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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

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

1st—Black History Month Workshops

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

5th—9th Cycle to School week

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

7th—Year 5 Golders Green Orienteering Trip

7th—Black History Month Workshops

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

9th—Black History Workshops

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

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

Dear Parents,

Parent Forum Reps

It has come to the time of year when we are approaching our first Parent Forum meeting of the new academic year which will be held on **Friday 9th October** at 9.00am.

Parent forum reps (one per class) are parents who represent their classes at half termly meetings. This is an opportunity to bring forward ideas, make suggestions, discuss new initiatives and improve the offering for the pupils of St Agnes School. It would be wonderful to have a parent from every class who could commit to a brief meeting once every half term (these are always the Friday prior to the half term at 9am). Mrs Gale the Deputy Head and our Chair of Governors— Lisa Pate often attends also, so it is an opportunity for Governor involvement also.

Please note that Parent Forum reps may be asked to discuss school issues of a general nature from other parents. These meetings are **NOT** an opportunity to discuss individual children or members of staff - this must be clear and understood by all. We have had some longstanding parents, who have attended the Parent Forum for several years. Whilst these parents are **most** welcome to stand again and represent their child's class, it would be lovely to give other parents an opportunity should they wish to commit to this for the year.

Please give your name to the office by Thursday 1st October if you feel you could be a Parent Forum rep, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend

Susan O'Reilly



FOSA

School Events for the Year 2026/2027

Here are some of the events that FOSA is planning for 2026/2027.

Some dates are still to be confirmed but hopefully it helps with planning for this year. There may be more events that may come up closer to the time. Information for each event will be provided in seperate posters closer to the time.

Together we make a difference

2026 Events

23rd
Oct 2026

Crazy Hair Day
(£1)



5th
Nov 2026

Bon Fire Night Sale



13th
Nov 2026

Mr Marvel Disco
Reception to Year 3



27th
Nov 2026

Mufti Day
Bottle for Christmas
Fayre Tombola



30th Nov to
4th Dec 2026

Christmas Movie Week



2nd
Dec 2026

Santas Grotto



3rd
Dec 2026

Christmas Fayre
3-5pm



2027 Events

5th
Feb 2027

KS2 Disco
for Year 4 to Year 6



12th
Feb 2027

Valentines Cupid
for a Day (£1)



12th
Feb 2027

Valentines Day Sale



March
2027

Mothers Day Event
(Date TBC)



March
2027

Easter Quest
(Date TBC)



June
2027

Fathers Day Event
(Date TBC)



22nd
June 2027

Mufti Day Year 6
Bottle for Summer Fayre
Tombola



25th
June 2027

Mufti Day
Bottle for Summer Fayre



1st
July 2027

Summer Fayre
3-5pm



19th
July 2027

End of Year Sale



More details to follow nearer the time!

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 8.40-9.40am 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 the past few years and they always incredibly grateful for all funds received which go to support people living with cancer—indeed it has supported members of our own community recent years.



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Birthday Books



We are introducing a new system for each family to purchase a birthday book to celebrate their child's birthday. A payment of **£6** will show on every child's Arbor account and when it is your child's birthday, you can pay the amount. They will then go to the large basket of new books kept in Mrs Jones classroom that school has bought and select a brand new book for their class library. The book will have a dedication at the front to the child to celebrate their birthday and is dated - which will remain as a lasting gift for the class. This is a perfect way to remember their special day.



Cycle to School Week

On October 9th, we will host a 'Bling Your Bike' morning! The children will get to showcase their decorated bikes to their class, and every class will vote for the best 'blinged-out bike', with a certificate awarded to the winner in each class. Special certificates can be given to the children who have gone the extra mile and dedicated themselves to the challenge of cycling each day. I will also highlight that as a school, we are making a collective pledge to cycle more often and help reduce our CO2 emissions.

I really hope the children get behind this—I can't wait to see a sea of decorated bikes parked outside on the 9th!

Miss O'Connor
PSHE Leader



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:

Reception: Lucca , Emmanuel. Ashkan, Mason-

We would also like to welcome Luca Year 2, and Ezdan, Theodore, Eva and Maneel Year 3, Helena Year 5



Parent Tours - Reception September 2027

Should you know of any friends or neighbours considering St Agnes as a school for their Reception Child for next year, please can you let them know that our tours for prospective parents will be held on **Friday 6th November at 1.45pm and Tuesday 10th November at 9.30am**. A final tour will take place on **Friday 4th December at 9.15am**. Due to numbers attending we ask parents not to bring children with them. They do not need to book a place but can simply come along on any of the given dates.

