



St. Agatha's
Catholic Primary
School



October 2024

AUTUMN TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER NO.3

Key Dates for your diary:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Thursday 24th Oct: School closes
at 12pm for Rec-Y6

Parent Teacher Consultations
from 1pm Nursery – Y6

Friday 25th Oct: PSA Uniform Sale

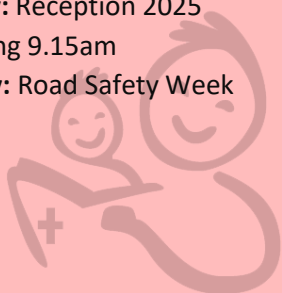
w/c 28th Oct: Half Term

Thursday 7th Nov: PSA Firework
Night

w/c 11th Nov: National Anti-
Bullying Week

Tue 12th Nov: Reception 2025
Open Morning 9.15am

w/c 18th Nov: Road Safety Week



Parent Teacher Consultations
School finishes at 12pm on
Thursday.

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*“Learning
together in
God’s love”*

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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.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on 23rd and 24th October over the following times:

Nursery – Year 5: Thursday 1-7pm

Year 6: Wednesday 4-7pm / Thursday 1-4pm

The booking system is now closed. Please contact the school office if you have not made an appointment.

Attendance

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

The school's attendance target is set at 96.9%. We are currently achieving 94.9% but with continued support from parents and carers, we hope to reach or even surpass this level over the coming months.

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

Further Reception 2025 Open Events have been added to the school calendar. 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.

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.

Winter Coat Collection

After successful coat collections in previous years, we will once again be collecting coats for the Wrap Up London appeal which donates unwanted **warm** coats to those in need: refugees, the homeless and the elderly amongst others. Every coat will be passed directly to someone in need.

Our thanks to Mrs Ryder for organising our participation in this initiative. Please bring your coats to school at drop off between **Monday 11th and Friday 15th November**. The collection is for **warm** coats only - the charity is unable to accept any other clothing or accessories.

<https://www.handsonlondon.org.uk/wrap-uplondon>

Christmas Card Competition

The Mayor of Kingston Upon Thames is running a competition to design her official Christmas Card 2024. Please refer to the letter sent last week for further details.

All the entries need to be submitted by Tuesday 6th November at the latest.

Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the Harvest donations. Our thanks also to the Year 6 RE leaders, who manned the gate each day and delivered the donations to St Agatha's Church for distribution to our local food bank.

Lost Property

Thank you to those parents who have been labelling children's items, this has helped us to redistribute anything that has been misplaced. We still continue to donate large piles of unlabelled uniform however to the PSA, so please make sure everything your child brings to school is clearly labelled so we can return it. All non-uniform lost property will be disposed of before half term and any pieces of uniform will be donated to the PSA.

Kingston Adult Education

KAE have a number of 6-week courses starting after half term, including:

- Maths for Parents - aimed at parents with children moving into, or already at, secondary school so they can better support schoolwork
- Explore your business potential: a pathway to self employment - a 6-week course to consider how your skills can be used to make a successful business
- A range of wellbeing courses to teach you how to take better care of your mental health
- French and Italian courses - for those learners with basic or no previous knowledge of these languages.

Their classes take place both online and at centres across the Royal Borough of Kingston.

For further information, please contact Kingston Adult Education directly on 020 8547 6700 or at

adult.education@kingston.gov.uk

Home-Start Volunteers

The 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 be run at Beavers Children Centre, Hounslow, 9.45am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays from 25th February - 1st April. For more information, please contact Erin at erin@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161. Registered charity no: 1108975.

Men's Group



The Mental Health Support Team is offering a new support group to fathers at St Agatha's School. If you wish to share what's on your mind with Alex, a senior male psychotherapist and support other men as well, you are warmly invited to attend the first session at St Agatha's School on Wednesday 13th November from 2pm – 3:15pm.



PSA NEWS

**Fireworks Night - 7th November - don't leave it to the last minute, buy your tickets for our fireworks night to avoid missing out! <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/stagsfireworks2024>
Gates open at 5pm and the fireworks display will start at 6:45pm.**

Tuesday Tunes - The Tuesday tunes has no one to run it on Tuesday 22nd October and Tuesday November 5th. If anyone wants to step in and run the playlist from 8:30-8:45 on those days, please email the PSA and Cate will walk you through it.

Future of the Christmas Fair - there is only one month between Fireworks and the scheduled date for the Christmas Fair. It is still not confirmed as to whether we can go ahead with a Christmas Fair. If you would like to be involved in planning a fair or an alternative festive event, please get in touch via the PSA Gmail.

PSA Committee meeting: the next PSA committee meeting is on Wednesday 13th November. If you would like to attend and find out more about the types of things we discuss and how we decide on how funds are spent please get in touch.

Thank you

PSA Team

Donate to the 'Spend A Penny' Fundraising Campaign

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-agathas-spend-a-penny-fundraising-campaign>

Letter from our Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach autumn half-term, I find myself reflecting on all that has been achieved in just a few weeks. It has been particularly wonderful to see classes go on educational trips, have visitors in the school, for various sporting events to take place and attend PSA events.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to the PTC evening – I look forward to welcoming you into school.

I wish all the St Agatha's community a restful and safe half term.



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