



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



March 2024

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Key Dates for your diary:

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Tuesday 19th March: PSA Pub Quiz

Wednesday 20th March: **KS2**

Reconciliation Service: & Confessions

Friday 22nd March: PSA 'Good as
New' Uniform Sale

Spend A Penny Movie Night

Tuesday 26th March: Whole School
Mass

Thursday 28th March: End of Term
School finishes at 2pm
PSA Cake Sale 2pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 15th April: Start of the
Summer Term

PSA

PUB QUIZ

Tuesday 19th March

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*"Learning
together in
God's love"*

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Measles

If you're planning to travel abroad during the school holidays, make sure to check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations.

[Measles](#) can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences and is still common in many countries worldwide. Two doses of the MMR vaccine provides lifelong protection. Check that your child is up to date with the MMR vaccinations by checking the red book or contacting the GP practice. If your child requires catch up vaccinations, you can book an appointment at your child's GP practice through the [NHS App](#).

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a school priority. The much-coveted weekly attendance trophy, which is awarded to the class with the highest attendance, is still creating great excitement amongst pupils and teachers alike!

By way of a reminder, the school's attendance target is set at 96.9%. We are currently achieving 95.3% and with support from parents and carers, we hope to reach or even surpass this level over the coming months.

Holiday Camp

Please note ROAR will once again be offering a holiday camp at St Agatha's School during the Easter holidays. Further details are available to view on our website: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Wraparound Care & Holiday Club \(stagathas.school\)](#)

School Fund

Please be reminded to make your School Fund donation. Payments should be made via your SchoolMoney account. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also remember to Gift Aid your donation, this will boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Please use this form

<https://forms.office.com/e/G5Qv3ptPfN>, scan the QR code or download a copy from the school website under Parents, School Fund.



Nursery

Our Nursery children have shown brilliant investigation, exploration and creative skills when choosing to play with the brand-new water area in the outdoor provision. Please see the photo on page 1 of this newsletter.

School Clubs

The Club timetable and flyers for the Summer Term will be available via the school website before the end of term. Parents will be emailed when activities are ready to book. We will be launching some new clubs, including Cooking and Rounders so please take a look when ready and book quickly to avoid disappointment!

English National Opera

During their class music lessons, Herons and Swans (Year 5) took part in a project to finish an operatic piece for The English National Opera. After sending the two finished pieces of work, *Coral* by Swans class and *Emerald Green* by Herons, Mrs Rodgers was delighted to receive the following email from the ENO:

We are delighted to let you know that your *Finish This...* submission *Coral* by Swans Class has been chosen to be made into an animation. Our team listened to all of the submissions and made a shortlist of our favourites and then Omar Shahryar, composer of *Blue, Red, Yellow* had the difficult job of making the final decision on which 15 pieces should be put forward to be animated.

**Omar provided the following feedback to share with your class:
I like the inventiveness of the vocal composition and the way the voices were accompanied so carefully.**

Our team were also super impressed by your other submission - *Emerald Green* - and wanted to share the following feedback: We love the way you explored Christmas, and your piece had nice clear sections moving through different ideas..
Please click on the link below to watch the animation.

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary | Swans | Coral | Finish This... 2023-24 | ENO - YouTube](#)

Monopole Application by Dinton Field

Please click on the following link for further details or to share your comment:

<https://publicaccess.kingston.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=S99AQONHMEV00>

Year 1 – Taxi visit

Last week, our pupils in Year 1 enjoyed a special visit from a black taxi and driver. The children enjoyed exploring inside the taxi and had plenty of questions for the taxi driver. Our thanks to him for giving up his time to visit Year 1.



PSA NEWS

New Chairperson

We are pleased to announce that Olivia Attard has joined the PSA as Chairperson. Thank you to Verity Matthews the outgoing Chair for all your hard work. Even with Liv's arrival, the PSA team are still small in number. Please do come forward to offer your help, time and expertise in any way that you can by getting in touch with us via the PSA email (stagathaspsa@gmail.com). Any support is greatly appreciated.

Spend a Penny

Thank you for your generous donations so far to the Spend a Penny campaign. We still have some way to go to raise the funds to complete phase 1 of the bathroom refurbishment works that the school desperately needs to undertake. You can donate here at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-agathas-spend-a-penny-fundraising-campaign>

St Agatha's PSA Pub Quiz

Following the hugely successful and fun night last year, the pub quiz returns by popular demand - this time to the Boaters Inn on Tuesday 19th March from 7.30pm (quiz starts at 8pm). Tickets are £10 per person and all proceeds raised will go directly to the school 'Spend a Penny' fundraising campaign - for the benefit of all our children!

Please purchase your tickets via Jumblebee using the link below:

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stagsquiz2024>

Join the Fundraising Team and the PSA

Many of you will be aware of how hard our small PSA, with your help, have been working to provide our children with little extras such as trips at Christmas and enhanced outdoor spaces. Recently, the school has needed money for necessities such as the toilet refurbishment, not just the nice to haves. Please note that every penny the PSA raises is ploughed straight back into the school community. Given the current climate, the Fundraising Team and the PSA need your support more than ever. If you would be willing to get involved to join the Fundraising Team (focusing specifically on fundraising initiatives for the toilets) or the PSA, please do get in touch with us via the PSA email (stagathaspsa@gmail.com).

PSA Lotto

If you are looking for a really easy way to make a regular contribution to the PSA, why not consider signing up for our Monthly PSA Lotto! It is very straightforward to sign up and the more people that sign up, the bigger the payout will be! Just scan on the below QR Code to sign up!

Thank you for your support.

St Agatha's PSA



Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

How wonderful to be welcoming so many of you into school to share in your child's Class Acts of Worship. As we continue through the season of Lent, it is so important to take time to reflect and pray together. I look forward to welcoming Fr. Francis to school, this week, to lead our KS2 Reconciliation service.

As you are aware, I am continuing my focus on developing the excellent attendance and punctuality of all St Agatha's pupils. Thank you for supporting us in improving our attendance figures. Which class will top the league table next week!

I heard that the younger children's film night was hugely successful. I look forward to attending the older children's film night this Friday. I am also really excited to be hosting the year 3 and 4 sleepover event in May. Thank you to the whole community for working so hard to raise our much-needed funds to improve the toilet facilities for children in school.

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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

TO SIGN UP, USE THE QR
CODE ABOVE OR VISIT
THE LINK BELOW

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