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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

23rd—6P assembly 9:05am

24th—Reception parents
coffee morning 9:00am

24th—International Evening
3-5pm

28th—Year 4 Swimming
starts for 10 days

29th Ben Kinsella workshop
in school Yr 6

30th 4R assembly 9:05am

OCTOBER

1st—Nursery Information &
Coffee Morning 9am

2nd—Maggie's Coffee
Morning 8:40am to 9:40am

5th—St Faustina Feast Day
mass 9:15 (church)

7th—Year 5 Golders Green
Orienteering Trip

7th Parents S&L meeting
(Rec & KS1 Parents /carers)
9:00am

7th 6M assembly 9:05am

8th—Individual Photo Day

9th—Parent Forum 9:00am

12th Brent Cross Town trip
Year 6 10:00am

13th—Chatty Children Work-
shop—nursery & reception
parents, 9am

Dear Parents,

School has felt very busy this week and the new term is definitely in full swing. It was great to see the final children in Nursery and Reception join our school, so both settings are now full. Reception parents are invited to a **coffee morning on Thursday 24th September at 9.00am and Nursery parents on Thursday 1st October at 9.00am**, both will take place in the school hall. We would like to see ALL parents on these mornings as it is important that you get to hear essential information now that your child has started their educational journey with us.

Curriculum Expectation Evenings

Parents with children in Years 1-6 were invited to join the online live meeting via Google Classroom on Wednesday afternoon. At this meeting your child's class teacher outlined expectations for the year, provided curriculum guidance and explained routines and procedures for the year ahead. The slides of the meetings will be uploaded for those unable to attend and to refer to in the future.

International Evening

We are holding our much loved International evening on **Thursday 24th September from 3-5pm**. So far we have had offers of stalls from the following countries India, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Albania, Hungary and Italy. This is always such a brilliant evening with tasty food from around the globe on offer, in addition to the entertainment provided by the children. As a school we are incredibly fortunate to have a rich and diverse community from so many cultural backgrounds and heritage - this event is a showcase to celebrate all of that. **Please parents, if your country is not yet represented then get involved and contact the office to offer to run a stall.** Please bring cash with you on the night.

Diocesan Visit

Our Westminster Diocesan Advisor visited us on Wednesday this week and spent a half day together with Miss Moran (Curriculum RE Leader) and Mrs Gale (Catholic life and Collective Worship Leader). She is a new advisor to us and used this visit as an opportunity to tour the school, carry out an environment walk, review the large amount of documentation the school holds for RE and discuss with us the inspection process. As a Catholic school we are not only inspected by Ofsted but by the Westminster Diocese too and both are of hugely significant importance to us. She was impressed by much of what she saw and this was evident in her feedback to us. As always at St Agnes we strive to improve all of the time and keep moving forward with new initiatives and ideas and this year we are putting our energy behind supporting pupils when reaching theological conclusions, to encourage them to use their lived experiences, teachings from scripture, and other sources to explain and support their answers.

Wishing you all a good weekend, I look forward to seeing many of you at the events next week.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly

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.

Save the Date - Maggie's Bake & Brew Morning

We will be hosting a coffee morning for Maggie's Cancer Care at the Royal Free hospital on **Friday 2nd October at 9am** in the hall. It would be great if we could ask you to support this great cause by donating cakes to sell on the day and of course dropping in for a cuppa on the day itself.

We have chosen to support this local charity for several years and they are always incredibly grateful for all funds received which go to support people living with cancer—indeed it has supported members of our own community over the years.



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.



Smart Watches /Apple Air Tags

Please note that we do not allow smart watches with the facility to take photographs in school. They are NOT permitted. We would encourage children wishing to wear a wrist watch to wear an analogue watch which will hugely assist in the life skill of being able to tell the time on a clock face.

Apple Air Tags

Please note these are NOT permitted in school or on school trips. There is no need for you to ask your child to carry one. Any such items found on children will be taken and you will be asked to collect them from the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Welcome to our School

We would like to offer a very warm welcome to the following children and their families who have started with us this week:

Nursery - Azai, Aoife, Finn, Daphne, Blaise, Adam, Maiia, Zane, Paula, Nora, Laila, Rose, Deniz, Kian, Daniel

Reception - Fatima, Ava, Bella, Aria, Avery, Maria Vittoria, Zenokuhle, Amelia, Leander, Tamia, Santino, Lila Serene, Samuel, Francesca, Raffie, Luna, Eliana, Mavee, Javier, Luana, Jannah, Harshith, Tymofii, Jack, Emmanuel

We would also like to welcome Arthur and Morilo who joined us in Year 6, Leo Year 2 and Bellissa Year 4

St Agnes' community prayer book

We have introduced a Prayer Intentions Book in the foyer by the school reception, and we'd love for our whole school community to make use of it.

You are welcome to write down any prayer intentions, whether they are for yourself, a family member, a friend or someone in our wider community. These intentions will be included in our weekly prayers as a school. You can also leave your prayer anonymously if you prefer.

Miss Moran
RE Curriculum Leader



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

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

PE KIT DAYS

PE Kit Days

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

Assembly Dates

23/9/26	6P
30/9/26	4M
7/10/26	6M
14/10/26	5N
22/10/26	5J
11/11/26	3M
19/11/26	4I
26/11/26	3D

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👉👉👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧃 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affected or 'simping'
😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
😂 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
😐 (Mood) Stone-faced, unbothered	💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Class	Star of the Week
1M	Sean
1AM	Gabriel
2D	Zaen
2HK	Sarah P
3D	Stefan
3M	Zoe W
4R	Celine
4I	Maya
5N	Oliver
5J	Connor
6M	Liam
6P	Gbohunmi
French	Josia (3M)
Reading Eggs	Emily A
TT Rockstars	Eva D

Birthdays: up to 20th September 2026

15th Emad RC, Liam 6M

17th Abigal 6M, Vaughn 6P

18th Cian 2D

13th Michelle 3M



Weekly Attendance Will be updated next week

Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RC	97.7%	2
RZ	93.8%	1
1M	95.9%	1
1AM	96.4%	0
2D	97.9%	8
2HK	96.1%	3
3D	97.1%	4
3M	98.9%	0
4R	93.5%	1
4I	98.6%	5
5N	93.8%	2
5J	98.9%	4
6M	98.6%	1
6P	97.7%	3

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

'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up'

St Paul

