

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!

News and events

Year 6 2024 SATs - usually in the first or second week of May each year, Year 6 pupils nationally have to sit some tests known as the SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) in Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling; Reading and Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning). Our pupils worked really hard and gave it their best and regardless of the outcomes, it is important to celebrate how hard they have worked through them as they were not easy!

Parent consultations - attendance at the consultations has improved slightly with most classes having over 80% taking time out to meet their child's teacher and receive an update on how they are doing. It is really important for parents and carers to maintain communication with teachers to ensure they know what is going on and also how to help children at home.

Our fifth **Chai.Coffee morning** was focussed on attendance and we had the council attendance officers in to share their work and raise awareness about the importance of attendance. Unfortunately we had very few parents turn up for this and we hope to hold one again soon on this very important issue.

St Agnes becoming greener

You will have hopefully seen a lot of new plants and borders put around our school ground. Our Early Start breakfast club children have been brilliant in helping plant them and regularly watering them. If you are a keen gardener we would love to hear from you and help our school become even greener!

Mr Lovatt held a Sunflower Growing Competition with lots of families buying and planting seeds. Make sure you share your plant's progress with us!

We celebrated **VE day** by wearing red, white and blue with special assemblies and a traditional British lunch for everyone!



Eid ul Adha

It looks like Eid could be either Friday 6th June or Saturday 7th June. If it is Friday then only this day will be authorised as an absence for those celebrating Eid. If Eid is on Saturday 7th June, all pupils are expected to attend school on Friday.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have had some brilliant clubs going this term with:

- Maths booster (Y6)
- Reading support club (Y1)
- MITC sports (Reception)
- Phonics (Y1)
- Games - (Y5 and Y6)
- Crafts - (Y5 and Y6)

Curriculum News

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Nursery

This half term Nursery have been learning about '**Growth and Change**'. The children have planted cress seeds and have been looking at how to care for it. We have also got visitors in the classroom, we have **5 hungry caterpillars** that are already getting bigger, hopefully after the holiday we will watch them turn into butterflies and release them.



Reception

This half term, as part of our '**Growth and Change**' topic, the children have cared for tadpoles. They have learnt about the lifecycle of a frog and have **observed the changes**, first hand, as they turned into frogs!



Year 1

This has been a busy half term for Year 1. We have focused on **non-fiction texts** in English and have even had a go at writing our own non-fiction leaflets. We have also been learning outside of the classroom, with wonderful trips to Formby Beach



Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant half term. In English, we have been **reading** The Twits and we really enjoyed writing our own tricks and a diary entry as the Roly Poly Bird. We have had a big focus on spelling this half term and our teachers are noticing an improvement in our writing. In Maths we have been counting money and learning to tell the time. We have made a Roly Poly bird **sculpture** in Art and learned all about influential women in History. We compared Sunny Lowry and the **suffragettes** and voted on things we would like to change in school



and High Field Park. Thank you to all of the parents who helped out of these trips!



just like the suffragettes campaigned for women's **rights**!

We have had a few **gratitude** walks enjoying the beautiful nature and weather. We loved our trip to **Longsight library** where we got to choose our own books and took part in a poetry workshop.



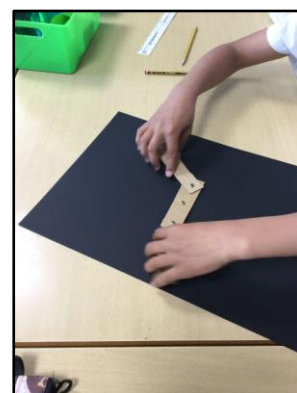
Year 3

We have had a wonderful half term. They have learnt lots of new skills including how to **read** a **map**. We also managed to tackle tricky **fractions** and learnt to enjoy them. Year 3 also enjoyed their well earned trip to the park. Well done Year 3, keep up the hard work.



Year 4

Year 4 have continued to wow us in the pool with their fantastic **swimming** ability and some children have even achieved their Shark award which includes life saving skills! Well done everyone for making such brilliant progress. We've been practising our **times tables** too in preparation for our Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June but we also had time to **investigate levers** in DT which was great fun. What a creative bunch we are!



Year 5

We have had a brilliant time focusing on the joy of **reading**, this half term. Y5 loved having parents in for our Breakfast with Books event; making reading forts; having guest readers and visiting

Manchester Central Library to meet real-life authors!



Year 6

Unfortunately, the highlight of this term for Year 6 has been their **SATs** tests and also being chosen for an external **writing** moderation. However, the pupils have taken this all in their stride and remained **upbeat** and **resilient**!

Luckily though, Year 6 were able to have a few hours of sunshine and enjoyed the school's new secret garden for their after SAT's **party**.



Star group

Star Group has been learning all about **money** this half term in our money skills lessons. We found out which coins were which, their **value** and how best to keep our money **safe**.

