

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	93.3%
Nursery 2	68%
Reception	87.3%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	85%
Year 3	86.9%
Year 4	89.6%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	92.7%

**Whole
School:
91.4%**

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

Nursery	Lucas R
Reception	Vincent J
Year 1	Dolcie B-McC
Year 2	Deacon M
Year 3	Emily K
Year 4	Sophia G
Year 5	Alin M
Year 6	Isabelle B



Nursery

We have had another busy week in Nursery and are looking forward to all of the exciting Christmas celebrations next week. On Tuesday we had a visit from some of Santa's helpers. The elves helped us to write and post letters to Santa in their very special postbox. On Thursday, we performed our nativity play for our parents and families. The children were amazing! They performed so well and we are all so very proud of them. Their singing and dancing was fabulous! On Friday we celebrated the feast day of St. Ambrose. We looked super in black and yellow and took part in a lovely service with Fr Ed. Please check Teams for our Christmas homework.

Reception

Another magnificent, but very busy, week in Reception preparing for our Christmas events next week. I am beyond proud of all the children for their performance during our nativity plays this week. The way the children learned their lines and projected their voices was superb! They performed equally as well during the morning and afternoon productions. Their singing, dancing and joining in with the actions was the icing on the cake! We also had a special visit from some elves earlier in the week, who helped us to write and post letters to Santa. We hope to get a reply soon! There was a beautiful service on Friday to celebrate the feast day of St. Ambrose. We took part in exciting activities during the afternoon and celebrated with delicious yellow and black cake.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISTMAS DATES ARE INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Don't forget, school closes at 2pm on Friday 16th December for Christmas.

Year 1

What a busy week we've had in Year 1! We hope that you all liked your cards on Monday. We made them as part of our 'Journey in Love' lesson in which we talked about how our families love us in happy and sad times. In science, we discovered the different behaviours of animals during the winter and learned all about hibernation. The naughty elf has been the talk of the classroom this week! We wrote 'Wanted' posters after he had ruined our beautiful classroom! It was lovely to see the EYFS play on Tuesday and to celebrate our school feast day on Friday. It has been a week full of celebrations. The children are really excited about all of the activities we have planned next week and I am looking forward to seeing them all on Monday for our final week.

Year 2

We have had another busy week in Year 2 and we are looking forward to all of our Christmas celebrations next week. In history, we have continued looking at the 'Great fire of London' and the effects that it had on the city of London. In science, we looked at plastic pollution. We were fascinated to learn about the impact this is having on our environment and we considered how each of us could reduce our uses of plastic. In English, we have been reading 'Perfectly Norman.' We have discussed how we are all different and shouldn't try to disguise our true selves. We have been busy completing end of term assessments in maths and English, I am so proud of how hard all of the children have worked this half term and the improvements are clear to see. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 3

This week has just flown by and we are really looking forward to all the fantastic Christmas events taking place next week. Please continue to practise our Christmas song at home. We are excited to sing this at the Christmas Carol Concert in church next week. In maths, we have been measuring and comparing length using mm, cm and m. In English, we have planned a new chapter for 'Stig of the Dump' using the structure of a narrative. We studied how weather and water can cause erosion and carried out investigations in science to explore the durability and permeability of different rocks. In history, we analysed primary sources to understand life during Bronze Age and compared it to life during Stone Age. In RE, we wrote a diary account in the role of Mary to describe the Annunciation and Visitation.

Year 4

Another superb week of learning for Year 4! The children have worked so hard in preparation for all the Christmas events next week. Please look at the Christmas calendar below for the details. In English, the children have written some wonderful character descriptions to express their opinions of the group of children from our class text. They have used a range of writing techniques including the use of similes to add extra details. In maths, we have revisited multiplication and are consolidating our times-table knowledge. We have had another exciting science lesson which included an experiment to investigate the melting point of different solids and the speed at which they melt. In RE, we have continued to prepare for the arrival of Jesus. It was lovely to see all the children wearing black and yellow today as we celebrated the feast day of St Ambrose.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

This week, EYFS finished their work on manipulation and coordination. KS1 performed their final composition in gymnastics and KS2 scored and competed in athletics. Our stars of PE for this week were: Nursery AM - Alicja, Nursery PM - Elias, Reception - Natalia, Year 1 - Liam, Year 2 - Harriet, Year 3 - Madison B, Year 4 - Zach, Year 5 - Sofia, Year 6 - Jessica.

