

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	72%
Nursery 2	68.8%
Reception	90.7%
Year 1	92.3%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	94.1%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	95.2%

**Whole
School:
94.7%**

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 AM	Scarlett H
Nursery PM	Bobby M
Reception	Henry R
Year 1	Jaxson R
Year 2	Oliver C
Year 3	Ezra B
Year 4	Carter R
Year 5	Lola K and Mac S
Year 6	Dalila A



Nursery

This week, Nursery have enjoyed celebrating the Lunar New Year. We learned about the different customs and how Chinese New Year is celebrated by people all over the world. We decorated lanterns, made money envelopes and created dragon masks. We know that lots of decorations and clothes are red because it is a lucky colour! This week's NELI story was 'Don't Wake up Tiger!' The children have spent time learning our new words of the week: **float, hurry, stroke, worry**. Look out on MS Teams for the NELI newsletter for more activities you can do at home. The children have loved exploring maths games on our large computer screen, playing a wide variety of counting and number puzzles. This week we focused on the number 2.

Reception

In Reception, have been learning all about the Lunar New Year and how this is celebrated by people all around the world. In order to prepare for this special celebration, families clean up their homes and decorate them with lanterns to welcome good luck. We spent time cleaning our classroom in the hope it would bring us good luck too! We read the story of 'The Great Race' to understand more about the Chinese zodiac. 12 animals raced across a river in order to have a year named after them. We used language such as; *first, second, third* and *next*. The children impressed me with their labelling skills, trying hard to write the name of each animal in their literacy books. This year is the Year of the Rabbit.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday, 30th January: KSI Matball Competition

Monday, 30th January: Ski Meeting 3:30

School is closed on Wednesday, 1st February due to industrial action

Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th February: Parents' Evening (face-to-face)

Friday 10th February: INSET School closed to children for staff training

Year 1

Another busy week in Year 1, the children continue to astound me with their hard work! In our maths lessons this week, we have been comparing equations using the = symbol. We even started to find missing numbers! We listened to the story of Simeon and Anna meeting the baby Jesus in the temple in RE, and designed our own candles for our display with Simeon's words 'Jesus is the light of the world'. In English, we designed and described a new spacesuit for Traction Man and thought carefully about transport in the past and present in our history lesson. Thank you to those parents who have booked their place for Parents' Evening, please book on if you haven't done so yet - I can't wait to show you the children's amazing work!

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy and exciting week. In English, we have started writing our own stories based on 'Orion in the Dark'. I have been so impressed with the progress in the children's writing this half term. In maths, we have focused on time, telling the time to quarter to and quarter past the hour and sequencing the events in the day. In geography, Miss McDonald, our trainee teacher from John Moores University, organised an exciting lesson for our learners where we became immersed in different countries in Europe and explored some of the main landmarks in Europe. Finally, in RE we read the story of 'Zacchaeus the Tax Collector' and described how we can follow God's message and 'Love one another as I have loved you'.

Year 3

What an exciting week in Year 3! Thank you to all our parents and families for attending our class assembly today. It was wonderful to see everyone and I am sure you will join me in congratulating our children in doing so well and making us all so proud. In maths, we have been dividing by 10 and 100 using the place value and grouping strategies.

In English, we have planned and written our character description of the girl in 'The Magic Finger'. We also participated in an art masterclass to learn how to draw characters inspired by Quentin Blake, the famous illustrator of our class novel. We definitely have budding artists in class! In RE, we learned about a Gospel used in ordinary time and what it tells us about the life and ministry of Jesus.

Year 4

A wonderful week of learning in Year 4. The children have continued to work tremendously hard in all lessons. In English, the children wrote a diary entry in role as 'Celeste' (the angel from our class novel). In maths, the children have developed an understanding of mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have started our new science topic of 'Classification of Animals'. The children identified the different habitats that animals have and the features that they have to help them thrive in their own habitat. In geography, we used an atlas and online research to identify the individual countries and capital cities on a map. In RE, the children have discussed the role of the church community during the bereavement process.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

We've had lots of fun in PE this week, from brilliant balancing to delightful dodging! Early Years were gymnasts and Year 3 have been pirates in dodgeball. Year 5 made overhead clearances in tennis and Year 6 played long corners in hockey!

Stars of PE for this week are: Nursery AM - Alicja, Nursery PM - Elias, Reception - Peter, Year 1 - Toby, Year 2 - Poppie, Year 3 - Kyle, Year 4 - Millie, Year 5 - Lola H, Year 6 - Poppy L.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been preparing diary entries from the perspective of characters from our class novel: 'Varjak Paw'. We explored different pronouns and how they are used for 1st or 3rd person. In maths, we have continued our studies of 'Fractions'.

We have been converting fractions to find equivalents. We then applied this knowledge to compare and order them. In RE, we have been exploring the role of a bishop in a local community.

We discussed the meaning of a diocese and the symbolism of the different items of clothing that he wears. In science, we investigated the difference between conductors and insulators. We planned an investigation to find out what would be the best material to use to make a teapot.

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been exploring how formal and informal vocabulary can change a text. We have started to plan a formal letter written by one of the characters in 'Journey to Jo'burg'. In maths, we have started to read and explore coordinates across all four quadrants of a graph, using mathematical vocabulary to explain the position of points. In history, we continued to discuss World War One, looking at conscription and the support given to Britain by the colonies. Adaptation of living things was the focus of our science learning; namely how polar bears and cacti have adapted to their environments. We loved our tennis lesson this week, as we improved our reaction to movement across a carousel of activities.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

It is the law that children MUST wear a seatbelt and have an appropriate car seat in order to ensure their safety on car journeys. It has been observed that parents are not always adhering to this law and so are potentially putting their child at risk. If we believe this to be the case you will be challenged.

BEHAVIOUR OF PARENTS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

We have experienced an increased number of aggressive and confrontational behaviours from parents to our staff.

THIS BEHAVIOUR WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

School staff do not tolerate children's poor behaviour and attitudes towards each other, and we therefore do not expect it from adults - this is a terrible example to set to our children. Parents who behave in this way **WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL PREMISES.**

Staff are here to help and support our families, and answer any questions parents and carers have about their child's progress and wellbeing. However, it may not always be possible to discuss particular issues at the start or end of the day. Please make an appointment to speak to a member of staff if you need to.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evening **will take place in school** on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February. Bookings for the meeting can be made using School Cloud. You will already have an account set up. Follow this link to make your appointment:

<https://stambroseacademy.schoolcloud.co.uk>

It is important that you make, and keep, your appointment to enable us to work in partnership for the good of your child.



MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

As new Headteacher, Fr. Ed has asked Mrs Mooncroft to present herself to the Parish community at this weekend's masses. She will be present at both masses: Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 10:0am. It would be wonderful to see members of our school family there as well.

VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a couple of hours each week to support our children with their reading? If so, our school needs you. Please call into the office and give your name and availability to Mrs O'Grady. We will then contact you to arrange some brief training.