



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



September 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER NO.1

Key Dates for your diary:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Thursday 12th Sept: Class
Information Evening

Friday 13th Sept: PSA 'Good as
New' Uniform Sale

Tuesday 17th Sept: Reception
2025 Open Day

Thursday 19th Sept: PSA Welcome
Event

w/c 23rd Sept: Book Fair Week



PSA Welcome Event
Thursday 19th September
5.30pm – 7.30pm

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**"Learning
together in
God's love"**

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Welcome to St Agatha's

We hope that you have all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer break. We extend a very warm welcome to the new families joining our school this year. We look forward to making you feel part of our school community.

Attendance

Parents will soon see the return of the attendance league table which will be emailed out every Tuesday from now on. The much-coveted attendance trophy will then be awarded to the class with the highest attendance.

By way of a reminder, the school's attendance target is set at 96.9% and it is one of our priorities to reach or even surpass this level throughout the school year.

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.

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.

Secondary School Transfer 2025

Children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 are due to start Year 7 at secondary school in September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31st October 2024**. If you do not live in the borough, you need to apply through your own council and you can include Kingston schools in your application.

The Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide and the Kingston schools brochure are available on the AfC website: [AfC Info website - Kingston and Richmond :: Community Information / Information and advice / School admissions / Moving up to secondary school in September](#)

Further information is also available on our website: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Secondary School Transfer \(stagathas.school\)](#)

Reception 2025

Our Reception 2025 Open Events will take place in the coming weeks. If you would like to learn more about our school, please refer to our website for further details: [St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - Reception Admissions \(stagathas.school\)](#)

Please do share this information with any family or friends who may have a child starting school next year.

Nut Free Zone

Please be reminded that St Agatha's School is a **completely nut-free zone**. Under no circumstances should any packed lunches or snacks be brought into school which contain nuts of any kind. This includes snacks eaten in the playground at pick up time.

Mid-morning Snack: Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day, as part of the government School Fruit & Vegetable Scheme.

Children in KS2 should bring an appropriate snack to eat during their morning breaktime.

School Library

The school is looking for any volunteers to help change books in the library on a Monday or a Thursday from 1:00pm until 3:00pm. Training and support will be provided.

The school library is challenging to run without the help of volunteers and therefore, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Any queries, please contact Mrs Hernandez via the school office.

Tuesday Tunes

Don't forget to take part in our new 'Tuesday Tunes' dance session. Every Tuesday in the playground from 8.30am.

Birthday Treats

Although there is absolutely no expectation that parents provide birthday treats for their child's class, we know that some parents like to do this and we respect their wishes. If this is the case, we ask that any treats are small, nut-free, individually wrapped, shop bought (not home-made) and are inexpensive.

School Choir

Our school choir meets every Tuesday morning in the school hall from 8am. Pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend. For further information, contact Mrs Rodgers, choir@stagathas.school

KAE

Kingston Adult Education provides a diverse range of courses to people aged 19 or over. A lot of their courses take place in school hours and are term time only. Places are still available on courses starting this month.

See their latest prospectus for a full listing of available courses: bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus

PSA Volunteers

Mrs Cahill has the privilege to be president of St Agatha's PSA. As such, she attends the PSA committee's half-termly meetings and works closely with the committee in planning the events for families to enjoy. Amongst other things, these include the welcome event, the Christmas and Summer Fairs, the fireworks night and children's disco. All parents, carers and staff are automatically members of the PSA. As such, you are invited to attend these events which have been organised to help build the school community and to raise much needed funds. In order to make these events as successful as possible, we invite you to volunteer your time and/or skills to support PSA events as without volunteers these events cannot take place. Please email the PSA at stagathaspsa@gmail.com if you are interested.

Lost Property & School Uniform

We do not have the storage space to store large amounts of non-labelled lost property.

When clearly labelled items are brought to the office, these will be returned to their owners within 24 hours. Non-labelled items will be kept for a short time at the office, and then disposed of or donated to the PSA.

If you have purchased new uniform, can we kindly ask you to note these points:

- All items should be labelled with your child's 1st and 2nd names.
- Please use a permanent marker or iron/sew on labels. Standard pens quickly wash out and markings become unclear and illegible.
- ALL items including lunchboxes, water bottles etc should be labelled.
- Non-uniform items, eg coats/hats/MUFTI clothing should also be clearly labelled.

Details of the uniform are available here:

[St Agatha's Catholic Primary School - School Uniform \(stagathas.school\)](http://StAgatha'sCatholicPrimarySchool-SchoolUniform(stagathas.school))

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the new academic year. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and managed to spend some quality time with family and friends.

I look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening; I know that the teachers have lots of information to share and it will be a good opportunity for parents to ask questions. The presentations will also be shared on our school website for your reference.

As always, we have a busy term planned and so I ask that you check the key dates that have been shared and are available on our website. I am particularly looking forward to our PSA Welcome Event.

I wish everyone a happy, safe and successful 2024-25 academic year.



Mrs E Cahill
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