

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery AM	98.2%
Nursery PM	100%
Reception	95.7%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	98.6%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.3%

**Whole
School:
96.6%**

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	Whole Class
Nursery PM	Whole Class
Reception	Marnie M
Year 1	Liam T
Year 2	Toby K
Year 3	Mark H
Year 4	Goda B
Year 5	Grace H & Elicee E
Year 6	Kieran E



Nursery

It has been fantastic to see all of the children in school, on time every day in both morning and afternoon nursery! We have met and made new friends, who have settled in so well. This week we have become more confident with the new layout to the classroom and have enjoyed spending time with our friends in Reception too. We have enjoyed lots of stories, rhymes and counting at the start and end of every session. We have especially liked working in the art area decorating paper dolls. Outside, the mud kitchen and café area has been particularly popular (you may have noticed our clothes have been a bit more messy) this means we have been very busy learning through our outdoor play.

Reception

The children are now much more familiar with our daily routines and we are so proud of how well behaved they are when moving around the school. We know that lots of your children will be feeling tired as they get used to busy days filled with learning. This is completely normal so please do not worry if we have a few more tears than usual. This week, we have started learning to read and write the sounds; **m, a, s, d, t**. Please check our class Teams page for videos to support this learning at home. In maths, we have explored subitising up to 3. This is when you recognise a small amount of objects without needing to count them all. We have also been using our fingers to represent numbers in different ways.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19th September Bank Holiday: School is closed

Friday 30th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10:30 am

Monday 10th October - Reception Welcome Meeting @ 2.30pm

Swimming continues for Yr4 and Yr5 - Please ensure your child has their swim wear on Thursdays.

Year 1

I can't believe that we are already at the end of our second week of term and what a fantastic week it has been! The children loved making their own aerial maps of our school grounds in geography and in science they enjoyed finding out what materials made different objects around our classroom. In maths we have continued to investigate numbers up to 10, finding one more and one less, doubling and investigating which numbers could be halved. Our English work has been wonderful this week! I was really impressed by the children's handwriting and finger spaces in particular! In R.E. we have continued working on families talking about how we show love in our families and how God shows his love to us.

Thank you for a great week children!

Year 2

We have had another very busy week in Year 2. The children are now much more familiar with our class routines and have settled back into school life well. In English this week we have started our topic 'Traditional Tales with a Twist'. The children have enjoyed listening to the tale of Little Red and predicting what might happen next. In maths we have continued partitioning 2 digit numbers and we have compared and written numbers to 100. Our history topic 'Kings and Queens' is particularly poignant at the moment. We learnt what 'coronation' means and watched Queen Elizabeth II's coronation. In science, we discussed what an animal needs to survive, we thought about what essential things we would need to bring to a desert island.

Year 3

What a busy week in Year 3! It's been wonderful to see children coming in with a bright smile, ready to learn everyday. In English we have started our new novel 'Gangsta Granny' which the children are really enjoying. During our maths lessons, we have been revisiting number bonds to 20 and this

has helped us in calculating our addition and subtraction. In our science topic 'Skeletons, Muscles and Nutrition' we have explored what a human skeleton looks like and learned scientific names of bones in our body. In geography, we have identified hills and mountains in the UK and discovered the seas and ocean surrounding the UK.

Following St Paul's advice, in R.E we gave examples of when we have shared with those in need. Children must access TTRockstars daily, read at home daily and learn their spellings.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful week in school! This week, we have continued to read our class book 'Charlotte's Web' which has created some great class discussions about friendship and encouragement. In English, we have also began learning about the key features of a diary entry, using this knowledge to aid our writing in class. In Maths, we have developed our understanding of place value by rounding up to 4 digit numbers. On Thursday, the children were overjoyed to participate in their first swimming lesson of Year 4, all the children showed great determination; I cannot wait to see their progress. Overall we have had an extremely busy week in class, the children have all worked hard. Have a lovely weekend!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

It has been amazing getting back to our usual PE lessons across school this week! KS1 have started with Games, whilst KS2 are all beginning with Gymnastics. Our Stars of PE this week are: Nursery AM - Amyra, Nursery PM - Elias, Reception - Montana, Year 1 - Toby, Year 2 - Jaxson, Year 3 - Shay, Year 4 - Amelia, Year 5 - Lola K, Year 6 - Sandra.

Year 5

Another wonderful, jam-packed week in Year 5! This week, we started reading our class novel 'Beetle Boy'. After the mysterious disappearance of one of the book's main characters, we role-played being police investigators as we interviewed key witnesses. Our maths lessons have been so exciting this week. We have loved using our knowledge from last week's lessons to explain the importance of place value in our 6-digit number game. This week was also our first swimming lesson in Year 5. The children were exemplary as always and were a credit to our school. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 6

We have had a wonderful week of learning in Year 6. We have started to read our class novel, 'Wonder', by RJ Palacio, sharing the emotions and courage of a young boy with a facial disfigurement. We have discussed the emotions of the parents when August was born, sharing ideas to use in a letter to a friend. In maths, we have been using addition and subtraction to solve word problems, using a range of mental strategies. In history, we explored the roles of different people in the structure of Ancient Egyptian society. We have had a good start to the year, with a much improved attendance. Well done everyone!

UNIFORM

The children have returned to school looking incredibly smart in their uniform. Please ensure all children are wearing the correct uniform stated below and that each item has their name inside it. PE kit should only be worn on PE days.

Boys:

Green badged jumper, white shirt, claret tie, grey shorts or trousers, black shoes (no trainers), grey socks

Girls:

Green badged cardigan, white shirt, claret tie, grey skirt or pinafore, black shoes (no trainers), white or grey socks

Uniform is available to purchase online through the Ski Equip website:

<https://ski-equip-school-clothing.squarespace.com/st-ambrose-school>

PE DAYS

Each classes PE days are as follows: Nursery AM & PM - Wednesday, Reception - Wednesday, Year 1 - Thursday & Friday, Year 2 - Wednesday & Thursday, Year 3 - Monday & Tuesday, Year 4 - Tuesday & Thursday (swimming), Year 5 - Monday & Thursday (swimming), Year 6 - Monday & Friday.



PARENT APP

We are currently in the process of moving to a new way of communicating with our parents and families. This cannot be completed until all families complete the data collection sheet. Thank you to everyone who returned their completed form. If you haven't already completed your form, please do so urgently and return this to school. It is particularly important that you inform us of your email address as this will be our main channel of communication for this half term.

SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

With Her Majesty the Queen's death and approaching funeral, this has raised many questions and emotions for children especially those who may have experienced bereavement themselves.

To find out more information on how to support your child visit the NHS website - children and bereavement or www.childbereavementuk.org.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 get free school meals regardless of parents' income. If parents receive certain benefits, school may qualify for extra funding known as Pupil Premium. We need to know that you're entitled to Free School Meals to issue vouchers during school holidays. All parents (NURSERY TO Y6) should complete the online application to apply for free school meals in term-time by following this link:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>



NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We have spaces available for children aged 3-4 in our Nursery. Children of this age are entitled to 15 hours free provision and we provide this as 3-hour daily sessions (AM 8:45-11:45 or PM 12:30-3:30). If you would like to put your child's name down for a space in Nursery, please complete a purple form available from the school office.

YEAR 6

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2023, please apply online for their place as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>

The deadline is 31st October. Some faith schools require a supplementary faith form completing as well. Please check their school websites for details.



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OPAL: OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

All children from Reception to Year 6 will need a pair of wellies to be left in school as they will be outside each and every playtime, regardless of the weather. As our weather is so unpredictable, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat each day.

