



St. Agatha's  
Catholic Primary  
School



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## Key Dates for your diary:

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov:** PSA Mufti Day –  
Tombola donation  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** PSA Christmas Fair  
1pm -4pm  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 2 Nativity 2pm  
Rose Theatre Trip  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year 1 Nativity  
9.15am  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity  
9.15am  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec:** PSA Uniform Sale 8.30am  
Ducklings Nativity 11am  
Class Parties for Rec – Y6  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Tiny Tunes in Nursery  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Rose Theatre Trip  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School  
Christmas Lunch  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Pantomime  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass  
Nursery Party  
PSA Cake Sale 2pm  
End of term – school finishes at 2pm

PSA Christmas Fair  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
1pm – 4pm

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*“Learning  
together in  
God's love”*

# AUTUMN TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER

## Staff News

We send our congratulations to Miss Gilbody who got married during the summer and she will now be known by her married name, Mrs Miller.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr Cook who has recently joined the support staff team, he will be working with children in class and supporting them at lunchtimes.

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who organised and volunteered at the book fair and to anyone who purchased books. The sales will result in a number of free books for the school. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## Winter Uniform

Now we have returned to school after the half term holiday, all children should be in their winter school uniform.

Full details of the uniform requirements are available to view on our website:

<https://www.stagathas.school/school-uniform/>

Please also remember that your child should bring a suitable named coat/jacket to wear each day for all outdoor playtimes.

## Christmas Arrangements

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

Year Group	Event & Venue	Date
Pelicans Flamingos Eagles (15)	<i>Robin Hood</i> The Rose Theatre	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Swans Herons Kestrels Eagles (15)	<i>Robin Hood</i> The Rose Theatre	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec

## 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 \(stagathas.school\)](https://www.stagathas.school/reception-admissions)

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

## Men's Group



The Mental Health Support Team's new support group for fathers at St Agatha's School continues next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm. The group will run every fortnight on Wednesday afternoons.

## Can you help?

Do you have any offcuts of wool you no longer need? Year 4 would be very grateful for any donations as they are planning a weaving project. Thank you.

## Harvest Donations

The RE Ambassadors collected together all the generous Harvest donations from St Agatha's children, and with Mrs Cahill took them down to St Agatha's Church.

Our donations will be combined with everything collected at the church and taken to Dons Foodbank. Thank you for your generous contributions.



## Winter Coat Collection



Thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal. A total of 40 adult and 30 children's coats were collected.

Our thanks also to the team of parents who gave up their time to coordinate this appeal.

## Lost Property

We still continue to donate large piles of unlabelled uniform 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 Christmas and any pieces of uniform will be donated to the PSA.

## Message from the Parish

The St Agatha's Men's group meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at The Park Tavern on New Road between 8.15pm-10.00pm.

All men of the parish and school community are welcome. The last gathering for 2024 will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.



## Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Thank you and well done to all our pupils who entered the Mayor's Christmas Card Competition. Congratulations to the following pupils for their entries:

**Emily C (Year 6)    Runner up**  
**Sofia L (Year 5)    Highly Commended**

## PSA NEWS

**Warm Coat collection** - A very BIG thank you to all those who helped collect and sort the coats and to everyone that donated to this appeal.

**Fireworks Night** - What a fun event this was - we hope that those who were able to attend enjoyed the very impressive fireworks display! As always, without the support of all the volunteers who helped out on the day, this event would not be possible, so THANK YOU to everyone that came forward as a volunteer for this event!



**Christmas Fair** - With the help of a few additional volunteers, planning is well underway for this year's PSA Christmas Fair! Thank you to everyone that has come forward so far and offered to help with the planning and / or on the day. Please do get in touch with us if anyone else would like to help / get involved in some way.

**Donation Appeal** - *If you have any unwanted (new) gifts for the secret santa stall, Good as New children's toys for the stocking filler / toy stall, and / or any items that could be used as raffle prizes, we would be extremely grateful to receive these donations and have left a collection box in the office for these to be dropped off. Thank you in advance.*

**Asda Cashpot for Schools Scheme** - Please be aware that this initiative is still open and will run until the end of November. If you do shop at ASDA, please consider signing up for this to help raise further funds for the PSA (it will not have any impact on your regular rewards / points)! Thank you.

**My Childs Art** - Items are available to order on the website: [www.mychildsart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk/order)  
There are lots of lovely things such as tea towels, aprons, mugs, fridge magnets, Christmas cards which are available to order with your child's personalised Christmas design on them! Orders need to be placed before the 21<sup>st</sup> November to get the 10% discount!

**St Agatha's School PSA Team**



# 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 donations.

It is not long until the school community comes together, once again, to enjoy another PSA event. After the successful Fireworks night, I know there are now 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 few weeks ahead of us with lots of learning and fun!

*E A Cahill*

Mrs E Cahill  
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