

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	99.1%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	95.4%
Year 6	97.3%

**Whole
School:
96.5%**

We aim for every child to have at least 97% attendance over the year. Children with this level of attendance will be rewarded each term.



Golden Book

Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who all received a golden certificate this week

Reception	Ezrah A
Year 1	Daisy K
Year 2	Harriet K
Year 3	Leo J
Year 4	Zachary H
Year 5	Annie M
Year 6	Kayden H



Nursery

What a wonderful start the children have made to their first week in nursery. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces. The children settled back in quickly and have helped Mrs Jones so much with the class rules and routines. It has been lovely to get to know so much about the children in such a short amount of time. We have loved exploring all the areas of learning, inside and outside, and discovering new toys and different ways to play. If you don't already follow us on Twitter you can find us @MrsJonesYN and you will see all of the amazing things we get up to in school. We are also really excited to meet new friends who will be starting nursery next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Reception

I am so incredibly proud of all the children who started Reception this week. Watching them settle in to their new classroom with enthusiasm and ease has brought me so much joy. You should be so proud of them! When visiting the dining room, the children have grown in confidence throughout the week. They are beginning to tell the kitchen staff what they would like to eat and carry their own trays to the table with very little support. Our lunchtime support staff are very impressed! We have spent time each day becoming familiar with our classroom routines and expectations. The children have shone during whole school assemblies and I cannot praise them enough for settling in so well to full time school life.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th September: Extra-curricular clubs begin

Wednesday 14th September: Deadline for contact forms to be returned to school

Thursday 15th September: Swimming begins for Y4 and Y5

Friday 30th September MacMillan Coffee Morning

Year 1

What a fantastic fun-filled first week back in school! It feels as though these wonderful children have been in Year One for months! They have all settled into their new class brilliantly and have shown such effort and resilience as well as having fun. I know this year is going to be one to remember. They have worked well in maths this week on recognising and making numbers to 10 using ten frames. For our work on 'Women of Courage' week, we have written about our mums and about Mary explaining what makes them so brave. We also began our science topic 'Everyday Materials' and our geography work on 'Our Local Area'. In RE, we talked about our families, how they are all different but all show love to one another. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 2

We have had a fabulous first week back in Year Two. I have loved getting to know all of the children and have been very touched by the warm welcome that I have received. I am very excited for the year ahead. This week the children have worked hard in maths recognising numbers to 100 and using dienes to partition 2 digit numbers. This week we have been learning all about Rosa Parks as part of our 'Women of Courage' week. We have learnt about her life and recognised that she had great courage to stand up for what was right! We had a lovely discussion about 'Kings and Queens' as part of our history topic. In R.E we have talked about new beginnings and how they can make us feel. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 3

It has been wonderful to welcome back our amazing children and I am very proud of how each one of them have settled so well in Year 3. As part of our "Women of Courage" week, we have written a biography and created portraits of Malala Yousafzai. In maths we have applied known facts to develop number sense, created new facts from number bonds and recognised the value of each digit in a 2-digit number.. In R.E we have started our new topic 'Homes' and it was a pleasure reading children's work on their 'Home Sweet Home'. Children really enjoyed looking at Google Earth to identify mountains in the UK in our geography topic "Settlements and Land Use in the UK". Year 3 P.E will be on Mondays and Tuesdays. Enjoy your weekend!

Year 4

What an amazing first week back in school! Year 4 have really settled back into class and it has been lovely to learn more about all the children. As a class we have enjoyed learning all about Harriet Tubman during 'Women of Courage' week. The children were fascinated by the underground railway system and admired her bravery for helping so many people. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of place value and comparing numbers using greater or less than symbols. We had a great time on Thursday morning with our first singing lesson, it was lovely to see all the children participating. We also continued to develop our language skills in Spanish, with our first Spanish lesson of the school year! It has been a jam-packed week with lots of hard work from all!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

We are looking forward to starting our PE lessons again next week! Each classes PE days are as follows: Nursery AM & PM - Monday, Reception - Monday, Year 1 - Thursday & Friday, Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday, Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday, Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday (swimming), Year 5 - Monday & Thursday (swimming), Year 6 - Monday & Friday.

