



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



November 2023

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Key Dates for your diary:

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Sat 2nd December:

PSA Christmas Fair 1 – 4pm

Mon 4th December:

Year 4 & Swans – The Rose Theatre

Tue 12th December:

Tiny Tunes in Nursery

Y2 Nativity Performance 2pm

Wed 13th December:

Y1 Nativity Performance 9.15am

Nursery Nativity 11am

Thu 14th December:

Reception Nativity 9.15am

KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm

Fri 15th December:

PSA 'Good as New' Uniform Sale 8.30am

Mon 18th December:

Class Parties

PSA Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December

1pm – 4pm

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*"Learning
together in
God's love"*

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Staff News

After a great many years of dedicated service to the St Agatha's School community, Mr McKinnell will be leaving us at the end of this term. We thank Mr McKinnell for all that he has contributed over the years particularly with regards to PE and wider sporting opportunities. We know that you will join with us in wishing him, and his family, all the very best for their future.

I am pleased to share that Miss Underwood is returning from maternity leave at the beginning of December. She is looking forward to joining our Year 4 team and will work alongside Kestrel teachers before taking over when Mr McKinnell leaves.

It is also a delight to share that Miss Gilbody will be starting her maternity leave at the end of November. We wish her every joy at this special time.

Safeguarding

Please do take some time to see the safeguarding page on our website. We have recently added some child friendly leaflets regarding safeguarding, anti-bullying and e-safety.

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Safeguarding \(stagathas.school\)](https://stagathas.school)

Reception 2024

Please be reminded the closing date for all Reception 2024 applications is Monday 15th January 2024.

If you require any further information, please refer to the website or speak with a member of the Office Team: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Reception Admissions \(stagathas.school\)](https://stagathas.school)

School Fund Donation

The school fund is based on voluntary charitable donations from families of children at the school and is used by the school to cover a range of outlays which could include, among other things, new books, improvements to the classrooms, or IT equipment that the basic Government grant would not extend to.

The school fund is £25 per pupil per term and can be paid via your SchoolMoney account. All contributions, of any amount, are gratefully received. If you would like to set up a regular payment of any amount by standing order, please do so using the following details:

Account Name: St Agatha's Catholic Primary School

Sort Code: 30-94-77 Account No: 51726160

Reference: School Fund

We would like to encourage all families to maximise their donation by gift aiding it using this online form – <https://forms.office.com/e/G5Qv3ptPfN>

Gift Aid: If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid means that we can claim 25p of tax for every £1 you donate at no extra cost to you.

Christmas 2023

For full details of the Christmas arrangements for your child's class please refer to the letters sent previously. The trip to The Rose Theatre takes place on the following dates:

Year Group	Event & Venue	Date
Year 4	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Mon 4 th Dec
Year 5 - Swans	The Rose Theatre	
Year 6	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Wed 20 th Dec
Year 5 - Herons	The Rose Theatre	

Cycle Sheds

Please may we request that adults find alternative places to park their own bicycles whilst dropping off and picking up their children rather than using up spaces in the children's cycle shed. Thank you, in advance, as I know this will help the children at the beginning and end of the day.

Park Run – Fund Raising

Well done to our pupils Yeva and Neia for their fund-raising efforts for the children in Ukraine. They are taking part in park runs to raise money for this charity. If you wish to read about their story and make a donation, please click on the following link:

<https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/4-cousins-running-for-children-in-Ukraine>



Warm Coat Collection

Following on from last year's successful coat collection, once again we thank you for all the donations of coats for the Wrap Up London appeal. This appeal donates unwanted warm coats to those in need: refugees, the homeless, the elderly amongst others. Every coat will be passed directly to someone in need. Our thanks to the parent volunteers who coordinated this effort.

The Big Ambition

'The Big Ambition' survey will enable the Children's Commissioner to hear directly from children and young people about what they need from the government to make their lives better.

You can access the survey [here](#).

Helping Children with Challenging Behaviour

This is a reminder about the upcoming webinar for parents: **Helping Children with Challenging Behaviour** on 6th and 8th December 2023.

