



Spring 2 2026 Newsletter

Wednesday 1 April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this term's newsletter! So much has been going on and it's wonderful to be able to reflect on some of it!

Events

We had **World Book Day** and a jam packed week full of activities related to reading and enjoying books. The **Book Fair** was very popular and we raised £200 to buy more books for children to enjoy. Our **World Book Day** raised £156 for our school funds.

Our Eid event organised by Mr Green and our super PAGS - lots of happy faces and full bellies I think! The event raised £454 which will go towards making future events even more exciting!

The special time of **Easter** is in the last week, although not just about chocolate eggs, focus was on rebirth and the joys of new life this season brings, as well as our first ever Easter bonnet parade!

Parental engagement

Parents attended lots of workshops and classes including Reception and Year 1 - phonics and reading; Year 2 - DT and puppet making; Year 5 DT building Mars Rover and Year 6 SATS.

Parent Consultations also took place this term which most parents attended but we could definitely do with more! On average attendance was 75% which means at least 5 pupils' parents didn't turn up to find out about their child's progress.

Enrichment

Our regular Early Start club carries on with an average of 60 pupils attending. Remember any child Reception or over can attend from 8:00am and we have lots of activities they can do - catch up on reading, homework, games and outdoor play.

Pupils in Reception and KS1 visited our local library as well as the local park.

We took part in our annual Mini Marathon which always gets everyone's heart rate up!

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have had some brilliant clubs going this term with:

- a girls only Football club - Y5 and Y6 - who competed in more inter school competitions!
- Creative club - Y4
- Maths booster (yr6)
- MITC sports (Reception)
- Phonics (Y1)

Parent volunteers

It is lovely to have our parents as volunteers around the school helping in class, going on trips and supporting tasks. If you have some spare time and want to upskill and gain experience in a school environment, then please ask at the office for more information.

Staff news

New staff governor!



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We want to thank **Miss Ahmed** who has represented the staff team on the governing board for the past 4 years and she did an amazing job! Our new staff governor is **Mrs Charlton**, our Year 5T teacher - thank you!

Good luck to **Mrs Millner-Davy**, who is now on maternity leave for the year and we wish her all the best during this special time. Nursery will continue to be managed by Mrs McCutcheon and a supply cover teacher to lead the children.

Curriculum News

Nursery have been working really hard this half term learning all about **animals**. They have learnt new vocabulary and finding out about **sea animals and pets**. The children have also been practising how to write their **name** and improving their **fine motor skills**.

Reception have had an amazing half term. They have been learning all about **animals** and all the **different** types of animals that live in our **world**.

The children have also been **exploring** the local community and took a trip to the **library**, finding out how we can borrow books and enjoy **reading** everywhere.



Year 1 have had an exciting half term looking at **space**. Using the story of Beegu as a hook, we have **decoded an alien language**, written letters as an alien, and thought about how we can all be welcoming to outsiders. We have learnt all about the planets in our **solar system** and the famous people from throughout **history** who have been out to space!

Year 2 enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiel, showing focus, **teamwork** and growing confidence in their **musical abilities**.

We also had lots of fun in **DT**, making puppets with our parents in 2C and **gardening** in 2T.



Year 3

We've been working really hard this term learning about the **Bronze and Iron ages** as well as finding out how to be **healthy** in **Science**.

But we also know that it's good to treat yourself sometimes too so we made these fantastic cakes to celebrate Easter! If you're lucky, you might get to try one if they make it home. Yum!!



Year 4 have enjoyed a rich and engaging half term exploring the **teachings of Jesus**. Alongside this, they have celebrated both Eid and Easter through a variety of creative and fun craft activities. These experiences have helped the children develop a **deeper understanding** and appreciation of different **religions**, supporting our whole-school focus on **diversity** and **inclusion** at St Agnes.



Year 5

In our **DT** lessons, we have been working extremely hard to **design, build and test** our very own Mars Rovers.

