



Term: Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a look at our first term back. It sure has been a busy one!

Nursery

The staff in Nursery have been blown away by how well the children have settled this half term. We have begun teaching our Nursery curriculum and next half term we begin teaching Phonics. As the half term comes to an end, the children have enjoyed learning about the celebration of Diwali. Well done Nursery for a fantastic half term!



Reception



Reception have made a fantastic start to the new school year! They have enjoyed exploring their new room and making new friends. The topic was 'All About Me' and the children were very excited when their families came to visit for a VIP day. Together with their visitor they made their house and drew everybody that lives with them. They worked hard and had a lot of fun!

Year 1

The children have settled in beautifully and we have enjoyed starting the Year 1 curriculum. This half-term our topic focus was 'Where We Live', children have created passports and maps to develop their understanding of our local area and community.



Reminder- Please keep reading your decodable book and practise your phonics and spellings - this will help prepare us for next half-term. Thank you ☺

Year 2

The children in year 2 have enjoyed exploring our new Troll Swap story with Timothy and Tabitha during English, and have even re-written our own stories. In Maths we have been working with numbers to 100, and recognising number patterns. In Science we have been learning about different materials and had the opportunity to use different types of wool and plastic and fabric during our very successful kite making workshop. Many thanks to all the parents that attended.





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Year 3

Year 3 started the term with a bang by going on a trip to Tatton Park to learn all about The Stone Age. We learned how Stone Age people would have lived throughout the period, what they might have worn and how their lives changed from the Paleolithic to the



Neolithic Age.
What a great start to the year!



Year 4

Year 4 had an exciting start to the year, we went to Chester to learn about Romans and explore the Grosvenor Museum and artifacts. We learnt about the Roman fort and looked at how people would have lived using some of the artifacts.



We dressed as a soldier and marched to the Amphitheatre to do soldier drills.



We have also started swimming this term and both classes are making phenomenal progress, with several certificates already awarded for 5 and 25 metres.

Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the ancient Egyptian civilisation. During this half term, they have been extremely creative and have sculpted canopic jars and performed drama based on Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. A great start to the year!



Year 6

Year 6 have been incredibly busy this half term! At the start of the term, 20 of our pupils went on their residential to Winmarleigh Hall near Preston where they participated in activities such as the giant swing, jacob's ladder and fencing. The Digital Ambassadors have launched their worry box project for KS2. Last week, we also had a special visitor in to talk to the children about the damage gangs can have on the community and how to make better choices. As well as all of these fantastic things, the children are preparing for their SATs tests, which will be in May.



Star Group

We've had a fantastic start to the school year, with all the children working really hard and showing an excellent 'can do!' attitude to learning. We have had plenty of opportunities to work collaboratively and also independently, really showing a range of skills while learning new ones.





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Events

Parent events - We have had amazing turnouts for our parent sessions such as the Year 2 kite making workshop, phonics with our Reception and Year 1 classes, Year 4 Topic workshop, Chai.Coffee morning and our very first 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. There will be plenty more as feedback from parents and carers indicates the end and desire for more of these in lots of different areas.

Fundraising - Our Mellow Yellow day raised over **£233** which will go to Save the Children charity and we had lots of tins to give to St Agnes church and these will be donated to the charity LifeShare to feed the homeless.

Extra-curricular clubs - we have our regular clubs going on now with our Reception sports, Year 6 Football and Girls Football clubs. The aim is to get more of the clubs going throughout the year.

Our 'Early Start' club every morning continues to be well attended- this is open to any child from Reception to Year 6, to come and have some toast. Cereal, juice and time to do their homework, catch up on reading and playing outside.

Cycle to School week - this was a roaring success and it was lovely to see so many pupils coming to school in a healthier and environmentally friendly way. Hopefully, we can find some space for pupils to park their bikes and scooters so we can continue this excellent way of coming to school!



Attendance

We got off to quite a good start but sadly we still have many families going abroad during term time as well as illnesses towards the end of the term. Over **70 persistent absence** letters have been sent out for pupils with **below 90%** attendance which is very concerning. Hopefully we will pick up our attendance and get better at it next term!