Here is the sign-up link if needed:

[6th & 8th December MHST Workshop: Helping Children with challenging behaviour Sign up Form](#)

Further information is available on our website: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Mental Health and Wellbeing \(stagathas.school\)](#)

Sporting Events

Well done to the girls' football team who came 4th place in the Richard Challoner Cup. They played 3 matches, all of which were extremely close and very competitive!

Results:

St Agatha's 0-0 OLI

St Agatha's 0-0 Corpus Christi

St Agatha's 0-1 Malden Manor

Team: Lauren, Megan, Guilia, Anino, Beverley, Seren, Nel, Freya, Carolina, Meg

Year 5/6 Boys Kingston Borough Cup

St Agatha's welcomed Tolworth Junior school in the Kingston Borough Cup first round. After a couple of training sessions, the St Agatha's team were well prepared and motivated for the fixture. Coming in 3rd place at the Challoner Cup the previous week and only scoring one goal in the process, the team were determined to find the back of the net more often against Tolworth!

Which they did, winning the game 8-0 and progressing to the next round.

Well done!!

Team: Benji, Cian, Marcus, Nicholas, HV, James, Daniel, Luka, Noah

PSA NEWS

Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd Dec (kindly sponsored by Greewoods):

- We are super excited for the upcoming Christmas Fair and we look forward to seeing you all there! Please remember that Unlimited Ride and Game wristbands can ONLY be purchased in advance via Jumblebee, so don't forget to buy them online!
- There are also some incredible raffle prizes this year too, so make sure you buy some raffle tickets to be in with a chance to win! Thank you so much to all those families and local businesses who have donated prizes to the raffle!
- Thank you also to everyone who has helped with the planning of the Fair so far and for the generous book donations and donations for the Secret Santa stall - we are extremely grateful!
- Finally, if you haven't already done so, please let your class rep know if you can help with a slot at your class stall on the day, or please let the PSA know if you can help set up and pack away. Santa's Elves are very busy and already booked up at this time of the year, so we rely heavily on your support as parents / carers, to help us set up and run the Fair - Help us spread the Christmas Magic!

Wrap Up London - Warm Coat Collection - Thank-You:

- A very big thank you to everyone who donated warm coats to this appeal and to Cate Ryder and Ailsa Abbott who kindly collected, sorted and dropped these off at the collection point!
- We collected a total of 79 coats (54 children and 25 adult coats), which is an incredible response to this fantastic initiative.



Fireworks Night - Thank-You:



- Thank you to everyone who attended and helped run this event! It was a big success and such a fun night for everyone!
- We were able to raise over £1000 pounds in total, which is amazing!

Open Roles on the PSA Committee:

The PSA needs your support! We have previously shared information on the open roles, including the PSA Chair, which are still vacant. The PSA cannot function without enough members on the Committee. In addition to the formal committee roles, we are also in need of event planners and event organisers for the PSA activities that happen throughout the school year. If you are looking for a rewarding role that will contribute to the benefit of the school and all its pupils please do get in touch with us via the PSA email (stagathaspsa@gmail.com) - we would love to have a chat!

Many thanks for your continued support,

St Agatha's PSA

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the children who brought in a donation to support this year's Poppy appeal and parents who supported the harvest festival 'food bank' appeal and 'warm coat' collection. I know that your generosity is very much appreciated by all those who benefit from these appeals.

It is not long until the school community comes together, once again, to enjoy a PSA event. I know there are many volunteers, working very hard behind the scenes, to organise another wonderful Christmas Fair. I very much hope that you will all be able to come along and enjoy the event. Please ensure that you have all the school Christmas event dates in your diary, particularly those where you are invited to come along such as the younger children's Nativity shows and KS2 Carol Service.

We have a busy four weeks ahead of us with lots of learning and fun!



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END OF JUNE - PLEASE SIGN UP BY 14TH JUNE
TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING THE
FIRST MONTH'S PRIZE

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CODE ABOVE OR VISIT
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