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St Agnes' Weekly News

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

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SEPTEMBER

8th—House Captain Elections

11th—Start of year mass
11am St Agnes Church

16th Parent Information Evening Year 1-6; 4PM via Google classroom

17th—Reception Information & FOSA Coffee morning 9am

24th—International Evening 3-5pm

28th—Year 4 Swimming starts for 10 days

OCTOBER

1st—Nursery Information & Coffee Morning 9am

2nd—Maggie's Coffee Morning

5th—St Faustina Feast Day

8th—Individual Photo Day

9th—Parent Forum evening 9am

13th—Chatty Children Workshop—nursery & reception parents, 9am

14th—Flu Vaccinee; Reception—Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year!

I sincerely hope that you all had a good summer break and managed to enjoy a break from the usual routines and enjoy the fabulous weather we had! It was great to see the children return on Wednesday, looking so much taller, refreshed and eager to start in their new classes. Walking around the school during lesson time has been an opportunity for me to see the children happy and settled in their new classes. Our Year 3 pupils have very much enjoyed coming over into the 'big' playground and they have loved their opportunity to play in the MUGA. One of the loveliest aspects of my week was observing the children playing together and having fun and thoroughly enjoying being reunited with their friends.

Our Year 6 children received their special jumpers today which distinguishes them from the rest of the school - an outward sign of their maturity and their last year within primary school. Thank you to FOSA for buying them. They have also been invited to consider putting themselves up for nomination for the roles of House and Vice Captain - writing their pledge/manifesto over the weekend and delivering it to all the children from the rest of the school within their house on Monday. This really is a brilliant opportunity for our oldest pupils to take on a responsibility and show initiative. I look forward to announcing our new House and Vice Captains next week.

During the summer holidays we had quite an extensive range of works undertaken which included:

- A brand new computerised boiler management system £80,000
- A new security alarm system to replace the very outdated system we had, linking the Year 6 building to the main school £15,000
- New maglocks fitted to external doors £3,000
- A full underground drainage survey as we are experiencing ongoing issues £2,000
- All communal corridors and rooms painted
- A raft of other smaller services, maintenance and repairs £10,000

The above works will all help to keep our school in great condition and ensure it remains a pleasant place to learn and work in for everyone. As parents your contributions towards the school building fund help to allow us to undertake such projects. My thanks goes to Chris for his help in facilitating these works over the holidays and carrying out the painting.

We look forward to begin welcoming our Nursery and Reception children as they start arriving from Tuesday onwards, with a few more joining on allocated days over the next few weeks.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly



Welcome Back

We extend a warm welcome to both Miss Devlin (Year 3 teacher) and Miss Healey (Teaching Assistant) who have joined our teaching staff this week. We also welcome back Miss O'Connor who has returned to teaching with us (Reception) after her two years of travelling since she left us in 2024. We are also delighted to welcome Launa Staunton as the School Business Manager. We are sure with a warm welcome they will feel settled at St Agnes in no time at all!

Contact Information

Could you ensure that the school office has all your up to date contact information ie mobile number and email address in case we need to speak to you or send emails/text messages to keep you updated on school life. It is essential we also have up to date emergency contact details should your child have an accident at school.

Please note that all payments must be made via Arbor. If you have any issues accessing Arbor, please contact the school office. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Celebrating Birthdays

This is a reminder that we ask parents who wish to celebrate their child's birthday with their classmates to either send in **fruit/raisins** to share or even better liaise with the class teacher to **buy a book** that can be donated to the class library.

This book will have a special addition on the front page, saying who donated it on the special occasion of their birthday and will be enjoyed by the children throughout the year. This will have a much longer lasting impact on the class than cakes/donuts which are increasingly being given out after school to celebrate birthdays. Thank you.

St Teresa Feast Day

The children from St Teresa's house went to the Parish Church for mass today to celebrate their feast day.

It was a great opportunity to give thanks for the life of St Teresa and the lessons she taught us throughout her humble life of service and charity. She is a modern day saint which makes it so much easier for us to relate to her as she lived in recent times and was understanding of the world's problems and more importantly part of the solution to resolve these.



Please see the information below where you can celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/summer-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=217.5>

PE KIT DAYS

PE Kit Days

Year Group	PE Kit Days
Reception	Wednesday & Friday
Year 1	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday & Tuesday
Year 6	Tuesday & Thursday

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.

Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Lisa Pate).

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice.

This is the statutory obligation of all schools.



St Agnes' Catholic Primary School, Thorverton Road, Cricklewood, London, NW2 1RG

Group 3 School NOR 429

Headteacher: Mrs Susan O'Reilly

Meal Time Supervisor Level 1

Required September 2026

Salary range Grade A £29,856 - £30,288 FTE Term time only (39 weeks) £7,295 -£7,400 pro rata

10 hours/week (11.30am -1.30pm)

We are currently seeking a highly motivated Meal Time Supervisor to join our caring and supportive team in our outstanding school (March 2025). This role is ideal for someone who is passionate about working with children and supporting them during lunchtime.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is positive and motivated
- Is patient, compassionate, and able to build strong relationships with children
- Is willing to support children both in the dining hall and outside facilitating playground games
- Is committed to upholding the Catholic ethos and values of our school (you do not need to be Catholic to apply, but must be supportive of the school's mission)
- Works well as part of a team and communicates effectively with pupils and staff

We offer:

- A warm and welcoming school community with a strong Catholic identity
- A supportive and collaborative staff team
- A chance to make a real difference in the lives of our pupils

'Pupils are very happy and thrive at this school. They are guided to respect others, be honest and try hard. They behave exceptionally well in class and around the school'. OFSTED 2025

Closing date: Monday 14th September 2026 (noon)

Interview date: Thursday 17th September

CES application forms are available on our website and must be returned to the school (we will not accept CV's). Visits are welcomed to enable you to come and see our wonderful school, please make an appointment via the school office.

St Agnes is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Appointment is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sexortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

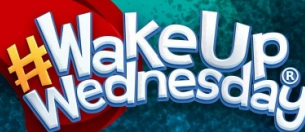
Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



The National College

Class	Star of the Week
1M	The Whole Class
1AM	Hayley
2D	Maryann
2HK	Isabella
3D	Liseli
3M	Michelle
4R	Kian
4I	Fkri
5N	Sofia
5J	Eva
6M	Averie
6P	The Whole Class
Reading Eggs	Will be updated next week
TT RockStars	Will be updated next week

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Birthdays: up to 6th September 2026

1st Kassem 4R

2nd Rain 6P

5th Ysaac 3D

6th JJ 3D



Pupil Premium:

The school receives additional funding for some families. This funding is used to enhance your child's learning in many different ways e.g. additional support, learning experiences and may help with payments for school trips. This funding is a vital part of the school's budget so please read the criteria below to see if you qualify.

If either parent is on income support, job seekers allowance, is in receipt of child tax credit but not working tax credit and has an income less than £16,190 or is an asylum seeker supported by the NASS or the local council.

Thought of the Week

'A Fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye...'

Unknown

