



## Headteacher Newsletter 13

Dear St Agnes Community,

It has been wonderful to see so much happening across our school over the last fortnight and I wanted to take a moment to share some of these highlights with you all.

### Special Visitors

The school was buzzing with excitement this week as we had some very special visitors- 10 chicks! These cute little guys hatched before our eyes towards the end of last week and have spent the week chirping away in Nursery and Reception classes.



### Secondary School Places

Our Year 6 pupils received their secondary school places last week, which is always an exciting milestone in their school journey. This is a significant moment for our families, and I want to remind parents that if you have any concerns about your child's placement or would like to discuss an appeal, please do get in touch. We are here to support you through this process, so please do not hesitate to contact the office.

### Year 5 Assembly

I would like to pass on my gratitude to Year 5 who led a lovely assembly on the theme of Lent, on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026. It really was a reflective occasion and helped us all evaluate ourselves as part of our spiritual Lenten journey. The assembly was beautifully enhanced by the year 5 show incasing some of their talents. Congratulations to you all.



## Climate Education Workshops

Climate Education workshops have now started for year 4 on Friday mornings.

## JP Morgan Partnership

Our Year 6 continue to partner with JP Morgan volunteers who support them with Maths each Tuesday. This is a unique partnership that we have established with JP Morgan over the last number of years and creates an invaluable opportunity to support our Yr 6 pupils.

## First Kicks – Easter Holiday Club

First Kicks will run Easter clubs during the Easter Holidays which provides child care opportunities for families. Please see the dates below.

Week 1 – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30 – 3:00

Week 2 – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30 – 3:00

For further information and to sign up, see posters in the classroom windows and in the playground.

## Punctuality

Punctuality is an area that the parent body needs to improve. Punctuality is crucial in school because it maximises learning time, prevents missed lessons (e.g., 15 minutes late daily equals 2 weeks of missed school per year), and fosters essential life skills. It helps students build positive habits, reduces anxiety from arriving late, and allows for a calm, organised start to the day.

### Key Reasons for Punctuality in School:

- **Maximising Education:** Arriving on time ensures pupils do not miss crucial early-morning instructions, settling-in time, or the start of lessons.
- **Academic and Social Development:** Regular, on-time attendance is linked to better progress, stronger peer relationships, and easier transitions between school levels.
- **Disruption Reduction:** Late arrivals disrupt the entire class and the teacher, impacting the learning of others.
- **Developing Life Skills:** Good timekeeping prepares students for the workplace, where being on time is essential and where habitual lateness can lead to consequences.
- **Emotional Well-being:** Being on time prevents the embarrassment or anxiety children may feel when walking into a settled classroom late.



- **Legal Responsibility:** Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly and on time, with persistent lateness potentially resulting in a fine.

### Reception Trip

Some of the Reception children got to attend the Rich Mix Centre on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to watch a children's film. This was a free and great opportunity for children to experience some local amenities and to practice using public transport. Fun was had by everyone! There will be another cinema trip on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March for the Reception children who did not attend on this occasion, at Vue Stratford.

### Year 3 British Museum Trip

On a celebratory note, Year 3 had an absolutely brilliant trip to the British Museum on 10th March. The pupils are studying the Egyptians as part of their topic work, and they represented St Agnes beautifully throughout the day. It was wonderful to hear about their enthusiasm and engagement with the exhibits, and the staff were really proud of their behaviour and curiosity. These experiences bring learning to life in such a special way, and it's clear our Year 3 pupils made the most of this opportunity.

### Year 4 Science Museum Trip

Looking ahead, Year 4 have an exciting trip coming up to the Science Museum and Natural History Museum on Tuesday 17th March. We know the pupils are looking forward to this, and it promises to be another fantastic day of hands-on learning and discovery.

### Medical Conditions

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents to keep us informed of any changes to your child's medical conditions or allergies. It's really important that we have up-to-date information on file so that we can support your child's health and wellbeing effectively. If anything has changed since your child started with us, or if there have been any recent developments, please do let the office know as soon as possible. Remember we need to have up to date care plans for asthma and allergies.

### Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that children are coming to school wearing the correct uniform, including PE uniform. Branded tracksuits are not acceptable. Girls are not permitted to wear jewellery and all pupils should have their long hair tied up.

### Stranger Danger

Finally, I wanted to mention that there have been a number of safeguarding incidents reported locally. We would ask all families to remain vigilant and to talk with your children about staying safe and reinforce stranger danger messages.



Attendance for this term so far is below. We need all classes to make improvements with their attendance from now until the end of the year.

Y6 95.67%

Y4 93.98%

Y3 93.51%

Y5 93.36%

Y1 93.11%

Reception 93.04%

Y2 92.05%

## Easter Activities and Holiday Dates

### Sponsored Hop

We will be holding a Sponsored hop on Wednesday 1st April for the whole school. The money raised will go towards an end of year Summer BBQ for children, parents and staff.

### Easter Bonnet Competition

This year we are holding an Easter bonnet competition. Children can make an Easter bonnet at home and bring them into school to be judged. This will take place on **2nd April** after our Stations of the Cross service. There will be prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

**School will finish on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 2pm. There will be no After School Club on this date. Children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

### Upcoming Dates:

**17th March - St. Patrick's Day** – Children can come to school wearing a **token of green** with their uniform, and we will be playing some Irish music at lunch time to celebrate.

**17<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Trip** to the Science & Natural History Museums.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 assembly** at 9.10am. Parents/Carers welcome to attend.

**Thursday 23rd April – St. George's Day** – Children can come to school wearing a **token of red** with their uniform and we will play English music at lunch time.

### Term dates for 2026/27

Next year's term dates are now available on the school website.

Thank you all for your continued support of St Agnes. It's a privilege to work alongside such a committed community.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Manning