

Friday 22 May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the shortest term of the year with only 5 weeks in it but we have managed to pack in a lot!

Events

SIAMS Inspection Update: A Community Triumph

We are delighted to share that our recent SIAMS inspection was an incredibly positive experience. While we are still officially "awaiting the final report" before we can share the full details, the initial feedback was a wonderful affirmation of everything we strive for at St Agnes.

The inspector saw firsthand what we see every day: a community where pupils, staff, and parents work together to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to flourish. We want to extend a massive thank you to our entire school family. Our pupils were the stars and spoke with such confidence and kindness, our staff demonstrated their tireless dedication, and your ongoing support as parents shone through. You have made us all very proud.

We look forward to sharing the official report with you as soon as it is published!

Parental engagement

The Thursday Adult classes have been very well attended this term with a focus on getting ready to volunteer run by Manchester Adult Education Services.

Almost all year groups have had parents visiting classrooms and joining in workshops and information sessions which is what you have asked for.

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.

Note: If you have any spare or unwanted board games or playing equipment for our club please drop them off at the office so pupils can play with them.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We have had some brilliant clubs going this term with:

- A girls only Football club - Y5 and Y6
- Chess club - Y4 and 5
- Maths booster - Y6
- 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.

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Staff news

A Milestone Retirement We want to share the news that Mrs Smith will be retiring this July after 33 years of incredible service to St Agnes. While we aren't saying goodbye just yet, we wanted to acknowledge this remarkable milestone and the generations of pupils she has inspired. We look forward to celebrating their legacy properly later this term!

Curriculum News

Nursery

In Nursery we have been reading the 'Gigantosaurus' book and have explored the habitats of different dinosaurs. Next we learnt all about all the different farm animals and where our food comes from. We have had great fun learning new letter sounds in phonics. In maths we have made our teachers very proud counting, matching and making patterns.



Reception

This half-term we have been learning even more about different animals and their habitats. We have enjoyed learning the story 'Gigantasaurus' and have done so amazing work around it. We have also enjoyed the Cultural Diversity week. In Reception we have learned more about Christianity in the UK and the role of churches. We built some fantastic models of churches.



Year 1

This half-term we have been preparing for our phonics screening check. We had a fantastic morning with parents where we practiced our phonics skills and shared resources to be used at home- thank you to all of the parents/carers that attended! We have also enjoyed learning about the seaside and how this compares to our own community, in Longsight. Our focus text, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', has developed our



Year 2

This half-term, Year 2 have been busy developing their creativity and understanding of the world around them. In Art, we have enjoyed creating sculptures using junk modelling materials, exploring how everyday items can be reused to make imaginative pieces of artwork.



Our focus text, Tidy by Emily Gravett, has helped us to think carefully about the importance of looking after our environment. Through

understanding of plastic pollution and how we can help keep our planet sustainable.

our reading and discussions, we have explored why it is important to keep our surroundings clean and how we can all play a part in protecting our planet.

Year 3

Year 3 have been excelling in swimming this term and we've had lots of certificates presented. We've already swum in the deep end! We've had a great time investigating how light works in Science and we've been super creative with sculpture in Art. Look at our amazing techniques!



Year 4

In year 4 this term we have been taking a closer look into sustainability and protecting the environment with our English book called Alba the hundred year old fish, as well as our term topic of sustainability. We were able to create fish out of recycled items such as plastic bottles, fabric and cardboard. All of year 4 have taken a strong stance on promoting positive change for the environment.



Year 5

We have had a wonderful half term learning all about UK National Parks in our geography lessons. The highlight was our visit to Castleton in the Peak District, where we explored the village and hiked up to Peveril Castle. Despite the rain, we all had a fantastic time!



Year 6

Year 6 pupils celebrated the completion of their SATs with a fun afternoon at nearby Rushford Park. The children enjoyed playing cricket, football and frisbee, while others relaxed and spent time with friends after a busy and challenging test week. The celebrations come before the next big task ahead — completing their English writing moderation folders next term.



