

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	80%
Nursery 2	73.4%
Reception	90.8%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	91.2%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	93.6%

**Whole  
School:  
92.2%**

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	Casey K
Reception	Scarlett L
Year 1	Aleena H
Year 2	Jamie S
Year 3	Alfie S
Year 4	Millie C
Year 5	Sofia M
Year 6	Oto U



## Nursery

In our NELI lessons, we read 'The Three Little Pigs' and explored our new key words of the week; **hungry, angry, build, blow**. The children had lots of fun in the block area building their own houses and took on the role of the different characters with great enthusiasm! They also enjoyed blowing giant bubbles in the outdoor area. We have worked on our shoulder muscles at snack time, spreading cheese onto crackers and pouring milk from a large jug. This will really help us when it comes to having more control when writing. On Friday, to celebrate Liverpool Reading Festival, we had a super live session with Chitra Soundar who shared lots of stories with us. We had great fun joining in with phrases and actions!

## Reception

Once upon a time, Reception began exploring traditional tales. This week, we have had lots of fun reading 'The Gingerbread Man'. We talked about the different characters in the story and the problem that the Gingerbread Man faced - how would he cross the river without getting too soggy? Reception talked about the importance of not trusting strangers, as they may not be a very kind friend. We wrote our own labels and had a go at writing the Gingerbread Man's favourite phrase. In maths, the children used the numicon to help develop their skills of identifying number bonds to 5. We have loved watching the building work happening in our outdoor area and we can't wait to explore this exciting new space next week!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February: Parents' Evening (face-to-face)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: INSET School closed to children for staff training

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Parent Council Meeting 9am

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: World Book Day

## Year 1

We kept our promise to Traction Man and looked after Scrubbing Brush! We followed the instructions that we wrote last week and fed her, gave her daily exercise and also made sure that she was nice and warm at the end of each day. In our English lessons this week, we used a range of adjectives to describe the villains in Traction Man. We have been working with numbers up to 50 in maths and began to partition them into tens and ones. In science, we enjoyed finding out the similarities and differences between reptiles and amphibians. This week, we started our new R.E topic 'Meals' by talking about our favourite meal. We also said goodbye and good luck to Miss Butler this week as she finished her placement with us. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy and productive week in school. In maths, we have started our work on fractions and the children have been finding a quarter of amounts. In English, we are writing non-chronological reports and the children have been gathering facts ready to create their own information books. In science, we went outside to explore micro-habitats. The children were able to describe why some animals prefer certain habitats. In geography, Miss McDonald helped us explore the continent of North America and the children learned how diverse the culture is in different countries. Well done to all of the children in Year 2 who represented our school in a Matball competition this week. We are all proud of your great efforts.

### Year 3

The children have worked very hard this week and we are very proud of them, as always. In maths, we have been multiplying a 2-digit number by three, four or five, with and without regrouping. We have written non-chronological reports about Italy in our English lessons. As part of the Liverpool Children's Festival of Reading, we enjoyed participating in an online author session with Kimba and listened to his poems. Children are really enjoying their new topics: in science 'Light' and 'Europe' in geography. Well done to the children who represented our school in 'Young Voices.' We look forward to parent meetings next week, there are few parents who have still not made appointments through 'School Cloud'. Please do so as soon as possible.

### Year 4

Year 4 have had an extremely busy week. During our English lessons, the children have identified the qualities of a well-written play script. In maths, the children have continued to amaze us with their knowledge of fractions. This week they have added and subtracted fractions greater than one. Also, Year 4 had a very enjoyable singing lesson on Thursday as we continue to practice songs from Joseph the musical. We have started our new R.E topic of 'Eucharist' this week, beginning with a whole class discussion on the significance of a First Holy Communion. In science, the children have continued to discover more about animals and their habitats, identifying which habitat is most suited to each animal class.

### PE AT ST AMBROSE

We are close to finishing our first topics of 2023 and we've seen some amazing development from every class! Years 1 and 2 have shown super skills in their send and return topic. Year 3 and 4 have focused on skills to help them succeed in dodgeball. Year 5 used different shot types in tennis and Year 6 have been working on hockey set-piece skills!

Our stars for this week are: Y1 - Sadie, Y2 - Haidee, Y3 - Carlo, Y4 - Spencer, Y5 - Shane, Y6 - Heidi T.

### Year 5

In English, we continued our amazing work on 'Varjak Paw'. We wrote diary entries from the perspectives of Varjak and Holly, as they went to the city in search of a dog. This half term, we have been focusing on the vocabulary that we use in our writing and it's safe to say that Y5 absolutely knocked this piece of writing out of the park! In science, we completed several investigations into the different properties of materials. First, we tested the best material to use for a teapot. Then, as we studied magnetism, we investigated which objects around our classroom were magnetic. On Thursday, as part of Liverpool Children's Reading Festival, we took part in a live stream with poet 'Kimba'. We absolutely loved it!

### Year 6

We have had another busy week in Year 6. We have continued our journey with Naledi and Tiro in 'Journey to Jo'burg' and have written formal letters expressing concerns about discrimination in South Africa. As part of Liverpool Reading Festival, we joined author Polly Ho-Yen, in a live stream, as she told us about her inspiration for writing and the characters in her books. In maths, we have been translating and reflecting shapes across all four quadrants, consolidating our learning by identifying missing coordinates. In science, we compared how a polar bear and a camel have adapted to very different habitats. On Friday, we participated in a live stream with Spaceport, based in the Shetland Islands. Have a great weekend!

## PARENT COUNCIL

Our first Parent Council meeting of 2023 will be held on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am**. Please consider giving your support. The meetings usually last about 45 minutes and are held once per half term. It would be great if each class had a parent representative. For more details, please speak to Mrs Moorcroft.

## YOUNG VOICES



Our Key Stage 2 Singing Group took part in the Young Voices concert this week and they were a credit to their families and our school. It was wonderful to see them all singing, dancing and beatboxing and even recording a live track with Heather Small! Well done to all the children who participated and made it such a memorable event!

## JUICE and ENERGY DRINKS

More and more children are coming into school with juice in their water bottles. Drinking juice throughout the day will cause tooth decay on your children's teeth. We ask that you support us by filling water bottles with water only. Some of the older children are also bringing energy drinks to school. These are NOT allowed as children under 16 should not be drinking them.

## KEY STAGE ONE MATBALL COMPETITION

On Monday, some of our Key Stage 1 children took part in an LSSP Matball competition against lots of schools from across Liverpool. They played a lot of matches throughout the morning but didn't let their energy drop at all! It was great fun and we were so proud to see every child giving everything they had from the first whistle to the last! Well done to all of our Matball players!



## 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.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. We are using this special date in our school calendar to launch our Reading for Pleasure project in school and, of course, our school community. This year we want the focus to be on one thing and one thing only: READING!

For this reason, we have made the decision that we do not expect children to attend school in costumes this year. During a cost of living crisis, we would much prefer if children bought a new book rather than a costume. If the children then bring this book to school with them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, they will then have plenty of opportunities to read it throughout the day.

Our theme for this year will be 'Bedtime Stories', therefore we ask that children attend school wearing pyjamas. And, what would a bedtime story be without a loved one to share it with? We'd love it if family members could join us between 9:00-10:15am. We will start with a short coffee morning in the school dining room, before you join your children in their classrooms for some reading.

Please join us for what will be such a special day.



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