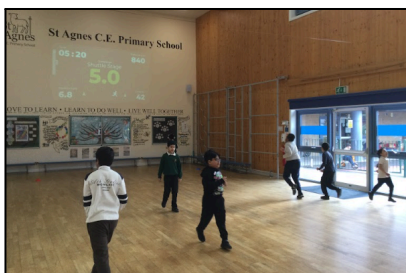


Pupils (and their parents) showed real **perseverance** and **teamwork** during the process! We have also been writing **biographies** all about world-famous astronaut Chris Hadfield and exploring what the Sunshine State is really like in **geography** lessons.



Star group

Star Group kept themselves active by running a beep test in the hall. We made it to level 5 although we were very tired afterwards!

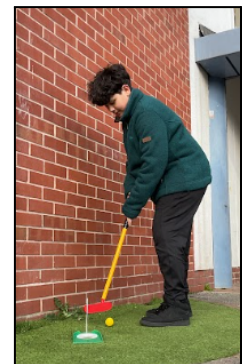


Year 6

Year 6 recently explored **Art: sculpture** through studying British Artists **Henry Moore's** distinctive style—particularly his use of abstract forms, flowing shapes, and themes of shelter and human experience—pupils created their own sculptures reflecting the journey of refugees.



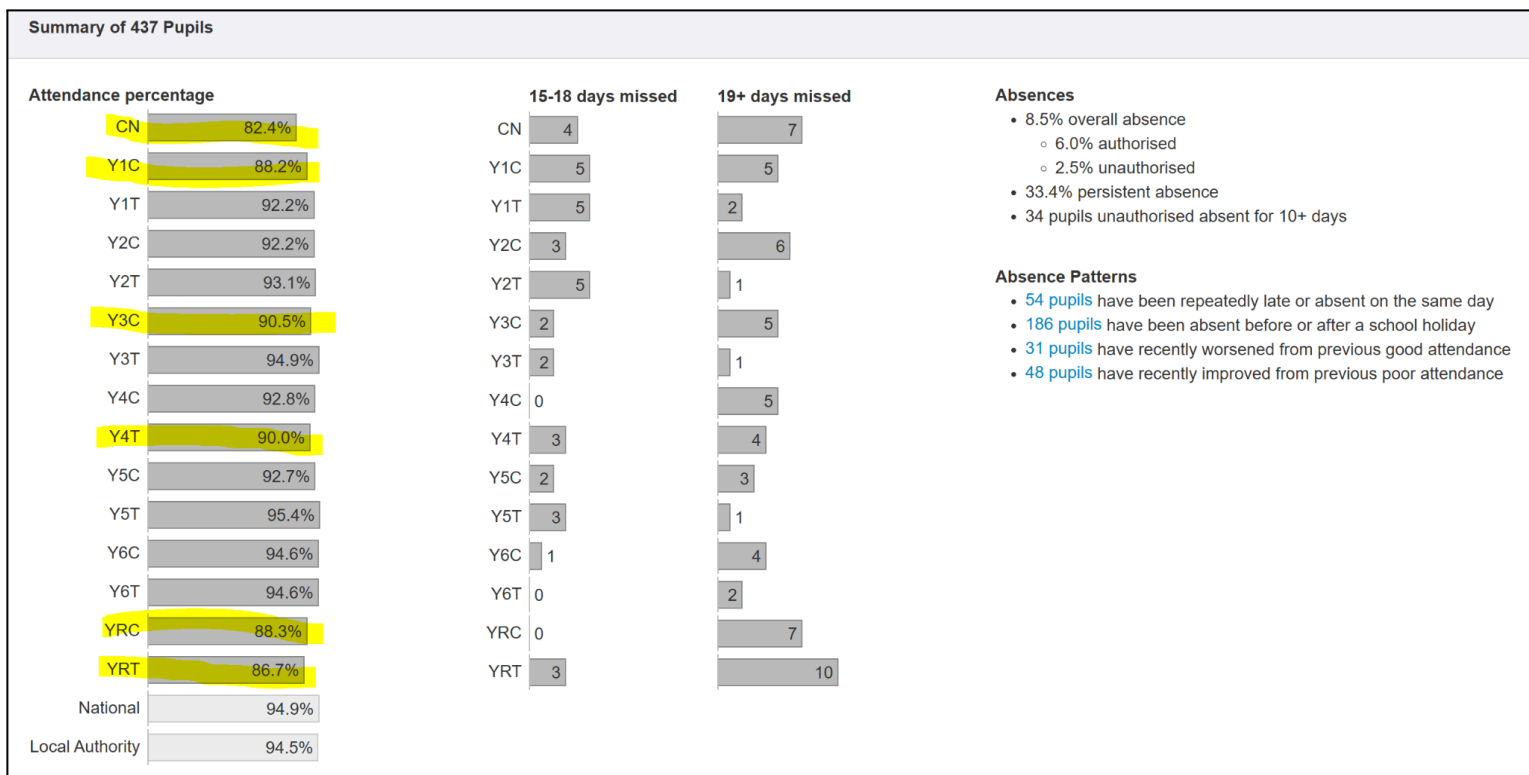
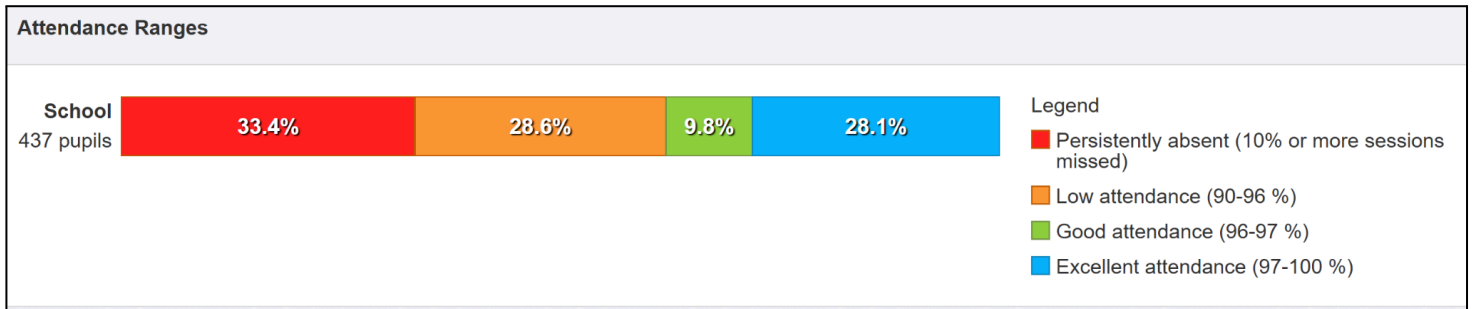
The pupils began by learning about the challenges faced by people forced to leave their homes, discussing ideas of **safety, resilience, and hope** within our English lessons. They then translated these themes into art, using paper mache and other materials to craft expressive, abstract figures and forms. This project not only developed the pupils' artistic skills, such as **shaping, smoothing, and refining 3D forms**, but also encouraged **empathy** and thoughtful **reflection**.



