

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	53.3%
Nursery 2	76%
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	93.3%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	88.6%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	86.1%

**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.



Wishing our wonderful children, their families and our wider school community a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Thank you for your continued support, challenge and friendship. We cannot make St Ambrose 'Awesome' without you.



Nursery

What a week to end the term! We kicked the week off on Monday with Christmas party day. We loved playing games, eating cake and dancing the day away. Thank you to those parents who joined us on Tuesday for the coffee morning, it was lovely to see you reading with not only your own children, but sharing books with everyone. We were also very excited to see Santa in the grotto and he double checked that we are all definitely on the good list!

Wednesday was Christmas Jumper Day, we all looked very festive. On Thursday afternoon we went to church for the Christmas Carol Service and send off for Mr. White. Alongside all of this, we've been creating Christmas cards and I'm so proud of how independent the children have worked. Merry Christmas to all our families!

Reception

We have had such a festive week, it has been like Santa's workshop with lots of busy little elves working away. The children have thoughtfully created their own Christmas cards, understanding more about the features needed when writing a card to someone. We have also used our phonics knowledge to write a Christmas list. I am very impressed with the children's handwriting. We enjoyed our class party day and on Tuesday, the main man himself, SANTA, came to visit! He confirmed that we are all on the good list! It was great to see everyone tucking in to our school Christmas Dinner in our festive jumpers. I am extremely proud of the behaviour from all children during our Christmas Carol Service and farewell to Mr White. Thank you to those families who were able to join us for this celebration. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that the new year brings you lots of love and happiness!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET DAYS: Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December
School re-opens for Spring Term on Tuesday 3rd January

Year 1

What a way to end the term! We've had an amazing week together and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves. I've never known a Year One class who have such groovy moves in our party on Monday! On Tuesday, we loved going to meet Father Christmas and, in class, we wrote a letter to him. It was remarkable to see just how much the children have progressed in their writing during this term. The movie night on Wednesday was a huge success and then our Carol Service on Thursday brought a tear to my eye. I am so proud of the children's singing and reading and also how they helped Mr White sing 'One More Step' to close a memorable service. I'd like to say a huge thank you for your help and support this term and I wish you all a fantastic Christmas!

Year 2

What a fantastic final week of term in Year 2. We have been busy designing our Christmas cards and making Christmas decorations. We had a wonderful Christmas party where the children enjoyed some party games and snacks. On Tuesday we were all very excited to see Father Christmas in school. He confirmed that everyone in Year 2 was on the good list. On Wednesday it was wonderful to see everyone in their Christmas jumper and enjoying their lovely Christmas dinner. In science, we looked at important inventors and how their inventions have changed the world. On Thursday we loved performing in the Christmas Carol Service and were so happy to see all of our families. It was a special time to say goodbye to Mr White and thank him for his service. Merry Christmas to you all!

Year 3

What a brilliant end to an exciting week and a wonderful term! Thank you to all our families who were able to join us in our reading session this week and also in church for our Carol Service to give thanks to Mr White. We thank him for all that he has done for our school and community and wish him well in his next venture. Our children sang beautifully and we are so proud of them. In maths, we have calculated the perimeters of 2D shapes in centimetres and millimetres. It was a pleasure to read the children's own stories in English for our class novel 'Stig of the Dump'. As part of DT Week, children designed their Christmas cards with sliders which I am sure you will love! Thank you for your continued support this term. Have an enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Year 4

What a fantastic final week of term in Year 4. The children have worked extremely hard whilst also starting to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. In maths, we have revised our times table knowledge and the short division method. In English, we have continued to read our class text 'The Explorer'. In DT, we have discussed the importance of a balanced diet and created a festive pasty which had to include an item from each food group. On Wednesday, the children worked incredibly hard on their Christmas cards; we know you will love them. We were so excited to perform at the Carol Service and to give thanks to Mr White for all he has done. Thank you to all those who joined us to celebrate. Overall, the children have had a very busy and productive first term in Year 4, they deserve a big rest during the break! Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

What a wonderful first term of PE we have had! We've had runners and jumpers, throwers and catchers. We even had some World Cup events! We've had lots of fun and look forward to starting new learning!. When we return to school, the topics will be: EYFS - gymnastics, KS1 - Send & Return games, Years 3 and 4 - dodgeball, Years 5 and 6 - tennis.

Year 5

What a fantastic week to end the term! Monday started the week off with a bang, as we celebrated our 'Christmas Party Day'. From pass the parcel to dance offs, we loved every minute. As part of our DT lessons, we stitched Christmas stockings, which hopefully won't end up full of coal! Thank you to all of the parents and families who were able to join us on Tuesday morning for our reading morning. On Wednesday, we continued in the festive spirit with Christmas Dinner Day. It was great to see some many children in their Christmas jumpers and really spreading the festive joy, Thursday was such an important day for our school community, as we not only celebrated our Christmas Carol Service, but also said farewell to Mr. White. Thank you again for all of your continued support this year. I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Year 6

What a fantastic week to end this term! The week started with 'Christmas Party Day'. The children had a movie afternoon, watching the film adaptation of our book with cinema style snacks and drinks. As part of our DT topic, we looked at savoury food and changed a 'sweet' recipe, making parmesan shortbread biscuits. We also constructed cuboid nets to create gift boxes, in which to pack our biscuits, to give as Christmas gifts. Wednesday was Christmas Dinner Day and children added to the joy of the day with a wonderful array of Christmas jumpers. Thursday was a day of joy, with a tinge of sadness, as we celebrated our Christmas Carol Service, but also said thanks and farewell to Mr White. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to everyone who donated their loose change rather than sending in Christmas cards. We have raised £146! This money will be donated to the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool to support their work in looking after the homeless. Thank you all so much.

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.



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/engaging/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.



SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Please find details below of the online parenting courses for parents and carers, available from Solihull. These courses are free for Liverpool parents and carers to complete online, either by themselves or with the support of a professional if needed. The courses are also available in a variety of languages.

Solihull Parenting Guides

Gain more confidence as a parent. Try our FREE online guide for all parents and carers to understand your child.

Liverpool families enter the access code PURPLEBIN to gain free access. Visit the Solihull website at <https://inourplace.co.uk/> to find out more.

There are a range of courses online that focus on enhancing relationships at every stage from antenatal to 19+ years.

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth & your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child' 0-19+yrs (main course)
- Understanding your child with additional needs' 0-19+yrs (main course)
- Understanding your teenager's brain' (short course)
- Understanding your brain (for teenager's only!)
- Understanding your child's feelings' (taster course)
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your relationships'(young people, adults, older adults course)

SEN HELP AND SUPPORT

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop-in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time

Thursday 5th January 2023

Friday 6th January 2023

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Thursday 12th January 2023

Friday 13th January 2023

Friday 20th January 202

9.30- 10.15
10.30 - 11.15
11.30 - 12.15
1.00 - 1.45
2.00 - 2.45

To book your place please email your choice of date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link. There are two places available for each time slot. Email asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk