



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



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May 2024

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Key Dates for your diary:

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w/c 29th April: Book Fair Week

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May: Class Photo Day

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Mass

9.30am

w/c 13th May: KS2 Testing Week

Friday 17th May: PSA 'Good as New'

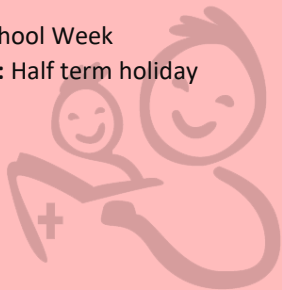
Uniform Sale

w/c 20th May: Celebration of Art

Week

Walking to School Week

w/c 27th May: Half term holiday



May Bank Holiday
Monday 6th May

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School Uniform

All children should now be wearing their summer uniform. For full details of the school uniform and how to order items, please see our website:

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

Class Photo Day

On Tuesday 7th May, Fraser Portraits will be visiting the school to take class photographs. Please ensure that your children come to school dressed in their full summer uniform, looking neat and tidy for the photograph.

For those classes who have PE on Tuesday the children should also come to school in their uniform and only bring a pair of trainers to change into for their lesson. They do not need to bring PE clothes on this occasion.

School Fund Donation

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.



Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 95.1% compared to the national primary school figure of 94.3%. Whilst this is encouraging, our school target is 96.9%. As a reminder, we ask that you do not book holidays during term time and schedule medical and dental appointments outside school hours wherever possible. Your child should only be absent for reasons of genuine illness.

Managing Behaviour

It is vital that any approach to managing behaviours ensures there is a calm and safe learning environment that supports good quality outcomes for children. When children feel safe and their words, thoughts and actions are valued they develop a sense of belonging to school and this is the heart of St Agatha's School 'Relational Approach' to managing behaviour. Children want to be in a school environment where they feel individually welcomed, respected, included, and supported by others. A whole-school approach to positive learning behaviours is best served by building relationships that ensure all academic, social and emotional needs are met.

At St Agatha's School, we recognise that a number of factors can impact children's readiness to learn. Through emotion coaching, a nurturing environment, building children's resilience and following restorative practices we seek to create an inclusive, calm and purposeful learning environment.

In schools where belonging works, children tend to be happier, more confident and perform better academically. Their teachers feel more professionally fulfilled and valued, and families feel more connected. Evidence has also shown how focusing on a child's wellbeing maximises their academic potential and improves school attendance. If you would like to find out more then please attend one of our workshops.

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Mental Health and Wellbeing \(stagathas.school\)](https://www.stagathas.school)

Wild Science

Wow! What an interesting morning Nursery and Year 1 had learning all about animals with Mary from Wild Science. We met, touched and held Sir Pent the American corn snake, Hop the Australian tree frog, Milly the African giant millipede, Flick the desert leopard gecko and finally Dougal, the Chinchilla from Chile. Thank you, Wild Science!

Kingston Music Service

Join the Kingston Music Service and a host of the most exciting music makers in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames for an afternoon of performances, workshops, and exhibitions, 12.00-15.00 on Saturday 18th May. Held in the glorious surroundings of All Saints Church, Kingston, this is an opportunity for young people and adults alike to explore a breadth of what the borough has to offer, from listening to short performances, to taking part in free workshops, or even having a go at a brand new instrument.

Entrance is free, and more information can be found on the website:

<https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/musicinkingston>

Homestart Course

Could you give two hours a week to support a family? Local charity Home-Start is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Hampton Wick from 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 9th May to 20th June (not half-term 30th May). After the course, volunteers visit and support a family for 2-3 hours a week.

For more information, please contact Erin on

erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or
volunteer@homestart-rkh.org.uk
or 07884 536161

Art Competition

Our young talented artists submitted their artwork to the Young Artists' Summer Show. The competition is closed now and the artwork will be judged by the Royal Academy of Arts by the end of May. Well done and good luck!



Walking to School Week

National Walking to School Week is Monday 20th - Friday 24th May. We will be encouraging the children to walk, scoot or cycle as much as they can to and from school. Each day, there is a different element for the children to look out for or think out on their journey.

