

Headteacher Newsletter 11

Dear St Agnes Families,

I'm delighted to share some exciting updates and celebrations from our school as we enter February.

Letter from the Secretary of State for Education

I'm incredibly proud to share some remarkable news. We recently received a congratulatory letter from the Secretary of State recognising our school's outstanding performance, particularly for our disadvantaged pupils at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our all staff and pupils, but in particular Kerry and Sarah, who worked tirelessly in Year 6 last year.

The letter highlighted that our school's performance places us among the very best nationally - a testament to our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all our pupils.

We will continue to strive for excellence, share best practices, and support collaboration to raise standards across our educational community.

Parents evening

We recently held our Parents' Evening on 4th February, and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending to discuss their child's attainment and progress. These conversations are so important in supporting our pupils' learning journey and continuing our strong partnerships with our parents. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please speak to the class teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet.

Coffee Mornings

Our Coffee Morning on Safeguarding was particularly meaningful. We had a well-attended session with open and frank discussions about how we keep our children safe. These conversations are crucial in ensuring the well-being of our school community.

London Fire Brigade Visit

The London Fire Brigade came into school this week to deliver Fire Safety Workshops to years 2 and 5. They learned some important fire safety tips and really enjoyed the visit.

Valentines Disco

- **School Disco:** Thursday, 12th February 2026
- Non-uniform day
- Free entry
- Time: 3:30-5:00 pm
- Parents to collect children from their classrooms via the playground at 5pm.

After School Clubs

We launched our after-school clubs last week, providing pupils with fantastic opportunities to explore new interests and develop their skills. Please ensure pupils are collected promptly from the car park gate when club finishes at 4.30pm.

Tower Hamlets Creative Writing Workshops in Idea Stores

Over the February half term we are delighted to be offering a number of author workshops to support the Creative Writing Competition run by Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service.

With authors like Josh Lacey, Karen McCombie, Chitra Soundar and Adisa the poet, these workshops will be fun and great way for your pupils to hone their writing skills

The workshops are all free and suitable for children aged seven to thirteen. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For the full programme of writing workshops as well as other events during the holidays, please visit Ideas Store [half term activities webpage](#).

Felix Fresh Event at Britannia Leisure Centre

Following our first Felix Fresh events at the end of last year, Britannia Leisure Centre will host another Felix Fresh event on Friday 13th February from 12–2pm, offering free, fresh food to anyone in the community. Organised in partnership with The Felix Project, this initiative is part of a city-wide effort to reduce food waste and improve access to nutritious food for Londoners. https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/hackney/britannia-leisure-centre/news/felix-fresh-food-distribution-at-britannia-leisure-centre-7th-november?utm_campaign=2219986_Hackney%20News&utm_medium=email_dotdigital&utm_source=email&dm_i=6NIJ,1BKYA,29UJNC,66ANO,1,0,0,0

Polite requests

Please refrain from smoking directly outside the school gates.

If your children have any change to their medication, please notify Maricel so that we can keep our records up to date.

If you move home or change phone number, please update us with your new home address/contact details as soon as possible so that we can ensure the system is up to date with the correct contact information.

When your children are in school, please do not attach airtags to their clothing. This is causing some issues.

Friday 13th February – Y6 Assembly. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend.

Friday 13th February – Last day of school before the half term break (16th – 20th February). School finishes at the usual time of 3.30pm. After School Club will operate as normal on this date. Children return to school on Monday 23rd February.

Wishing you all a lovely half term!

Kindest Regards

Mrs Manning