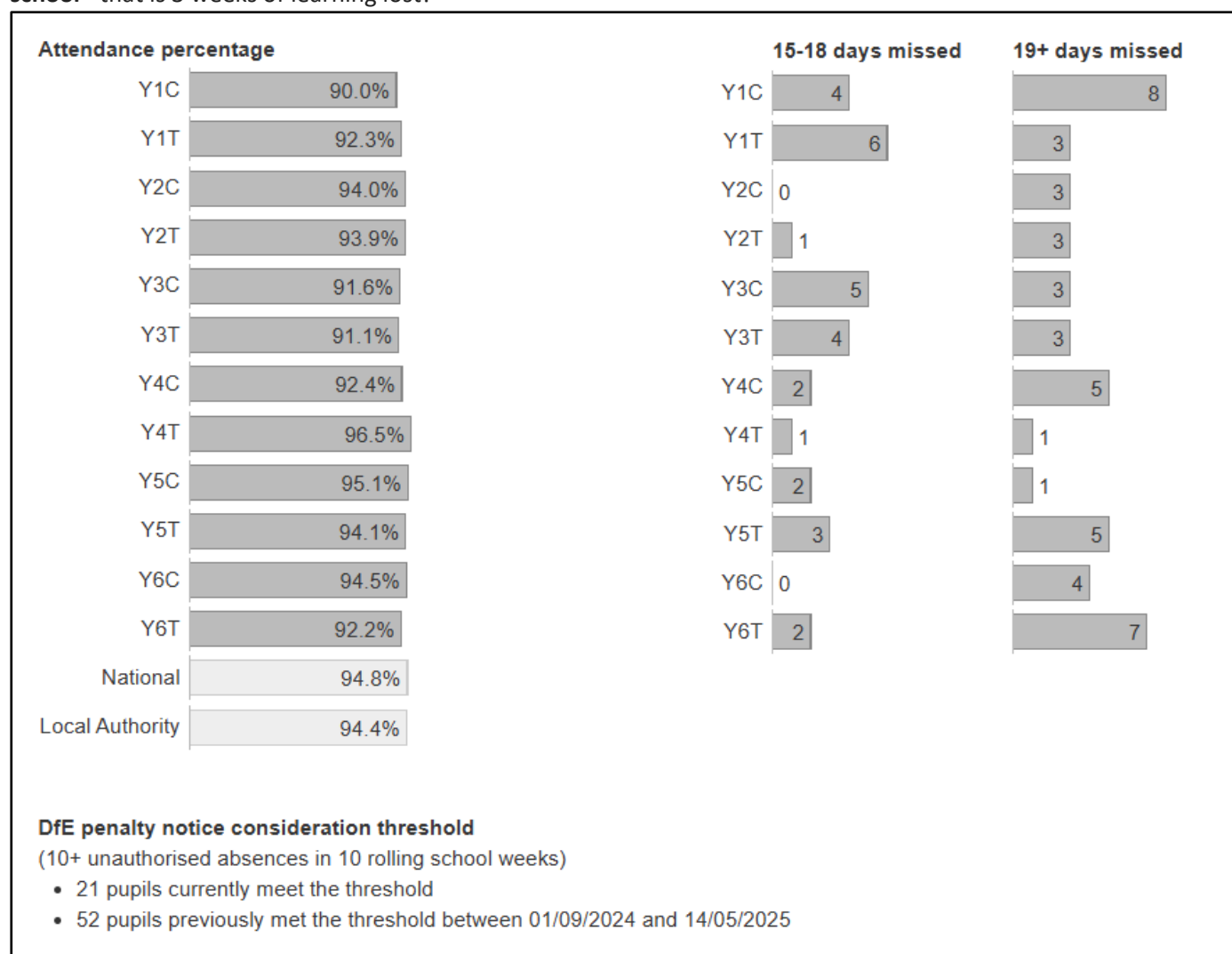


Attendance and punctuality

Attendance continues to be a big concern for our school community and we are sadly at the bottom of the table compared to our local schools in Manchester and in Longsight. This must change, as unfortunately the missed learning is huge for some of our children and as a result are performing not as well as they could do.

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The table below shows the classes and their absence. We have **76 children who have missed more than 15 days of school** - that is 3 weeks of learning lost!



Absences

- 6.8% overall absence
 - 4.7% authorised
 - 2.2% unauthorised
- 24.0% persistent absence
- 26 pupils unauthorised absent for 10+ days

Absence Patterns

- 14 pupils have been repeatedly late to school on the same day
- 6 pupils have recently worsened from previous good attendance
- 54 pupils have recently improved from previous poor attendance

Dates to note:

- Week beginning 9th June - **Year 1 and 2** Phonics screening check and **Year 4** Multiplication times table check
- Monday 30 June - **INSET Day** - School is closed for pupils only (1 day)
- Saturday 5 July - **St Agnes Summer Fair!**
- Week beginning 7 July - **Aspiration Week**
- Thursday 17 July - **St Agnes Got Talent**

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- Friday 18 July - **school closes for the summer** at 1:30pm
- Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 July - **INSET Days - school closed**

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