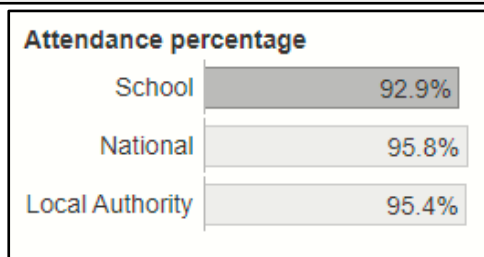
In yellow I've highlighted where we rank compared to other schools in Manchester - we **MUST GET BETTER!**



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Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	93.3%	You are ranked 129th out of 137 schools
Overall absence	6.7%	You are ranked 129th out of 137 schools
Authorised absence	4.3%	You are ranked 136th out of 137 schools
Unauthorised absence	2.5%	You are ranked 82nd out of 137 schools
Persistently absent	21.7%	You are ranked 129th out of 137 schools
Severely absent	2.4%	You are ranked 119th out of 137 schools

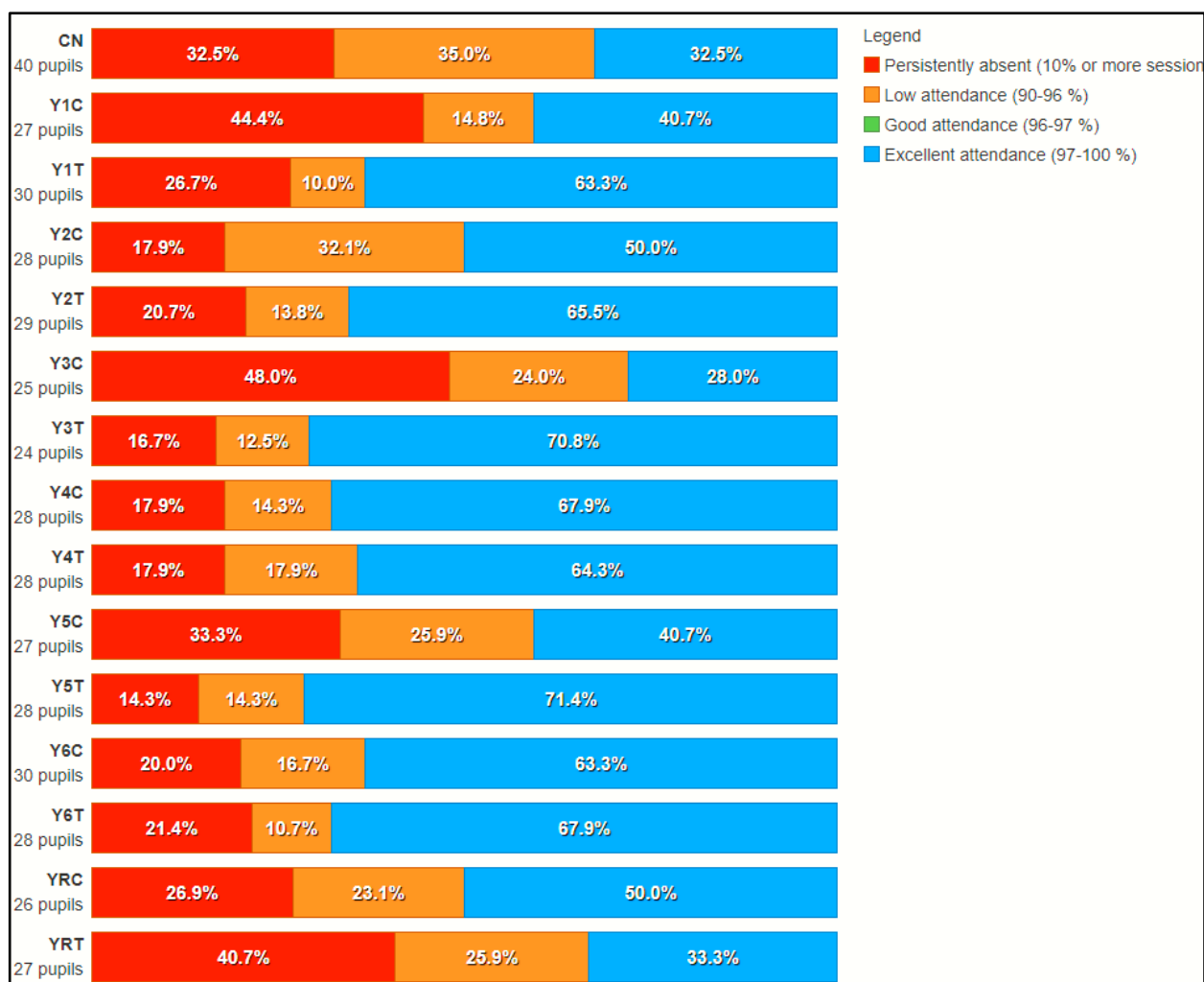
We are **3% below** all other schools! We must **beat this!**



Take a look at how each class did below:



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Dates to

note:

School photos - Wednesday 12 November

Bishop Mark visit - Friday 14 November

Flu vaccinations - Tuesday 18 November

Christmas holidays - Monday 22 December - Friday 2 January

School closes on: **Friday 24 October 2025** School opens on: **Monday 3 November 2025**

On behalf of all at St Agnes, I wish everyone in our community a peaceful and blessed holiday.

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team