

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	46.4%
Nursery 2	84%
Reception	88%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	96.4%
Year 3	86.3%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	94.5%

**Whole
School:
94.4%**

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.



Golden Book

Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who all received a golden certificate this week

Nursery	Catherine P
Reception	Molly T-W
Year 1	Piper G
Year 2	Whole Class
Year 3	Ollie B
Year 4	Mason S
Year 5	Riley B
Year 6	Reece H



Nursery

We have had lots of fun in Nursery this week. We didn't let the snowy weather spoil our outdoor learning time and used this opportunity to be independent when putting on our wellies and waterproofs to go and explore. Our NELI story 'Toby and the Tricky Things', is about doing things all by ourselves so the snow actually helped us with our special words this week. We have tried to be so independent; pouring milk onto cereal, putting coats, shoes and wellies on and attempting to zip our coats up too. We have been exploring number five in maths; writing it, using numicon, counting and singing lots of '5' songs. The favourite has definitely been five little speckled frogs. Glub, glub!

Reception

This week, Reception have been understanding more about our new topic - On the Farm! We have spent time learning about the different animals that we might find at a farm, as well as understanding more about the helpful machines and jobs people do. We looked at a picture and wrote simple sentences about the things we could see. In maths, we continued learning how to group and share, using our farmyard small world animals to help us along the way. We hope that this new topic will give us lots of knowledge before Acorn Farm visit us with their animobile on the 21st March! In RE, we have used our new farmyard knowledge to understand more about 'growing'. We have enjoyed learning the names of baby farmyard animals.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th March: Wear Blue for Bobby (see below)

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March: Industrial Action (School Closed)

Monday 20th March: Year 1 Trip to John Lennon Airport

Tuesday 21st & 28th March - 9:00-11:45am: ASD training in school for parents (further details to follow)

Wednesday 22nd March - Friday 24th March: Year 4 residential to Condover Hall

Year 1

We've had a wonderful week in Year 1 this week. I can see how much progress children have made from the start of the year. I am a very proud teacher! In maths this week, we continued our work on counting in 2s and 5s up to 50. In English, we wrote sentences explaining what we would take on our journey to the South Pole and used fantastic adjectives to describe them. It was lovely to see the presentation in the children's writing this week. In RE, we talked about the special meal that Jesus shared with his friends and the special meals that we enjoy with our family. We really enjoyed dancing to Old McDonald in PE and used 'interesting' dance moves to show how the different animals move! Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2

We've had another wonderful and productive week in Year 2. The children have all worked very hard and should be proud of themselves. In English, we wrote fact files on meerkats. The children researched their own facts and organised their facts under appropriate subheadings. In science, we continued learning about food chains and made our own for a chosen habitat. In geography this week, we travelled to Africa. The children used globes and atlas' to identify different countries and we also learnt more about the climate of the continent. On Friday, the children were very grown up when their trip to Knowlsey Safari Park was postponed. We made up for it by making animals in the snow. Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 3

A really busy but fun week in Year 3. In English, we planned and wrote forest setting descriptions linked to our class text 'The Tin Forest'. Well done Year 3; your setting descriptions were amazing. In maths, we explored units of measured time and measured intervals of time in seconds, minutes and hours. I was very impressed with the children's ideas in science, about how light can be dangerous and the importance of protecting ourselves from the sun. In geography, we learned about the difference between human and physical geography and identified some of the most significant man-made landmarks of Europe. We ended our RE topic by describing what happens in the Eucharistic Prayer and how we could share God's love with others.

Year 4

Another enjoyable week in Year 4. In English, the children have developed their understanding of persuasive language and gathered evidence to support their argument. In maths, we have started a new topic 'Decimals'. The children have worked hard to compare and order decimals on a number line. In science, the children have continued to classify animals. This week we also created fact files for different invertebrates. The children have continued to develop their musical skills with Mr Watson, as we prepare for the KS2 concert later this month. Finally, on Friday we had an exciting snow day! It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves outdoors. The children have worked extremely hard this week and have earned a rest or fun in the snow!

PE AT ST AMBROSE

This week in PE, Early Years and Year 2 continued to learn about different ways to move in dance. Year 1 focused on attacking with a ball, while Year 3 played basketball with a focus on passing forwards. Year 4 learnt to dribble in hockey and both Years 5 and 6 continued with dodgeball!

Our stars for this week are: Nursery - Catherine, Reception - Bobbie-Mae, Y1 - Zara, Y2 - Leni, Y3 - Carlo, Y4 - Archie, Y5 - Anthony, Y6 - Kayden.

Year 5

We have had a great week in Year 5. In English, after reading 'The Day the Crayons Quit', we discussed some of the complaints that different objects in our classroom might have about the way that we use them. Writing from the point of view of our glue sticks and pens, we wrote letters to ourselves complaining about the ways that we treat them. In maths, we have continued our study of fractions. We applied our previous knowledge to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

On Thursday, we finally made our return to swimming. After a couple of issues with the water temperature in previous weeks, the children were delighted to get back in the pool. Have a great weekend Year 5.

Year 6

Another very busy week in Year 6. We started the week by revising our knowledge of rounding. We then applied this knowledge to rounding numbers that included decimals. By the end of the week, we were rounding superstars! On Thursday, some children from Year 6 were fortunate to join children from other schools at 'Maths Reasoning Club'. At the club, the children solved a range of maths problems and puzzles. The children were a credit to our school, with one child even saying they didn't know maths could be so fun! In RE, we discussed the theme of loss and new life as we started our topic of Lent. We have loved seeing what our friends have been doing in Italy and can't wait to see them next week. Enjoy your weekend Year 6.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Next week we remember Bobby Colleran, the 6 year old boy who tragically died in a road traffic accident outside his school on 24th October 2014. The campaign 'Slow Down for Bobby' was set up in his legacy and their mission is to ensure that children and their families feel confident and safe when traveling to and from school without the fear of accidents and to do all they can to prevent future tragedies.

By working together, we can keep our children safe by following the safety guidance below:

- Maximum speed limit 20 mph
- No drop off or pick up on the yellow zig-zags
- No parking on pavements or even on the kerb - this can force pedestrians onto the road or distract other drivers
- Practice extra vigilance and be aware that things can change quickly and children can be impulsive
- No parking in side streets blocking the walk-way for children to cross



WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY

On Monday 13th March, we are inviting children to wear something **BLUE** with their uniform as a way of remembering Bobby Colleran. This could be a simple blue accessory such as a hair bow, headband or socks.

ASD TRAINING

Invitations will be given out next week for our upcoming training sessions. Places are limited so please fill in the return slip as soon as possible. A quick reminder, the dates are:

Tuesday 21st & 28th March in school from 9:00 a.m. until 11:45

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK



Each Wednesday lunchtime during Lent, we are taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. The children will walk around the large field at the back of school and the total number of steps will be added on to our St Ambrose Team total which can be found here: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-ambrose>

If you have any loose change at home, we are kindly asking that you bring it to school to help us raise money for this worthy cause of helping our global neighbours who are less fortunate than ourselves.

CULTURAL QUEST

We are very excited to announce that the **St Ambrose Cultural Quest** is coming soon! Keep checking the newsletter to find out more about this exciting opportunity happening in school.