockets and pop-up books** to get us excited for **writing**!

In **RE** we enjoyed a trip out to visit our local church and recognised lots of artefacts that we have been learning about in class.



Year 2

This half term we have learned all about **habitats** and about what life is like in Africa. We have studied meerkats and their behavior and wrote postcards from Sunny to the rest of the mob back home. We have been learning all about **fractions** in maths and can now identify $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$. We loved getting dressed up for World Book Day and sharing our favourite books with the year 6 children. We have also been busy making our very own puppets in DT. We even wowed the teachers with a puppet show!



Year 3

Well done Year 3, you have had an amazing half term! This half term we have learnt all about the **Bronze and Iron Age**, which you used your knowledge to

Year 4

We had a fantastic trip to Crowden this term where we investigated rivers for our **topic** and **writing** lessons. The weather was great too! Lots of sun which meant we



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write some fantastic **non-chronological reports**. You also all looked fabulous on World Book Day and read beautifully to the Nursery children.

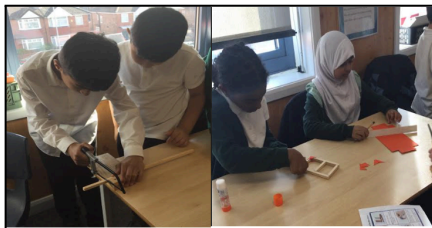


enjoyed looking at all the **river features** and measuring the speed, depth and width of the water. We even had a chance to do some pond dipping and found some exciting creatures!



Year 5

This half term, we have been learning all about North America and in particular, Florida- the Sunshine State. We have studied the **human** and **physical geography** of the state and have learnt why tourists are attracted to this part of the USA. During World Book Day, we created our very own **graphic novels**. We certainly have some very talented writers and illustrators! We have also been **designing and building** our very own Mars Rover.



Year 6

This term in Year 6, we have been learning about **World War II**, exploring key events such as the Blitz, evacuation, the impact of the war on everyday life and are preparing for the 80 year celebrations of VE day.

We've also been working hard to prepare for our **KS2 SATs**, focusing on improving our **reading comprehension, maths skills, and grammar**. Through practice tests and revision, we are building our confidence to do our best. It's been a busy but exciting term full of learning and preparation!

Star group



Star Group have been learning all about **nocturnal animals** and working hard to compile a **non-chronological report** in English. We now know lots of facts about badgers and foxes in the United Kingdom! In maths, we have been concentrating on **money**, using different coins and notes to make different amounts.

Attendance and punctuality

Unfortunately, we are still getting a lot of requests and absences during the term time and this is greatly affecting our attendance figures. Amongst our Longsight schools, we have one of the lowest **attendance rates** with **92.6%**. We are getting a lot of families going to Umrah, with children being absent for at least two weeks extra off from school. These holidays are **unauthorised** and **finances will be issued** accordingly. Term time absences make it extremely difficult for children to catch up on lost learning, resulting in them falling behind their peers. Our target is **96.6%** and as you can see from below not many classes have reached that target in the whole year so far! Please be



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considerate and think about the impact these absences have on your child's education. Take a look at your child's class below!



Dates to note:

- Friday 4 April 2025 - School **closes** at 2pm for Easter holidays (**2 weeks**)
- Tuesday 22 April 2025 - School **opens** after Easter holidays
- Week beginning 22 April - **Parent consultation sign up**
- Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 April - **Parent consultations**
- Monday 5 May - May Bank Holiday School is closed (**1 day**)
- Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May - **Year 6 SATs**
- Monday 26 to Friday 30 May - Summer half term - School is closed (one week)
- Monday 30th June - Staff training - **INSET Day** - School is closed (1 day)

On behalf of all at St Agnes, I wish everyone in our community a very safe and peaceful holiday.

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team

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