



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

Tuesdays after school until 4.15pm 21<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

Dear Parents,

The Chess Club begins again on 21<sup>st</sup> April. With **limited places** available. Y1-Y6 only of **any standard** including complete beginners 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**.

**We play and learn about strategy and tactics together**

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Although fun, it is not all about winning. 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 have Surrey County players, Giga Finalists and players who have been part of J4NCL online promotion-winning side!**

**This Summer Term we will encourage parents to enter their child for the ECF Certificate of Excellence – Bronze/Silver/Gold levels**

**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/midlegame strategy/basic endgames & mating patterns.**

**County U11 Chess Selector • Senior England International • chess tournament director • 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.**

**Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm Y1 to Y6      £90 21<sup>st</sup> April - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (10 weeks) \*\*\* including Y1 pupils \*\*\***

**Existing/prospective members can request a place** by emailing [hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:hilary.hogarth@btinternet.com) the following info **asap**:

1. Your Child's Name
2. Year Group and Class
3. Chess Ability (e.g. beginner, basic moves, castling, chess notation)
4. Parent/Guardian Contact Name, email address and mobile number **(2 mobile numbers required)**
5. Details of any allergy, medical needs (including use of inhalers and epi-pens)

**Entries will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Places will go fast.** We will email you directly if we have space for your child, and at that stage we will send you our **payment instructions** and general joining instructions.

Regards, Mark Hogarth, Chess Teacher, [mark.hogarth@btinternet.com](mailto:mark.hogarth@btinternet.com) 07976 639080

We will on occasion will be taking photos of the children for the School Newsletter. Please email us to **opt out of this** if you **do not consent**  
N.B. Sessions will only be refunded in the event of a whole school closure **except** when a **force majeure**. No refunds given after Week 2