In **PE** this term, we have been training future Master winners in the skill of golf! We have developed our **eye to hand coordination skills** and ended the term with an international 6 hole mixed doubles golf tournament.



Attendance and punctuality



You can see from the data lots of classes are highlighted as causing big concerns with attendance. These children will struggle to catch up and are missing out on valuable learning. When it comes to tests and the phonics checks, especially our Early Years and Year 1 students will find it very hard as their attendance is the lowest at the moment!

We had a couple of very poor weeks with chicken pox and tummy bug illnesses which has greatly affected our attendance. Unfortunately, we also have **16** children go away with their parents this term. We launched our Mission 95+ initiative to help those pupils who were in the 90 - 94% band to get to 95%+



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We still have a lot of children below 90% which is classed as persistently absent and these are a serious concern.

As well as term time holidays, our biggest absence is lots of little absences for illnesses. These will now be reviewed very closely and absences will not be unauthorised unless valid proof and explanations can be given. We have employed an external company to help tackle the very high absence rate, which is needed to help the attendance team reduce the high absence rate we have. Mrs Lane will be meeting with families causing the biggest concerns and how we can help them out.

Dates to note:

- School **closes** at **1:30pm** for Easter holidays (**2 weeks**) - Thursday 2 April 2026
- School **opens** - Monday 20 April 2026
- School is closed **1 day (May Bank Holiday)** - Monday 5 May
- **Year 6 SATs** - Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May
- School is **closed (Summer half term holiday - one week)** - Monday 25 to Friday 29 May

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

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team