



Headteacher Newsletter 9

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, peaceful and prosperous new year. We have another busy term ahead and I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you all during 2026.

Prayer for New Year

Heavenly Father,

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the blessings of the past and hope for the future. We lift our voices in prayer, seeking Your divine presence and guidance in the days that lie ahead. Amen

St Agnes Day

We will be celebrating St. Agnes Day on **Wednesday 21st January** and children can come to school dressed in a costume associated with their family background. Children can come in traditional dress or wearing the colours of their country's national flag, or costumes associated with their country. However children are not allowed to wear football kits. A service will be held in the morning and then children will be have an opportunity to perform (individually or in groups) either a song, dance or poem from their native country to the school. In the afternoon there will be a carousel of activities.

Year 1 Assembly

I'm looking forward to our Year 1 Assembly on 16th January 2026 at 9.10am. Parents of Year 1 children are warmly invited to attend and celebrate their children's learning. You are also welcome to join us afterwards for a tea or coffee.

Swimming

Year 4 will be attending swimming lessons every Thursday. While these lessons represent a significant investment for the school, they're crucial. Swimming 25m is a National Curriculum expectation, so we expect all children to participate.

Year 6

We have a staffing update to share. Mr Karwacinski has been called for jury service and will be absent until further notice. During his absence, Year 6 will be expertly supported by Kerry and myself, ensuring continuity in their learning and care. Booster classes will resume next week.



Assessment Week

Assessments are scheduled for the week beginning 12th January 2026, where all our pupils will be taking assessments across all subjects. These will help us understand how they're performing against age-related expectations. Parents can look forward to receiving a comprehensive report at the end of the month. This reports will help you understand how your child is performing.

Admissions for Reception 2026

Applications for a Reception class place for September 2026 need be submitted to Tower Hamlets by **15th January 2026**. A supplementary form also needs to be submitted to the school by then with supporting documents, this can be found on the school website or collected from the office.

Coffee Mornings

I'm delighted to invite everyone to our **Coffee Morning**, which takes place each Thursday at 9am in the new hall. All are welcome to join and connect with our school community. The focus for these over the next few weeks are:

15th Jan Autism and Behaviour led by guest speaker Sean Flynn from Phoenix
22nd Jan SEN at St Agnes led by Miss Hamilton
29th Jan General Catch up led by Shereen
5th Feb Safeguarding led by Mrs Manning

Attendance

Attendance is always a priority for us. A big congratulations to those pupils who received their 100% attendance certificates at the end of last term. We're hopeful that all classes will continue to improve their attendance this term.

Mathletics

We have been using Mathletics for a number of years to supplement our Maths teaching and as a platform for homework. Please allow your child some time to complete assignments at home. They should be able to access form any device which has internet access. Contact your child's teacher if you have any issues with logins.

Uniform reminders

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform both for school and PE. Children should not be wearing earrings or any other jewellery.



First Holy Communion Classes/Certificate of Catholic Practice

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you want them to make their First Holy Communion please contact the Church. Classes will start on the 12th January at 6pm, parents and children must attend.

If you are making an application to Reception class, Fr. Howard will be signing Certificate of Catholic Practice forms on the 12th January at 3.30pm

If you are applying for a Nursery place, Fr. Howard will be signing Certificate of Catholic Practice forms on the 21st January at 3.30pm.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Manning

Headteacher