St. Agatha's Catholic Primary School



November 2026

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Key Dates for your diary:

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Tuesday 1st December: Year 6 Christmas trip to The Rose Theatre. ***PICK UP 4.15PM***
Thursday 3rd December: Year 5 – Alps Day
Saturday 5th December: PSA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December: Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performance 2pm
Wednesday 9th December: Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance 9.15am
Thursday 10th December: Christmas Pantomime *'Sleeping Beauty'* for Reception – Year 3
KS2 Carol Service 6pm – St Agatha's Church



PSA Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December

1pm – 4pm

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"Learning together in God's love"

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Christmas 2026

Letters were sent via email on 16th November detailing the Christmas arrangements for each year group. Please note the key dates for all the festive celebrations for your child.

Nursery will enjoy a visit by Tiny Tunes and children in Reception to Year 3 will watch a pantomime – thank you to the PSA for funding these Christmas treats.

Year 4 & 5 will have screening of a festive film.

Year 6 will visit The Rose Theatre thanks to complimentary tickets from the theatre.

Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the School Office as early as possible on the morning of their absence by phone or email.

When getting in touch, please provide specific details about your child's symptoms or the reason they cannot attend, rather than simply stating that they are "ill" or "unwell". Having accurate information allows us to monitor any circulating illnesses within school and ensures we record absences accurately in line with attendance guidelines.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us keep our school community healthy and attendance strong this winter.

Social Media

We hope you have been enjoying our social media posts. Please follow us for latest news and a snapshot of what is happening in school and more. Thank you for your support in sharing with family and friends.

Visit Instagram and Facebook

Proposed Admission Policy

In accordance with statutory requirements under the School Admissions Code, the Governing Body of St Agatha's Catholic Primary School is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the 2028/2029 academic year.

Key Proposed Change

The primary change to our admission arrangements for 2028/29 is a proposed **reduction in the Published Admission Number (PAN) from 60 to 30** for Reception entry.

The consultation period will run for eight weeks from **Monday 23rd November 2026** until **Friday 15th January 2027**.

Please see the proposed admission policy and supplementary information form for 2028/29 on our school website: Proposed Admission Policy 2028/29

We welcome comments from all interested parties, including parents, carers, local schools, and the wider community. If you wish to respond to this consultation, please submit your comments in writing by **Friday 15th January 2027:**

- **By email:** Consultation@stagathas.school
- **By post:** Admission Consultation, St Agatha's Catholic Primary School, St Agatha's Drive, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 5TY

Following the close of the consultation, the Governing Body will consider all responses received before formally determining the admission arrangements for 2028/29.

MHST – Coffee Mornings

Our wellbeing practitioner, Izzi Brooks, is keen to hear from parents about the topics they would like her session to cover. Please respond using the link below:

https://forms.gle/SPVanXxUVMPNoEkW9

Lost Property

Label Everything: We continue to see large amounts of unlabelled lost property (including coats). **Unnamed items cannot be returned to their owners and will eventually be donated to the PSA.** All clearly labelled items are returned directly to pupils.

Check Home Items: Please check at home for any uniform or items that don't belong to your child. Several named items have gone missing recently and may have been brought home by mistake.

Thank you for your support in getting lost items back to their rightful owners!

Safeguarding

Should you ever have a concern about the welfare of a child or adult, please come and speak in confidence with the school's safeguarding leads. Our Designated Safeguarding Leaders for the school are Mrs Hubbard, Mrs Flower, Mrs Laws and Mrs Sones. If you cannot speak to us in person, we can be contacted via email at:

dsl@stagathas.school

Should you not wish to speak to a member of the school team you can contact Kingston's Children's Single Point of Access (SPA).

The SPA provides residents and people who work with children in Kingston with direct information, advice and guidance about where and how to find the appropriate support for children and families. The Single Point of Access team is available from 8am to 5.15pm and Monday to Thursday, 8am to 5pm Friday. Call them on 020 8547 5008, or if you need to speak to someone urgently after hours or at the weekend, call the 'Out of Hours' team on 020 8770 500.

Caterlink Survey

Caterlink, our school meal provider, has opened a survey for parents to complete.

As part of their commitment to continually improving the catering service, we would be grateful for your support in taking part in the survey via the link or QR code below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L

The survey will remain open until **20th December** and we encourage as many families and pupils as possible to take part.

Reception 2027

The closing date for Reception 2027 applications is Friday 15th January. Please ensure you have submitted your e-application to your local council and any supplementary forms have been sent to your chosen school/s. If you require any assistance with the application process, please speak with a member of the office team. We have a final Reception Open Event taking place on Wednesday 6th January at 9.15am.

Cake Sale Donations

Don't forget when bringing in homemade cakes for the class cake sales please may we request that you provide an ingredients list. Thank you for your support in providing this information to support the new rules regarding food allergies.

https://benedictblythe.com/benedicts-law/

Dear Families,

As we settle into the heart of the term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and share a few highlights from what has been a busy and purposeful time in school.

From our youngest Nursery children practising their road safety skills to our Year 6 pupils cooking a fresh pasta meal from scratch, our children are exposed to many exciting opportunities in school. Year 5 enjoyed a trip to the Science Museum and the school continues to participate in many sporting activities such as dodgeball and football recently. Thank you to all of the staff in school who work hard to plan these opportunities for our children and to you as parents for supporting these trips.

Thank you also to the PSA for organising and running another successful fireworks evening and their hard work preparing for the upcoming Christmas Fair.

With the end of term fast approaching, our classrooms are already buzzing with preparations for our upcoming Christmas nativities, the much anticipated carol service as well as Christmas lunch and parties. Please keep an eye on the school calendar and upcoming notices for key dates regarding performances and I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 5th December.

Thank you once again for helping make our school such a warm, vibrant and supportive place for our children to learn and grow.

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