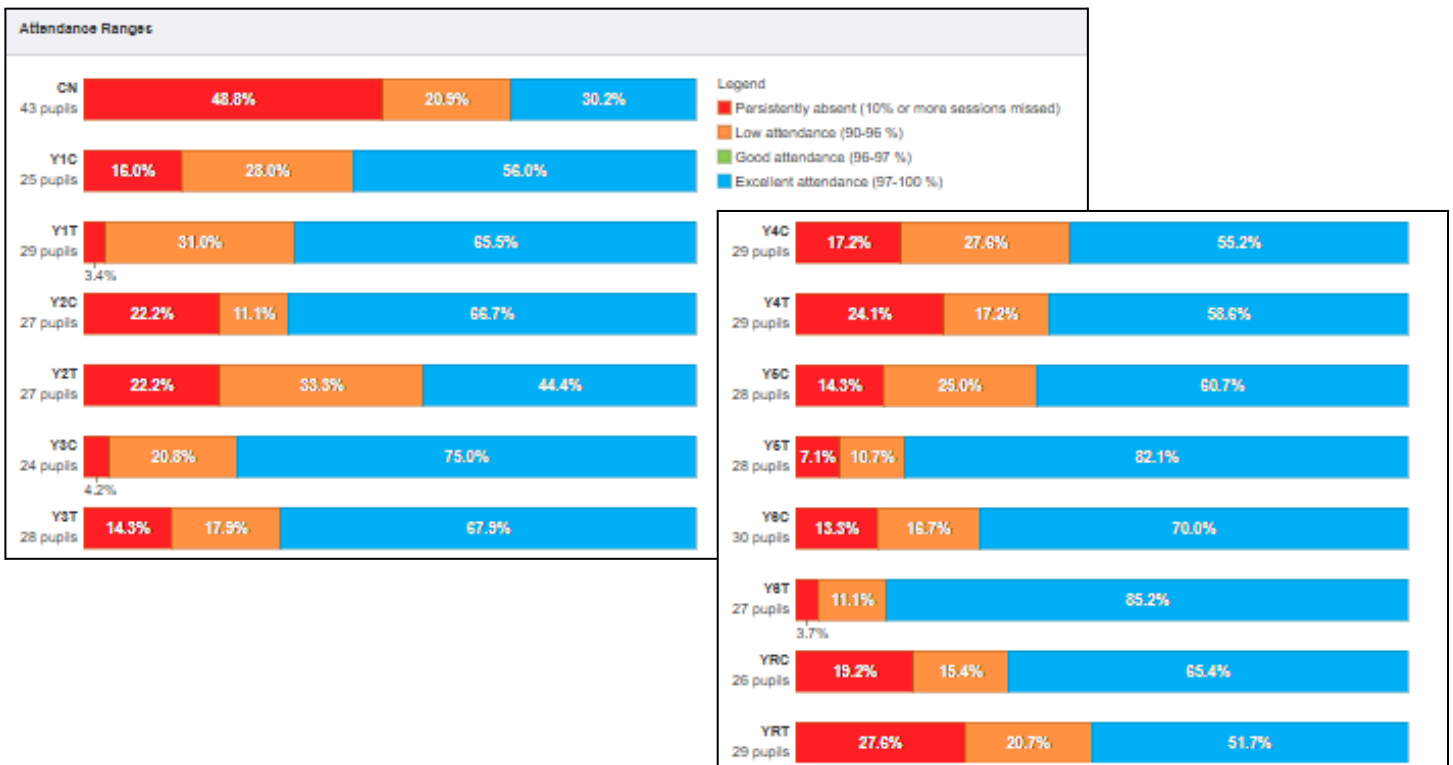
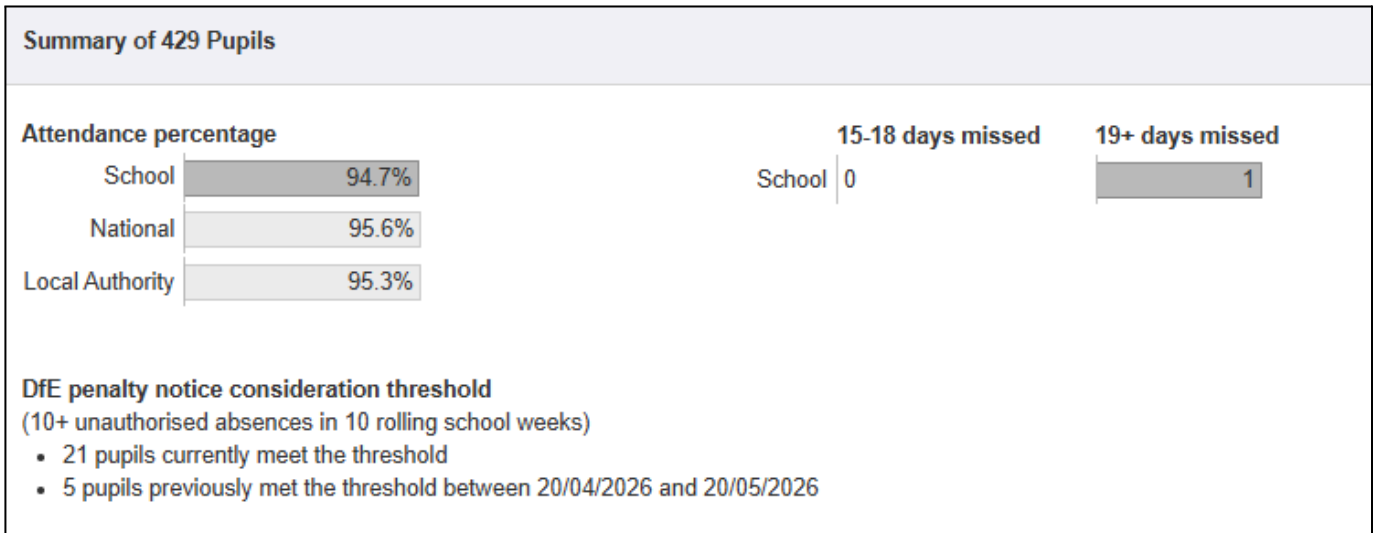
Star group

