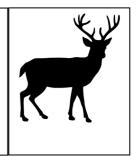


StAGs Chess Club



Spring Term 2026. St Agatha's RC Primary School (StAGs)

Tuesdays after school until **4.15pm** 13th January to 24th March 2026.

Dear Parents,

The Chess Club begins again on 13^h January 2025 for 10 weeks from 3.15-4.15pm. With limited places available, open to Y2-Y6 only of any standard on a first-come-first-served basis.

Chess is a fun game. It **improves concentration, memory, cognitive thinking** and **calculating ability**. It also **develops analytical skills**, training the mind to **plan ahead**. They will learn from their losses and become more **resilient** and how to stay **calm under pressure**. You will see your child grow in confidence as they progress.

We play and learn about strategy and tactics together

This Spring Term we will be entering all the children into the <u>UK Chess Challenge</u> - 70,000 kids nationwide take part. Last year St Agatha's achieved an incredible eight Giga Finalists! Three represented Surrey in U11 County Finals.

Our names are Mark & Hilary Hogarth. We are very experienced Chess teachers. Mark is also a Junior Chess County selector/coach, England Senior International and qualified Chess Arbiter. Complete beginners are taught from scratch until ready for assimilation into main group which covers Openings/middlegame strategy/basic endgames & mating patterns.

County U11 Chess Selector ● England Senior Team Player ● National Chess Arbiter ● managed nationally/internationally

Whilst working at Goldman Sachs I also successfully pioneered Chess Partners as part of the Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership a Charity, teaching Primary School kids in London's East End.

Existing members can renew **automatically** via Bank Transfer up to the 14th **December 2025**. Prospective new members can register interest by emailing <u>hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com</u> the following information **after 8**th December **2025**:

- 1) Your Child's Name
- 2) Year Group/Class
- 3) Chess Playing Ability (Complete beginner, Basic knowledge piece value and moves, castling, chess notation)
- 4) Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and 2 mobile numbers required for After School collection
- 5) Details of any allergy, medical needs (including use of inhalers and Epi-pens)

After 14th December 2025, entry will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Places will go fast and a Waiting List will operate. We will email you directly to confirm your child's place and at that stage send our payment details and general joining instructions. Cost is £90 for the Term. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium or equivalent then chess maybe free, please contact school directly.

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher, mark.hogarth@btinternet.com 07976 639080

N.B.Sessions will only be refunded in the event of whole school closure except Inset Day or a *force majeure*. No refunds given after Week 2