

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this term's newsletter!

News

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! Read more about this below.

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.

Peace Mala Ambassadors - our ambassadors went to Trafford COuncil and represented the school on our Peace Mala work in front of lots of headteachers! They were so confident.

School fund

A reminder if you haven't paid your school fund contributions then please see the office about how to do this. Every term we will try and hold events to bring our school community together and raise some vital funds at the same time. Please support the school and contribute to them.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have had some brilliant after school clubs this term with:

- A girls only Football club (Y5/6),
- Maths booster (yr6) ,
- Science Space club (Y4/5)
- Reading support club (Y1) and
- MITC sports club for Reception children.

Breakfast Club continues with pupils attending regularly, to enjoy a bagel or cereal and some fantastic physical exercise! They have even started doing some gardening in our school grounds! A bright and early start to the day indeed! Sessions are £3 or £15 for the week. Please enquire at the office if you are interested.

School bags

A reminder that we will be phasing in, whole school expectation of St Agnes school bags for all pupils apart from Year 6 and the current Year 5 as they will be going into Year 6 next year.

The school bags are available at the office and more have been ordered as we have had a few parents already following this rule. Make sure names are written on the tags!



School Backpack £10



School Satchel £7

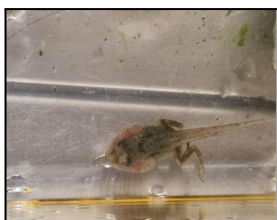
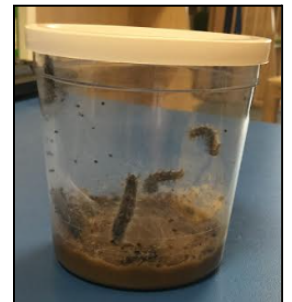


PE Bag £2

Curriculum News



Nursery have had a very exciting half term! We have been thinking about **growth and change**. We planted sunflower seeds and watched them grow. We can't wait to see the flowers bloom. We also have visitors in our classroom - caterpillars! We cannot believe how fast they are growing. Soon they will build a chrysalis and then when we come back from our holidays we will have butterflies! We will let them go in our playground.



Reception - have been looking at life cycles in Growth and Change. We have been growing bean plants and watching as they develop. We have had some tadpoles in class and they are changing into froglets with front and back legs. We also learnt about Robins and their life cycle.



Year 1 have had a fantastic half-term! We have been learning **non-fiction texts** about explorers and dinosaurs. We even had a mysterious dinosaur egg appear and hatch in our classroom! It was amazing to see the children's natural curiosity and to see them develop their understanding and vocabulary. In Maths we have developed our understanding of **place value and fractions**. Keep checking class dojo as we have posted some fun activities for you to try at home.

In DT we have been learning about **cooking skills**. We even made a delicious stir fry.



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Reminder- our Year 1 phonics screening check will take place on the week beginning the 13th June. Please keep reading and practising the home materials. We are here to answer any questions. 😊



Year 2 - We have all enjoyed reading *The Twits* this term and the children have written some fabulous new chapters which even Roald Dahl would be proud of! In art, we learned how to make sculptures from paper and used our skills to make our very own Roly Poly birds. For our science topic, we have been learning all about what humans need to be healthy. We hope the children remember this knowledge during the holiday and return to school happy and healthy for our final half term.



Year 3 have had a busy half term. In English we have been learning all about **traditional tales** (fairy tales). We first innovated Jack and the Beanstalk before writing our very own traditional tale. In maths we have been focusing on **money** and **time**. In time we had a big focus on am and pm. Whilst in our science lessons we have learnt all about **plants** and how to look after them. Everyone has been excited watching their sunflowers grow in the classroom. Have a lovely half term.

Year 4 - We've been doing lots of learning about **Sustainability** in Year 4 this term. If you want to know how to recycle things properly, speak to us! We had a fantastic trip to Sharston Recycling Centre where we saw what happens to all of our rubbish that's collected from home. We've realised how important it is to try to live sustainably - our planet's future depends on it!



Year 5 have had a jam-packed half term. Not only have we had an exciting (yet exhausting) trip to Castleton to visit a National Park but they have also been to Central Library to meet the author Jen Carney where they received a free book which she autographed. Year 5 have also been doing a lot of writing and they have produced a new report and a persuasive brochure filled with a plethora of stage 5 features!



Year 6 We cannot mention Year 6 without celebrating our biggest achievement this year - **completing our SATs!** After months of preparation, extra lessons, booster clubs and practice papers, the children coped remarkably well with their tests, even when faced with the heat, noise and a surprise visitor! We have even managed to spend some time celebrating with a roof top slumber party! Now, we redirect our focus to **writing** and making sure we have some fabulous pieces to showcase our skills. Enjoy a well earned rest this half term Year 6, you definitely deserve it!

Attendance and punctuality

Lateness - We still have about 20 pupils regularly arriving late into school. School starts at **8:45am** and the gates close at 8:55am. Pupils will get a late mark if they arrive after this time. **Parents who pick up children after 3.30pm, will be charged a £5.00 late fee.**

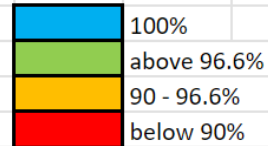
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We have had a slight improvement in attendance but we still have a lot of families going away during term time. Sadly, not one class has an average of over 96.6% which is our target. A few years ago we used to see some classes achieving 100% - let's make this our aim for next term for at least one class to get this!

We are seeing more and more families taking between 5 and 15 days around the school holiday times and absences during term time will be **unauthorised**. It is extremely difficult for children to catch up with their education that is lost as a result. Pupils with below 90% attendance are classed as **persistent absence** but we have a number of pupils who are below **50% classed as severely absent** which is very upsetting.

Week	19.04.24	26.04.24	03.05.24	10.05.24	17.05.24	Average
Nursery	91.1	90.2	86.6	95.5	90.6	90.8
RC	94.3	91.8	91.9	86.7	84.7	89.88
RT	89.2	88.5	85.7	91.7	93.7	89.76
Y1C	86.9	88.3	86.2	94.2	92.5	89.62
Y1T	91.8	94.6	95	94	97.8	94.64
Y2C	97.9	97.2	91.4	97.8	95.7	96
Y2T	95	94.2	88.4	95.4	95.9	93.78
Y3C	89	81.3	85.3	90.9	94.1	88.12
Y3T	97.6	95.2	94.5	90.3	89.6	93.44
Y4C	96	96	96.3	98.8	93.7	96.16
Y4T	88.3	98.6	94	94	95.5	94.08
Y5C	94.8	95.2	98.4	96.8	93.5	95.74
Y5T	90.7	90.7	86.3	86.7	96.3	90.14
Y6C	92.2	95	96.9	98.8	98.1	96.2
Y6T	91	94.2	93.5	94.4	99	94.42
Overall	92.80%	92.90%	91.70%	93.60%	94.20%	



Dates for your diary:

- Week beginning 10th June - **Year 1 and 2 Phonics screening check** and **Year 4 Multiplication times table check**
- Monday 17 June - **INSET Day - school closed for 1 day only**
- Wednesday 26 to 28 June - **Year 6 two night residential trip**
- Wednesday 17th July - **St Agnes Got Talent**
- Tuesday 23 July - **last day of school for pupils**
- Wednesday 24 July - **INSET Day - staff only**

School **closes** on Friday 24 May 2024 at 3:15 pm
 School **opens** on Monday 3 June 2024 at 8:45am.

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