This half term Star Group have been working very hard unscrambling sentences and also looking at our chosen book for English, Tidy by Emily Gravett, which is all about Pete the Badger trying his best to keep the forest clean and why it's important that we should all look after our forests and wildlife.



Attendance and punctuality

Our attendance this term has ever so slightly improved!



Summer 1 2026 Newsletter



You can see from the data lots of classes are in the blue zone but our red and orange zone is still too high - these should be below 10% and every class is still below 90%.

Every day counts and every day missed is a day lost for learning.

Still too many late children in the mornings. Please get to the gates **before** 8.50am.

We launched our **Mission 95+** initiative to help those pupils who were in the 90 - 94% band to get to 95%+ and at least 8 children improved their attendance as a result!

The majority of illnesses - cough, headache, tummy ache etc will not be authorised anymore unless we see proof of medical appointments. Bring your child in and we will assess if they are well enough to stay in school or not.

Please be aware that all term time absence requests will be unauthorised.

Eid ul Adha festival

Many of our families will be celebrating during the half term holiday and on behalf of everyone we wish all a wonderful and joyful Eid Mubarak!

Dates to note:

- School **closes** - Friday 22 May
- School **opens** - Monday 1 June
- **Year 1 and 2 Phonics screening check** - wb 8th June
- **Year 4 Multiplication times table check** - wb 15th June
- **Pupil reports** - Friday 10th July
- **St Agnes Got Talent 2026** - Tuesday 14th July
- **St Agnes Summer Fair - TBC!**
- **Aspiration Week** - Week beginning 7 July
- **School closes for the summer** at 1:30pm - Friday 17th July

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