Year 5

We have had an action-packed week to life in Year 5! The children have settled back into the swing of school life seamlessly and have impressed me so much already. During our English lessons, we have been learning about Greta Thunberg. We have been learning about the climate crisis and the role that Greta has played in raising awareness about the issues we face. On Friday, we wrote speeches of our own in the style of Greta's. In maths, we have been learning about 5-digit numbers. We have shown a really secure understanding of different place values and are now ready to move onto rounding. Have a great weekend!

Year 6

What a wonderful start to our journey through Year 6! The children look so smart, so thank you to everyone. Children have settled into school routines quickly and have been amazing in their attitude to learning. We have been looking at the qualities of 'Women of Courage' during our English lessons, focusing on Katherine Johnson, an inspirational women who fought racial and gender prejudices to work for NASA. We ended the week by writing descriptive poems to celebrate her life. In maths, we have been ordering, comparing and rounding 7-digit numbers using our understanding of place value. We have started our history topic, The Ancient Egyptians and our science topic, Light and Perception and look forward to future learning.

WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to all our families. It has been lovely seeing our smartly dressed pupils return this week after the summer break. Attendance has been good this week and we want every child in every day. The year ahead has so many opportunities for every child to grow and learn and we don't want anyone to miss out!

Please keep us up to date with any changes in your circumstances at home, especially contact details. Also, if you or your family require support of any kind, whilst we may not have all the answers, we will be able to direct you in the right way.

Many thanks, Mr White



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 get free school meals regardless of parents' income.

If parents receive certain benefits, school may qualify for extra funding known as Pupil Premium. We need to know that you're entitled to Free School Meals to issue vouchers during school holidays. All parents (NURSERY TO Y6) should complete the online application to apply for free school meals in term-time by following this link: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

PARENT APP

We are currently in the process of moving to a new way of communicating with our parents and families. This cannot be completed until all families complete the data collection sheet. If you haven't already done so, please complete the attached so that we have accurate and up-to-date information on your child. This must be completed by Wednesday 14th September at the latest.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We have spaces available for children aged 3-4 in our Nursery. Children of this age are entitled to 15 hours free provision and we provide this as 3-hour daily sessions (AM 8:45-11:45 or PM 12:30-3:30). If you would like to put your child's name down for a space in Nursery, please complete a purple form available from the school office.

YEAR 6

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2023, please apply online for their place as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>

The deadline is 31st October. Some faith schools require a supplementary faith form completing as well. Please check their school websites for details.

SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving children the best possible start in life. Attendance as always, is high on our agenda so expect high challenge from the start with regards to any absences!

Of course, we know children do get ill from time to time but would urge you to only keep your children off if they are genuinely too unwell for school....calpol, tissues and plenty to drink can work wonders. Did you know...Primary aged children where school attendance is 75% or less over an academic year halves the possibility of achieving the age related expectation for a child at the end of KS3.

Give your child the best start to life and get them to school on time every day.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with this please let us know so we can support you.



UNIFORM

The children have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their uniform. Please ensure all children are wearing the correct uniform stated below and that each item has their name inside it. PE kit should only be worn on PE days.

Boys:

Green badged jumper, white shirt, claret tie, grey shorts or trousers, black shoes (no trainers), grey socks

Girls:

Green badged cardigan, white shirt, claret tie, grey skirt or pinafore, black shoes (no trainers), white or grey socks

Uniform is available to purchase online through the Ski Equip website:

<https://ski-equip-school-clothing.squarespace.com/st-ambrose-school>

OPAL: OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

We are very excited about developing our playtimes so that they are even better for our children. The children will be outside each and every day, regardless of the weather. All children from Reception to Year 6 will need a pair of wellies to be left in school. These can be brought into school from Monday 12th September. As our weather is so unpredictable, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat each day.

We are updating our computer systems and want to ensure that all information we hold on your child is up to date and accurate. Please complete and return this form.

Child's Name: _____ Year Group: _____

Parent email address: _____

Emergency Contact 1 - Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Number: _____

Emergency Contact 2 - Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Number: _____

Emergency Contact 3 - Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Number: _____

Name and Address of GP: _____

Please provide details of any medical conditions:

Please provide details of any dietary requirements:



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