

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this term's newsletter!

Spring term 1 seems to have flown by but with a lot packed in amidst the weather which seems to be all over the place!

## Staff news

Congratulations to our SENCO, Mrs McCutcheon who gave birth to a baby boy very recently! Mrs Chowdhury will be overseeing the SEN provision and managing our Early Years department in her absence.

We welcome two new teaching assistants to our team - Mrs Bibi and Mrs Syeda.

## Events and fundraising

### Trips and enrichment opportunities

Year 5 went to Ordsall Hall in Salford for their Tudors topic and we had visitors talking to different year groups including the R.U.D.E workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 about being safe; an engineer talk to Year 6 about careers

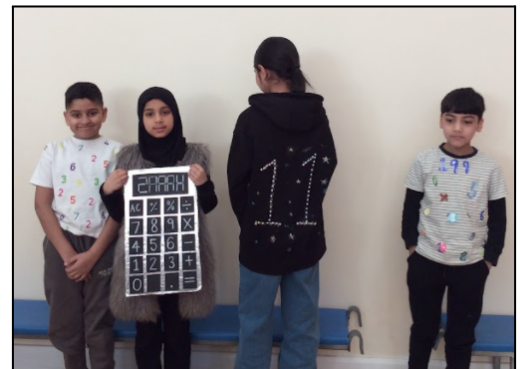
**Your Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing week** - after a week of exploring and taking part in activities to help support mental health of all, we celebrated with an express yourself day, where everyone could come in whatever they feel most comfortable and share with others. As a result you have helped raise **£180** - all of this will go towards the [Save The Children](#) charity.

**Number Day** was on Friday 7th February to celebrate all things numbers and maths. You helped raise **£78.93** for the [NSPCC](#)! Thank you for your donations as always, it helps raise our children's awareness of the global causes they can help fight as a Rights Respecting School.

### Parent sessions

It's been wonderful to see parents attending our Chai.Coffee morning this term on **online safety** and other workshops visiting classrooms to see how learning takes place. Please keep an eye out for events but it is really important we get as many people attending as possible to make an impact.

Our adult classes are well attended, run by Manchester Adult Education Service, every Friday morning exploring



## Curriculum News

### Nursery

This half term Nursery has been learning about **Adventures** and **Journeys**. They have looked at **vehicles** that travel on land, water and air. They brought pictures from their holidays and were able to talk about how they travelled there.



This week they got their boarding passes ready and went on a plane, everyone enjoyed the journey and arrived safely.

### Reception

Reception's topic this half term has been all about **Adventures** and **Journeys**. The children enjoyed going on a train journey around our



playground. They bought tickets, boarded the train and had their tickets checked by the conductor before embarking on their journey. The children also learnt all about **Chinese New Year** and how it is celebrated, including making their own sauce for some noodles and ate it in our Chinese Restaurant!

### Year 1

This half-term Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about **weather and seasons**. We have carried out **science experiments** to track the weather in Manchester and then compared this to other countries in the world.

A massive thank you to all of the parents that attended our **phonics parent workshop** - it was fantastic to see so many parents and we hope you found it helpful!



### Year 2

Year 2 have been super busy again this half term learning all about **maps, compasses and continents** in **Geography**. We have carried out LOTS of experiments in **Science**, learning about waterproof and absorbent **materials** in order to work out which would be the best for a pirate ship. If you ask us, we definitely know now! Meanwhile, we have been learning gymnastic routines in **PE** and working collaboratively. What a whirlwind!



### Year 3

Year 3 have had another brilliant half term. In **History** we have been focusing on the **Ancient Greeks** and have learnt all about timelines. In **English** we used our Greek knowledge to write our own diary entries based on the first olympic games. We also really enjoyed Numbers Day!



### Year 4

Year 4 have had another fantastic term with lots of brilliant learning! In **Science** we have been learning about teeth and how to keep them healthy. We also did a practical experiment to represent our '**Digestive System**'. It got pretty messy but was lots of fun! In **Maths** we have been working hard with our **position and movement, division** and **times table** work which hopefully will help us with our Multiplication tables check!



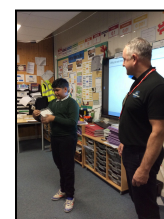
### Year 5

Year 5 have been immersed in all things **Tudors** this half term. We took a trip to Ordsall Hall to experience life as a Tudor and we have created Tudor **portraits**, focusing on our paint mixing skills to do so in our **art** lessons. The children have impressed us greatly by creating wonderful pieces of **atmospheric writing** to describe the beheading of Anne Boleyn.