Individual Photograph Day

Please note the photographer will take individual pictures of pupils for you to purchase should you wish (and siblings) on **Thursday 8th October**. we would ask you to ensure that your child wears FULL school uniform on that day.





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

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 VIOLENT CONTENT ONLINE

Around 70% of teenagers say they've seen real-life violence on social media in the past year – often from as young as primary school age. Just 6% actively seek it out; most encounter it through group chats or social media algorithms. From fights and pranks to hate speech and graphic media, exposure to violent content online is more widespread – and more harmful – than many adults realise.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MENTAL HEALTH AND TRAUMA

Children and young people report feelings of anxiety, guilt, shame or fear after seeing violent content. For some, these effects may be short term, but for those with existing vulnerabilities or past trauma, the impact can be more severe. Many also feel pressured to 'laugh off' violent content to fit in with friends, even when they find it distressing.

BEHAVIOUR CHANGES

Exposure to online violence can lead to fear and avoidance behaviours – such as skipping school or staying indoors. When children see weapons used in videos, it can heighten their perception that the world is unsafe and, in rare cases, increase the likelihood they'll consider carrying a weapon themselves, such as a knife for protection.

ESCALATION AND PARTICIPATION

Violent videos often go viral quickly. What begins as an online argument can spill into real-world fights – which are sometimes filmed and shared to gain views or status. Some children even admit to sharing or creating violent content themselves to gain attention or boost their reputation.

DESENSITISATION

Older teens may become numb to violent content after years of exposure, admitting they're unlikely to report it. Younger children also tend not to report it – usually because they don't believe anything will be done or because they're afraid of being labelled a 'snitch' by their peers.

HARMFUL IDEOLOGIES

Violent content online may overlap with racist, misogynistic or otherwise extremist ideas. These messages can dehumanise others or glorify violence as a way to gain power, popularity or notoriety. Over time, this can normalise dangerous behaviours and attitudes among impressionable viewers.

DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT

Not all children are affected equally. Those who are excluded from school, marginalised, disabled or neurodivergent are often more vulnerable to the effects of online violence. It's essential to consider wider context – including home life and access to safe spaces – when thinking about potential harm.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CREATE SUPPORTIVE SPACES

Many children feel adults are too busy or won't understand their experiences online. Take time to build trust through non-judgemental conversations about what they're seeing. If they don't want to speak to you directly, gently signpost towards trusted services they can turn to for support.

KNOW WHAT'S ILLEGAL

Some violent content is simply upsetting, while other examples may be criminal or a safeguarding matter that needs reporting. Help children understand the difference by staying informed about online laws and social media reporting procedures. A useful resource is reportharmfulcontent.com.

AVOID HARSH RESTRICTIONS

Fear of punishment is a major reason young people stay silent about violent content. Try not to overreact or threaten to take away devices. Instead, reassure children that they can speak openly and that asking for help won't get them into trouble.

UNDERSTAND TECH AND TRAUMA

Older children may already know how to block accounts or avoid triggering content. Help younger or more vulnerable children learn these tools and encourage habits that reduce exposure. Just as importantly, teach techniques that help them process distress – building resilience and emotional literacy for both online and offline life.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in digital safety, media law, and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit onlinemedialawuk.com for more.



The National College

Class	Star of the Week
RC	Eleonora
RZ	Avery
1M	Emilia
1AM	Anna
2D	Daniel Al Chaabi
2HK	Yeab
3D	Zara
3M	Florence
4R	Bellissa
4I	Caddi
5N	Marcos
5J	Temi
6M	Mathilde
6P	Megan
French	Tala 4R
Reading Eggs	Adriano Sepe 1M
TT Rockstars	4I 89% of class active

Birthdays: up to 27th September 2026

21st Cristiano 3D, Troy 1AM,

22nd Connor 5J

23rd Kuba 5J

24th Nick 6P

25th Maksym 6M, Oli Tilemachos 5N

27th Aron 6M



Weekly Attendance Will be updated next week		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RC	97.3%	5
RZ	96.7%	4
1M	98.3%	1
1AM	93.6%	3
2D	97.0%	8
2HK	96.6%	3
3D	97.8%	0
3M	96.2%	4
4R	99.31%	1
4I	96.8%	7
5N	96.9%	1
5J	97.2%	0
6M	96.3%	4
6P	95.7%	7

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

'You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them'.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

