

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	75%
Nursery 2	70%
Reception	87.5%
Year 1	87.9%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	90.1%
Year 4	88.9%
Year 5	95.8%
Year 6	95.8%

**Whole
School:
91.2%**

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	Sadie B Bobby M
Reception	Natalia S
Year 1	Toby R
Year 2	Cooper McK
Year 3	Lolah O'H
Year 4	Ryan McC
Year 5	Macy D
Year 6	Louis B



Nursery

Welcome to the start of a brand new term in Nursery. We hope this year brings you and your family lots of health and happiness! We have started our NELI programme this week. This aims to support children's vocabulary development and create a love of books. Each week, I will be sending out a newsletter based on our new story. Please check our Teams page for this. Our text this week has been 'Neon Leon'. A story about a chameleon who couldn't change colour. Within each book there are 'special words' for us to focus on and base lots of activities around. This week, two of the words were match and hide. We have played lots of matching games and spoke about how our uniforms match! We played hide and seek outside and lots of the children said this is a favourite at home too!

Reception

We have had a fantastic first week back in Reception. The children have confidently settled in to our new routines with ease making us extremely proud. In maths we have explored numbers within 10 and have been working hard to count objects within a picture. They continue to blow our staff away with how well they use full sentences to describe how many of each object they can see. We now have new Read Write Inc groups and the children are making superb progress. Remember at home to keep 'Fred Talking' as much as possible with your child. For example, "put on your h-a-t", "take off your s-o-ck". Our new home learning will be sent home on Monday to support your child with their reading. Please return this on a Friday so that we have time to change the challenge.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th January: Swimming resumes for Y4 and Y5

Thursday 12th January: POWER with LSSP (KS2- selected children)

Friday 13th January: Whole School Pantomime (in school)

Friday 13th January: Year 6 Boys Football Competition

Friday 27th January: Year 3 Class Assembly

Friday 12th February: INSET School closed to children for staff training

Year 1

What a lovely first week back in Year 1. I have loved welcoming the children back into class. Their energy, enthusiasm and kindness has really brought a smile to my face. In our English lessons, we read 'Ten Little Pirates', talked about our favourite games, who we play them with and how boys and girls can play together. The children's knowledge of the months of the year has really impressed me this week. They were able to name and sing a song about the months and they loved making paper chains showing the order of the months. In our history work, we finished off our work on toys from the past and we met Mr MacKenzie's lion teddy which he had as a baby - a 46 year old teddy! We enjoyed celebrating the Epiphany on Friday and made Christingles as our gifts for the baby Jesus. Happy New Year everyone!

Year 2

We have had a wonderful first week back in Year 2 and I hope everybody is settling back into the school routine. It is lovely to see all of the children back and ready to learn. In maths we have started to multiply and divide using manipulatives. The children have been confidently using mathematical vocabulary to explain how they have solved their problems. In English, we have been writing using expanded noun phrases and exploring the past and present tense. We have started our new science topic 'Habitats' and enjoyed exploring how to classify if something is living, dead or never lived. A polite reminder that new reading folders go home on Monday. Please ensure that your child's bookbag is returned by then. Thank you for your continued support in this. Happy New Year!

Year 3

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back and, we hope you all had a great Christmas break. In maths, we have been recalling multiplication and division facts and using the inverse method to understand these operations. It is important for all children to practise their multiplication tables and access TT Rockstars daily. In English, we have started our new text 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl and it is fantastic to see how mesmerised the children are with the story already. We had great fun marking significant events in our lives on a calendar in our new R.E topic 'Journeys'. In science, we have looked at the process of fossilisation and in history we have compared Pre-historic Britain to some of the world's earliest civilisations. A polite reminder that homework must be returned every Friday.

Year 4

A brilliant first week back in Year 4! It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into school. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. In maths, we have revised our knowledge of different multiplication tables in preparation for this term's topic 'fractions'. In English, we have started a new class text, 'The Angel of Nitshill Road'. The children have begun to create detailed descriptions of the main characters within the narrative. It was wonderful to hear the children in Spanish; their confidence has grown so much over the first term, and they have now moved onto their next topic 'weather'. Finally, we began a new RE topic and answered the big question: What makes a community? The children had some great ideas and shared lovely thoughts about their own communities.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

What a great first week back in school! Each class has started their new topics for this half term. EYFS are learning gymnastics and KS1 started send and return games. Years 3 and 4 began dodgeball and Years 5 and 6 start tennis next week! Please remember that children should only wear their school PE kit on their class' specific PE days.