### Year 6

Year 6 had a visit from a **STEM** ambassador linking with our previous science topic of **Electricity**. The pupils were shown how the simple circuits they built within their science lessons are related to real-life and how they could all easily become electricians of the future.





### Star Group

Star Group had fun writing a set of **instructions** in **English** and then following their instructions to make a yummy **pizza** in the afternoon!



### School uniform and PE kits

It is wonderful to see the majority of children coming into school in their uniforms. A reminder that footwear - shoes and trainers - must be **black**.



**PE kits** - we have got a lot of pupils coming into school on their PE days in school uniform. These pupils will not be allowed to take part in PE and parents will be contacted to make sure the correct clothing is worn.

- Plain **white** t-shirt
  - Plain **black** shorts/PE skirt
  - Plain **black** leggings
  - Plain **black** jogging bottoms for outdoors
  - A plain tracksuit top/jacket is during colder weather
- Suitable footwear should be worn for PE such as trainers (outdoors) and pumps (indoors).  
Close fitting hijabs/headscarves designed for PE and sport participation may also be worn.  
Hoodies without a zip are not safe - children will have to take these off in order to join in lessons.



### Extra-curricular Clubs

This term has seen the continued success of **MITC** (Manchester City in the community) in school working with the Foundation stage, supporting the development of their fundamental movement skills.

We have had **Dodgeball** with Mr Real for Years 4 and 5.

**Early Start Club** is going well with pupils attending regularly.

Next term, there will be a girls only Football club ( Y5/6), a Mindfulness club (Yr1-6), Maths booster (Year 6), a Science Space club (Yr4/5), a reading support club (Yr1) and MITC (sports) with the Foundation stage. Keep an eye out for the letters sent out for these!

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## Spring 1 2025 Newsletter



### Attendance and punctuality

Attendance this term has been **low** as you can see from the table below:

Week	07.01.25	13.01.25	20.01.25	27.01.25	03.02.25
Nursery	76.6	91.1	81.6	77.8	88.8
RC	81.6	91.4	80	82.1	87.9
RT	87.1	92	95.6	90.7	92.8
Y1C	82.8	86.4	94.6	90.4	90.7
Y1T	88.8	95.4	94.1	91.9	93.7
Y2C	90.2	92.9	88.6	91.8	97
Y2T	87.5	93.1	88.2	93.1	94.6
Y3C	86	95	95	92.2	94.4
Y3T	87.9	93.9	88.2	87.1	89.6
Y4C	90.5	92.1	92.4	89.6	92.5
Y4T	92.7	95.2	96.9	92.8	96.1
Y5C	93.3	94.7	97.6	96.2	95.5
Y5T	97.1	92.4	95	94	92.3
Y6C	85.8	87.6	88.6	97.5	97.2
Y6T	86.3	87.2	89.7	90	95.2
Weekly	88.40%	91.80%	92.00%	91.38%	93.53%
Overall	91.42% 😞				

Please make sure your child is in school **ON TIME** every day. The school day starts at 8:45 when the register is taken.

We have had a lot of illnesses this term, which we usually see during winter and this accounts for some of the low figures (red and amber colour). However, we have had over 52 pupils going abroad during term time and this has a huge impact on our attendance score. Our whole school target is 96.6% and sadly, we haven't managed to meet this yet. **Appointments:** in school appointments were made during the school day and whilst we appreciate that sometimes this cannot be helped; many could be made outside of school hours! **Please avoid making appointments during school hours as your children are missing out on important learning.**

Home time is 3:15pm and gates open 5 minutes before. **PLEASE NOTE: LATE PICK UP FINE** - Pupils picked up after 3:30pm will incur a **£5.00 charge!** We are seeing a lot of pupils still at the office after 3:30pm. This is not fair on staff and upsetting for the child.

#### Dates to note:

Year 6 SATS Parent workshop-----Friday 7 March - 3:15pm, Hall  
 Year 6 Parent Consultations-----Wednesday 12th March  
 Book Fair -----Week beginning 3 March  
 National Science Week-----Week beginning 7th March

School **closes** -----Friday 14 February 2025 at 3:15 pm  
 School **opens** ----- Monday 24 February 2025 at 8:45am.

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

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team

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