Monday: nature
Tuesday: movement
Wednesday: happiness
Thursday: friendship
Friday: community

We thank you for supporting your child with walking all the way to school or a little further than they usually do.

PSA – Thank you!

The disco was a huge success and all the children had a wonderful time busting some moves on the dance floor! A massive thanks to all the parents who organised the event and all the volunteers who helped on the day.

Girls Cricket on Ham Common

Girls love cricket when they try it. The supportive atmosphere and sportsmanship really appeals to many girls looking for a new competitive sport. The club have taken girls from beginners all the way to county level through great coaching and a positive approach. Next Tuesday there will be a pizza and cricket evening. It costs £45 per season including a free club shirt covering all training sessions.



GIRLS CRICKET
ON HAM COMMON

Girls Cricket on Ham Common

Girls only group sessions (Yr 2 – Yr 9)
Tuesday 5pm from 23rd April

Girls Pizza & Cricket Evening
5pm, 7th May

All Stars (Reception – Yr 3)
Fridays 5pm-6pm from 3rd May

Bring a friend and come and join the fun!

Free Taster Session!

Matches throughout the summer
For complete beginners to future test stars

£45 to join or weekly sessions for ES
All Stars - £40 for 8 sessions + register for All Stars here:
www.tinyurl.com/HandPCC

Contact:
info@hamandpetershamcc.co.uk
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Message from Ten Project Tennis

Our sessions are fully inclusive and open to every family in Kingston to LEARN. PLAY. TOGETHER.

- FREE fun, game based tennis sessions
- Parents/guardians to take part and help out
- Aimed at children aged 4 – 10 (not exclusively, all ages are welcome)
- All equipment provided
- Inclusive community family tennis sessions
- All abilities welcome

Book for FREE here: [Ten Project | View Classes & Book](#)

WRAP AROUND CARE (WAC) FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

We are excited to announce that ROAR will be running the WAC at St Agatha's School from September 2024. Many of you will have already met Jack and Stephanie, who own and run the company, at our Easter Camp or on the school gate. ROAR is also running a 'Feeding Hungry Minds' club on a Thursday as an after-school club. (see the photos below)

Jack and Stephanie, with members of their team, will be attending St Agatha's sports day so please do go and say hello and find out more about what they will be offering from September. More information to follow.





PSA News

School Disco - A huge thank you to those who helped plan and run the event and everyone who bought a ticket. We made £666 net profit for the school and the children had so much fun. Thank you again to Kerri for all her hard work in organising the disco.

Summer Fair - Reminder that the fair is on Saturday 22nd June from 2pm to 5pm. As ever we need your support to make this a success. Please help by donating raffle prizes, your time on the day to run a stall, set up or pack away, and your talents if you can face paint or braid hair.

Next Good as New Uniform Sale – Friday 17th May. These sales raise much needed funds for the school. Uniform donations are always gratefully received, however, please only send good quality, washed uniform (no holes) in a bag.

Next PSA Cake Sale – Friday 24th May.

Spend a Penny Fundraising Campaign:

Thanks to your ongoing support, we are more than 70% of the way towards hitting our Phase 1 Fundraising target!

Thank you to everyone that has donated via the GoFundMe page so far. Please do feel free to share the GoFund me link with Friends and Family via social media or word of mouth – every penny counts! <https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-agathas-spend-a-penny-fundraising-campaign>

Many thanks

St Agatha's PSA

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy start to the summer term with many more exciting events planned for the coming weeks including sports day, school outings, visitors and continued classroom learning.

A highlight of the year is the Year 5 and Year 6 residential trips. I know that children and staff are looking forward to their few days away!

My thanks, as always, to the PSA for arranging the MUFTI day and school disco that took place recently. This is always a firm favourite with the children and I know that those who attended had an enjoyable time.

I am looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 'Sleepover' in the school hall as part of our 'Spend a Penny' campaign. Thank you for your continued support with the funding raising – we are doing so well in reaching our target.

I wish you all an enjoyable Bank Holiday Monday.

SA Cahill



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