

Term: Autumn 1 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a look at our first term back. It sure has been a busy one!

Nursery

This half term we have welcomed all the children to Nursery. They have built their time up to being full time. The children have been focusing on 'The Colour Monster' book. The children can all explain which colour links to each feeling. The children are now starting to say how they are feeling and thinking about why.



Reception

The children have made a great start to the year. This half term our topic has been 'All About Me'. The children have explored all aspects of themselves including their emotions, how to keep themselves healthy and what makes them special. The children have also explored our value of the half term - friendship. They enjoyed conducting the skittles experiment to highlight how each of us come together as friends to work as a team.



Year 1

Year 1 have settled into their new year group wonderfully! This half-term we have focused on the topic, 'Where We Live'. The children have enjoyed learning about our local area and making a map to plan a route from our school to the park.

Our favourite part was using our maps to visit the park where we played games and enjoyed the autumn sunshine!



Year 2

We have had a fantastic start to Year 2! We've spent this half term learning all about flight and what better way to do that than with our amazing Kite Making Workshop with our grown ups! The kites we made were such a success that we took them to Birchfields Park to fly them. It's been a fantastic half term so keep it up Year 2!



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Year 3

Well done Year 3, you have made a fantastic start to the year. Your hard work and dedication towards your learning has been amazing.

Year 3 have particularly enjoyed learning about the Stone Age, rocks and can also tell you all about instructions. You also showed your artistic talents whilst exploring warm and cool colours. Keep up the hard work!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to the year! We spent this half term learning all about the Romans and why they invaded Britain. I have been particularly impressed with everyone's 'ready to learn attitude'! We had lots of fun recreating a Boudicca drama piece in English and have spent a lot of time creating our very own Roman Town that we got to present to our grown ups!

Well done year 4!



Year 5

We've made a great start to the year and have learnt lots about our topic- Ancient Egypt. A real highlight was sculpting our very own canopic jars using clay. It took real dedication, resilience and teamwork but as you can see, the end result was fantastic. Well done!



Year 6

What a fantastic start to the year! We have kicked off Year 6 with our annual residential trip, which saw 35 children spend 2 nights at PGL Winmarleigh Hall pushing themselves to their absolute limits! They conquered their fears, grew in confidence and gained some independence! Back at school, we have begun our learning in earnest, revisiting prior knowledge and building upon our skill set whilst discovering more about our past through our Victorians topic!



Star Group

We've had a wonderful start to the school year in Star Group! All of the children have been working really hard on their times tables and phonics and have shown a real enthusiasm to learn. We've also been focusing on 'friendship' in our PSHE lessons and have made some lovely friendship cards as a result. Well done Star Group, keep up the hard work!



Events

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Parent events - we've had amazing turnouts for our parent sessions such as the Year 2 kite making workshop, phonics with our Reception, Year 1 departments, Year 4 Topic workshop and our first Chai.Coffee morning. There will be plenty more as feedback from parents and carers indicates the end and desire for more of these in lots of different areas.

Extra-curricular clubs - we have lots of regular clubs going on now with our Reception sports, LKS2 drama and arts as well as our lunchtime clubs on board games (to build social skills) and cheerleading! Next term we will start our 'Early Start' clubs every morning - this is open to any child from Year 1 to Year 6, to come and do their homework and catch up on reading. Please note breakfast will not be provided.

Attendance

We got off to quite a good start and are slowly getting close to our target, but sadly we have had a lot of illnesses towards the end of the term, as you can see from the table below. Over 70 persistent absence letters have been sent out for pupils with below 90% attendance which is very concerning. Hopefully we will pick up our attendance and get better at it next term!

Week	02.09.24	09.09.24	16.09.24	23.09.24	30.09.24	07.10.24	
Nursery	77.8	80.2	84.8	83.3	81.8	77	
RC	78.3	79.9	89.5	81.7	87	88.3	
RT	86.8	83.2	91.3	91.7	87.9	86.6	
Y1C	87.5	85.8	90.7	99.3	96.4	93.9	
Y1T	100	97.2	90.7	98.6	95.5	92.2	
Y2C	95.5	96.5	95.2	89.3	96.9	94.6	
Y2T	86.5	87.9	90.3	98.3	91.6	96	
Y3C	94.6	96.1	94.8	95.4	97.9	96.1	
Y3T	92.1	95.2	90.8	90.7	95.8	91	
Y4C	88.8	91	89.7	92.5	90.5	89.9	
Y4T	95.1	98.6	98.9	97.9	97.5	98	
Y5C	96	98.2	96.9	99.3	97.3	93.3	
Y5T	93.3	97.3	97	92.5	97.4	97.3	
Y6C	91.3	95.3	95.5	97.5	91	94.5	
Y6T	92.9	97.9	97	81.7	93.8	95	
							Overall
Overall	91.30%	92.80%	93.40%	93.70%	94.03%	92.00%	92.87%

Dates to note:

Flu vaccinations - Friday 1 November

Parent consultations: Monday 18 - Thursday 21 November

Christmas holidays - Monday 23 December - Monday 6th January. School is open to pupils Tuesday 7th January

School closes on: **Friday 18 October 2024** School opens on: **Monday 28 October 2024**

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

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team