



Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Thursday 22 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year - we have certainly had a very busy start!

Ofsted inspection

We had Ofsted visit us this term to inspect us under their new framework. It was a very intense few days and I wanted to share how wonderful and brilliant our pupils, staff, governors and yourselves were during the inspection! As soon as I get the final report I will share it with you and what it all means for our school.

Events

Harvest - All pupils got to visit St Agnes Church and meet our new vicar, Reverend Sarah during harvest. Thank you to everyone who donated tins of soup for the homeless charity, LifeShare.

Hello Yellow Day was a success - lots of mental wellbeing work was done and a lot of happy faces looking amazing in yellow. You helped raise **£134.26** which will go to the charity, Save the Children, who help children all over the world.

Meet the Teacher and VIP days - it was great to see so many of you attend these sessions where you get to meet the teacher and discuss your child's progress. Please do not hesitate in contacting your child's teacher through ClassDojo if you have any worries and how you can help at home with learning.



Extra-curricular activities

Our clubs continue to be well attended such as chess and sports. Remember we do have our **Early Start club** where pupils from Reception to Year 6 can come and enjoy some food, play with friends and be ready to start school early. **Trips** to Chester; Birchfield Park, visitors and experience days in Year 5 (Ancient Greece), Year 4 (Diary of a Disciple) and Year 6 - Mental Health and wellbeing workshops.

School uniform

It has been really nice to see the majority of our pupils wearing school uniforms and the correct PE kit. This is just to remind everyone that let's keep this up as it is part of our being **READY** for school and remember, you as parents and carers ultimately decide when children don't want to wear a part of the uniform such as the wrong colour footwear. Shoes must be black and **not** trainers.

PE kit -

- **White** t-shirt/polo shirt; **Black** shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms/trainers

Loose headscarves are **not** safe for PE - these should be tight. The colours are black, green and white.

School bags

A reminder that **all pupils** will be expected to have a St Agnes school bag to carry books, and belongings. The school bags are available at the office and more have been ordered as we have had a few parents already following this rule. Make sure names are written on the tags.

Curriculum News

Nursery

We are so proud of how the children have settled into their new school routines this half term. They have all grown in **independence** and **confidence** whilst learning 'All About Me'. The children have learned lots of new songs through 'Rhyme Time'. In **English** we have explored our emotions through the story, 'The Colour Monster' and have been **retelling** the story, 'Peace at Last'. In **Maths** we have been learning to **recognise** and **count to 3, more** and **fewer, straight** and **round** and have begun to learn to continue **colour patterns**. Great work Nursery!



Reception

The children have settled in really well this half term. They have picked up on our school routines and have shown they are ready to learn. We have loved learning "All About Me" and have been using **Phonics** to support us in our **Literacy**.

In **Maths** we have been learning to count to 6 and understanding the value of numbers 1-6 and exploring **Maths** within the environment. The children have had a fantastic start to the school year. Well done, Reception!



Year 1

The children have settled into Year 1 beautifully this half-term!

We have enjoyed learning about 'Where We Live' and our local area. We created maps in **Geography** and used these to help us **plan a route** to Birchfields Park.

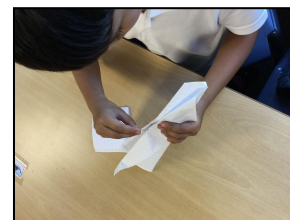
In **English**, we have been writing about our focus text, 'Lost and Found'. We have been learning to use sentence features correctly and sounding out words using our phonics knowledge. **Reminder:** School books need to be returned every WEDNESDAY 😊



Year 2

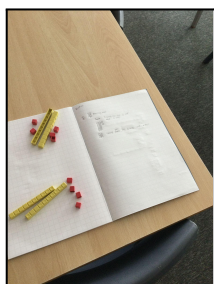
The children have settled beautifully into Year 2 and have been enjoying lots of exciting learning! They have been learning all about the **Wright brothers** and how they helped create the first successful

aeroplane. The children then became little **engineers** themselves, **designing** and making their own paper aeroplanes. They **experimented** with adding paper clips to help balance their planes and had lots of fun testing how well they could fly! ✈️



Year 3

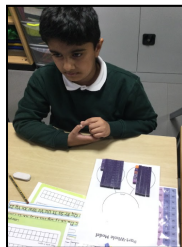
It has been a very busy and active first Half Term of the academic year. The children have settled fantastically into Year 3, they have improved their **independence** and are more **resilient**. Their



Year 4

We have kicked off Year 4 with a bang! It's been wonderful to watch the children settle in so well and dive into their new learning with such enthusiasm. A highlight of



<p>commitment in PE lessons has been remarkable, they have shown how working as a team looks like. They have worked on improving their skills and their focus. A special mention to their effort in Maths, they have got used to a new way of learning and the results can already be seen!</p>		<p>our term so far was our trip to Chester for a hands-on Roman experience. The children are still talking about it, and that shared excitement has given everyone a fantastic boost to start the year!</p>		
<p>Year 5</p> <p>We have got off to a brilliant start in Year 5. This half term, we have been investigating whether the story of Trojan Horse is a myth, legend or fact. We have some amazing historians among us! One of the highlights of our half term has been our Ancient Greece day, where we created our own laurel wreaths, tasted Greek food and held our very own Olympic Games.</p>		<p>5. have the We One our</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>Year 6 have hit the ground running this half term with lots of interesting and fun lessons! We have explored why the sun never set on the British Empire, we have studied the theory of evolution and we have had a good go at tackling long division! We also had a visit from the Fire Service who came to chat to us about keeping safe with the upcoming Bonfire night and then let us have a go at spraying a hose!</p>	
<p>Star Group</p> <p>We have had a wonderful start to the year and have been busy with partitioning 2-digit numbers and number patterns in maths. We have also been learning all about the South Pole and the animals that live there while we have been writing about our class book 'Lost and Found' in English.</p>				