Year 5

We have had a great first week back after our Christmas break. After a few sleepy faces on Tuesday, the children have quickly settled back into our class routine. It has been wonderful to see children arriving on time and in the correct school uniform. In science, we investigated the different forces that act on an object in water. We learnt that water resistance pushes back against an object in water and slows it down. We used plasticine to create a range of different shapes and investigate how streamlined shapes are able to move through water more easily. A reminder that swimming lessons recommence on Thursday 12th January, so children will need to have the correct kit for this day. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 6

We have enjoyed our first week back after Christmas, with a great attitude to learning, as children settle into our 'new look classroom'. We have started to look at angles, using mathematical vocabulary to reason our explanations. We have also started to read 'Journey to Jo'burg', by Beverley Naidoo, a story that tells the reader of life in South Africa, for two young children, during Apartheid. 'Habitats' has been the focus of science, discussing the devastation humans have caused on the world around us. The Christmas period came to an end on Friday as we celebrated The Epiphany as a whole school. A gentle reminder to ensure your child reads daily, returning their book(s) to school each Friday. Homework and spellings are also to be completed.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wishing our children and their families a wonderful 2023. This week, we have spoken to our children about how they can make the most of this term and, as always, your support is vital.

This what is expected of our children:

- Follow the example of Jesus
- Be in school on time EVERY day
- Read at home, daily
- Take pride in wearing the correct school uniform
- Try their best in everything that they do
- Complete their homework
- Be a good friend



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.

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Attendance, as always, will be a big focus this term. This week, children have taken home their individual attendance certificates so everyone knows their current attendance percentage for the year so far. Good, punctual school attendance is the single most important thing you can do to support your child's education.....we cannot teach an empty seat! Our attendance policy is available on the school website outlining the procedures school will follow in the case of any absence.

APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2023, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing date for Reception applications is 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.



WEDNESDAY WORD

To look at the Gospel readings for this weekend please click on the link below. As well as the readings, there are some activities which you can enjoy together as a family: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=79.2>

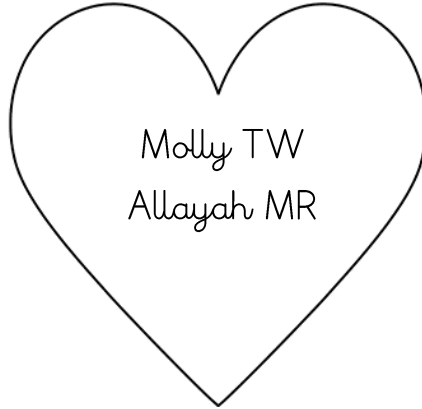
SCHOOL VALUES HEART

Congratulations to the following children who all received a 'School Values' heart and card and heart for demonstrating such wonderful school values during our second half term. We are extremely proud of you!

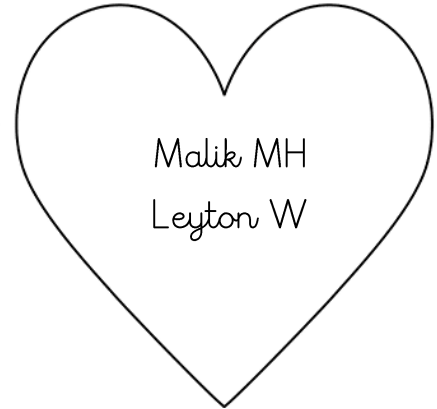
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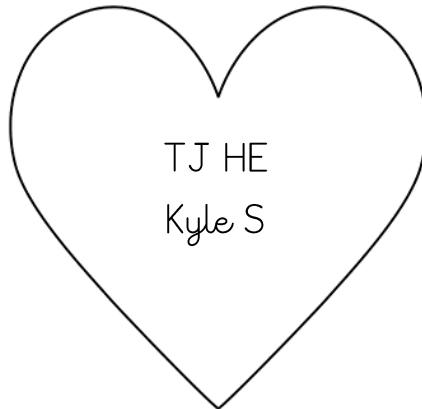
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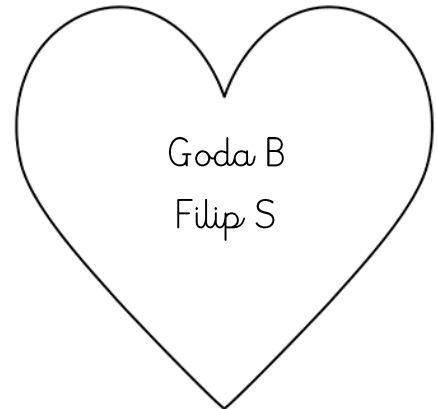
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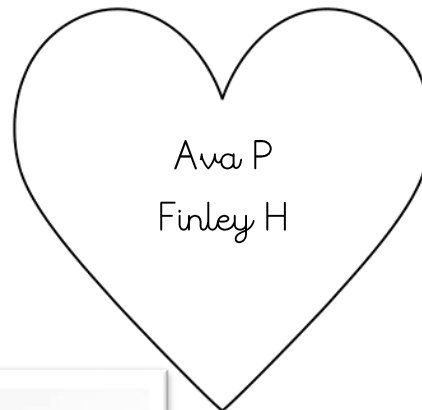
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



We are so
incredibly
proud of you