Year 5

An exciting week as we continue to ramp up our Advent preparations. On Wednesday, we attended the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to sing as part of the choir for their Advent service. It was a wonderful experience for our children to sing at such a special event. On Thursday, we had our final swimming lesson of the term. The children were assessed and it was amazing to see the progress made by all children in a range of different swimming strokes.

On Friday, we celebrated the feast day of St Ambrose. We had a special service in school led by Father Ed. It was wonderful to see the children wearing black and yellow in honour of this important day.

Year 6

Another wonderful, but busy, week in Year 6 preparing for our Christmas events next week and continuing our learning. We have continued to extend our understanding of fractions in maths by converting fractions and decimals in order to add and subtract in real life situations. In English, we have started to write our own fairy-tale and cannot wait to share them with each other. In geography, we researched how countries are affected by global warming and ways in which we could combat it. Classification of plants has been our topic in science, looking at the identification of different plant species. In RE, we have discussed The Annunciation and explained The Incarnation, when God took human form.

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Monday 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas Party Day/ Own Clothes Day	All day
Tuesday 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents' Coffee MorningSanta Grotto Day £1	9:00-10:15am All day
Wednesday 14 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day with school uniformChristmas Movie Magic £2	All day 3:15-5:00pm
Thursday 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y1-Y6 Carol Concert (whole school in Church). All parents and families are welcome to join us to say goodbye to Mr White.	1:30-3:15pm Children will be dismissed from Church on this day.
Friday 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays	2:00pm

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As we prepare for Christmas, we begin to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. Rather than sending Christmas cards to each other, please send in a small loose-change donation (the money that you would have spent on the cards). We will then use this money to buy hats and gloves for the homeless. Also, by not sending cards, we are protecting our wonderful world. **Money will be collected on Christmas Party Day: Monday 12th December.**

WELLIES

Do you have any spare wellies at home? If so, please send them into school for children to wear at lunch-time. We really appreciate your continued support.



HEAD LICE

At the weekend, please check your child's head as we have confirmed cases of headlice in school, and in particularly in Year 4. Please treat if necessary. For more advice, please follow this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

AWESOME ST AMBROSE

Have your family and friends heard how wonderful St Ambrose is? We currently have a few places available across school including Nursery and next year's Reception class. If you know of anyone who is considering St Ambrose for their child(ren), please share this video with them. Have a look it's wonderful. <https://vimeo.com/engaginge/review/778563547/f6d5854df2>

APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2023, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing dates for Reception applications are 15th January 2023. All Reception applications should be completed online at www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions. In addition to the online application, families should also complete the St Ambrose Supplementary Faith Form. This can be accessed via our school website and is available from the school office. We require evidence of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate handed in to school with our supplementary faith form by the 15th January 2023.



SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Thank you to the parents who came along to our ASD Question & Answer session this week. We hope you found it useful.

Further Information

If your child experiences any of the following, and this results in a big impact on their life, this may be an indication that they have sensory processing difficulties:

- Difficulties concentrating in school
- Cannot sit still and fidgets a lot
- Struggles with food textures, tastes or smells and has a limited diet
- Has difficulty wearing certain textures or dislikes tags and seams
- Experiences regular meltdowns
- Struggles to manage their emotions

How to get help

Support for children with sensory processing difficulties is received through parents attending SPD awareness sessions and **do not** require a referral. They are delivered by the Children's Occupational Therapy Service in partnership with ADDvanced Solutions. You can contact ADDvanced solutions via: info@advancedsolutions.co.uk or visit <https://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/>

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