Attendance and Punctuality

We had a very good start to the term with many classes getting over **95%** attendance. We are just 0.5% lower than the national average! Let's keep this up! Well done to all our Attendance Hero's and 5T & 2T on winning best attendance this term, they have been awarded with a non-uniform day and treats. Our **persistent absence** has improved greatly as this time last year our figure was **21.7%** and now we are at **16%** which is much better. However, this week we have already had 7 families go away during term time which will sadly bring our attendance down. **All** term time absences will be unauthorised. Please report any absences via phone or using the main email address.

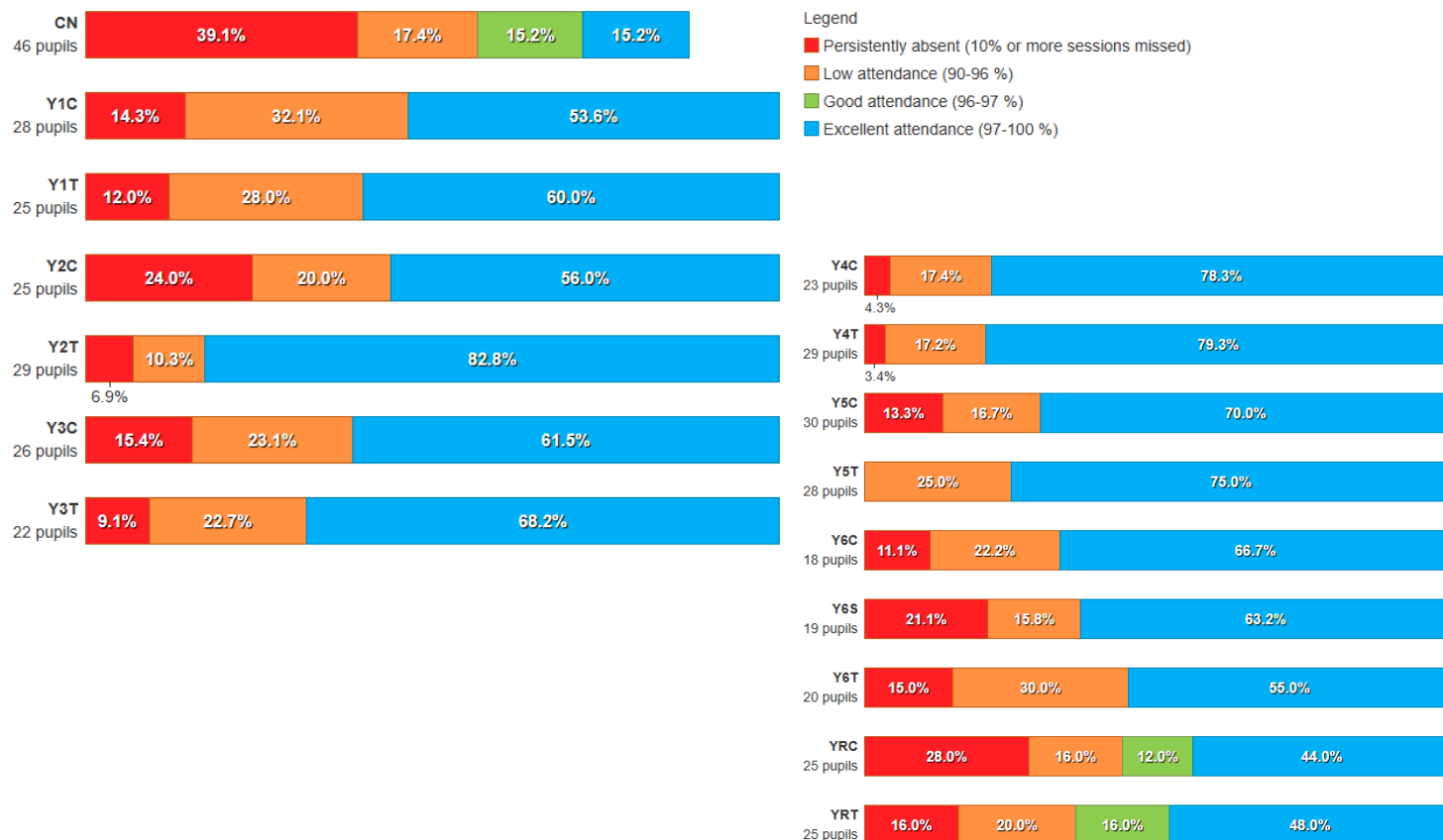
Attendance percentage		15-18 days missed	19+ days missed
School	95.4%	School 1	0
National	95.9%		
Local Authority	95.6%		

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Below you can see which classes are doing very well and which need to do much better.

Attendance Ranges



School closes: **Friday 23 October at 3.15pm.**

School gates will open on **Monday 2 November 2026 at 8:40am.** Remember the gates will close at 8:50am, so please bring your children before this time. See you at the gates!

On behalf of all at St Agnes, I wish everyone in our community a restful and blessed half term.

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team

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