

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	100%
Nursery 2	90.4%
Reception	95%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.7%

**Whole  
School:  
95.8%**

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	Amyra S
Nursery PM	Elias KM
Reception	Victor J
Year 1	Oliwier K
Year 2	Brylee-Mae E
Year 3	Kyle S
Year 4	Filip S
Year 5	Elizabeth F
Year 6	Lily D



## Nursery

What a lovely week we've had in Nursery! We worked in the junk modelling area to make some fantastic products. We made butterflies from toilet roll tubes, dinosaurs cut from cardboard and aeroplanes made from milk bottles. Check out our Twitter to see photos of our hard work.

@MrsJonesYN. We also listened to some wonderful stories, including The Colour Monster. Then we talked about our feelings and explored the colours red and blue. Outside, we have explored water play, the mud kitchen and used the large blocks to create an obstacle course, developing our balancing skills.

## Reception

It has been another action packed week in Reception. The children have enjoyed taking part in balanceability with our LSSP coach, Mr Gillespie. We are extremely proud of everyone for developing their skills when riding a balance bike, and we have been blown away by the amount of children who can already ride a 2-wheeled bike without support! In RE, we have continued with our topic 'Myself'. It has been lovely to celebrate how loved we all are by God. In maths, we have been trying hard to sort and categorise objects by colour and type. Keep up the amazing support you have been giving your children by completing the Read Write Inc. handwriting sheets and online videos. It is really helping to build their confidence in our lessons.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Spetember CEO - Andrew Truby Meeting with parents 9-10am

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September - Y5 and Y6 Dodgeball Competition

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - MacMillan Coffee Morning 9-10:30 am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Journey in Love Meeting for Parents 3:30pm

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October -Cross Country Reace Newsham Park 3:30pm

## Year 1

What a busy week in Year 1! We started our week by talking about the Queen's funeral and it was really lovely to hear the children talk about how sad it made them and how important a moment it was. I have been really impressed with how hard the children have worked in phonics this week. Each group comes back into class excited to tell me the sounds that they have been working on and love pointing out different words beginning with that sound. We completed assessments in our English and maths lessons this week whilst in science we described materials according to their properties. Thank you to all those families who returned their home reading books this week; please remember that the books are changed every Monday!

## Year 2

Another busy week in Year 2! Children have been enjoying their P.E lessons and we have worked on our dynamic balance. We continued our maths work and explored number patterns and odd and even numbers. In English, we wrote fantastic character descriptions of the Wolf from our class book 'Little Red'. In RE we went outside to see if we could spot any of the natural wonders of the world that we would like to thank God for. In history we continued our work on 'Kings and Queens' and we learnt all about King William I and the 'Battle of Hastings.' The children were fascinated to learn about the Domesday book! Please remember to return reading books on Friday so that they can be changed on Monday.

### Year 3

A busy week in Year 3! In English we have identified features of a diary entry. Next week,

I look forward to reading children's diary entries based on 'Gangsta Granny'. We have been adding and subtracting using 'round and adjust' in maths. In science we learned about the functions of a skeleton and had great fun discovering which bones help us to move, support or protect our vital organs. In geography, we researched West Kirby Beach and how the coast is used. For our R.E lessons we wrote a set of rules for a happy home and described the 'Holy Family'. A polite reminder that P.E days are on Mondays and Tuesdays, children must wear their P.E kit.

### Year 4

Year 4 have worked extremely hard this week in all learning! We discussed the features of a diary and used our knowledge to plan and create an entry for Wilbur the pig from our class read 'Charlotte's Web'. In history, we have continued to discuss the impact of the Romans and their determination to invade Britain. The children enjoyed re-enacting the events from this period. In Spanish, we have showed excellent progress in describing our appearance. This week, during our collective worship and in RE we have considered the importance of family and our ancestors. The children have developed a great understanding of the different perspectives of family we have. An extremely busy four day week for all the children this week! Happy weekend!

### PE AT ST AMBROSE

This week's P.E has been fantastic! EYFS & KS1 have focused on their running and body management, learning how to slow down safely. KS2 continued to develop their gymnastics skills. Our stars of PE are: Nursery AM - Rubi, Nursery PM - Bobby, Reception - Ezra, Year 1 - Dolce, Year 2 - Leni, Year 3 - Emily, Year 4 - Carter.

### Year 5

Another busy week in Year 5. In our science lessons we have continued to learn about the Earth and Space. We investigated how the hours of daylight can vary from month to month depending on the distance of a location compared to the Equator. We discovered that during the summer in Alaska they can experience 24 hours of daylight each day! In our history lessons we learnt about what daily life was like for the Anglo-Saxons. We were shocked to read that one role of children in the village was to keep a lookout for wolves. We've kept our eyes peeled this week, but fortunately for us there are no wolves at St Ambrose! Please remember to read with your children at home and return your child's home reading book to school so that it can be changed regularly. Thank you!

### Year 6

Year 6 have had a week of hard work being role-models to all in school. We have started to use multiplication and division of numbers with up to three decimal places, looking at place value of each. In English, we continued to read our class novel 'Wonder' and are now looking forward to finding out about August, as he starts school. We have loved learning about the Egyptians, discussing the importance of The River Nile in Egypt. We now understand how rainbows are formed, thanks to our work on refraction in science. Continuing our 'Loving' theme in R.E., we have read the story of The Prodigal Son, discussing unconditional love and forgiveness. Well done to those children who remembered to bring reading and homework books in on Friday. This is a great way to prepare for High School.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, you are invited to come and join us for coffee and cake in the dining room once you have dropped your child(ren) off. At 9:30, you will then have chance to visit your child's class so that you can see how we are now learning maths and maybe get the chance to even join in! Donations of cakes (home-made or bought) would be gratefully accepted. We are asking all family members who attend for a small donation to support the work of MacMillan Cancer Support.



## MEETING WITH OUR CEO: ANDREW TRUBY

There will be a meeting in the school hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am with Andrew Truby. This meeting is to ask any questions that you may have in relation to the letter sent out last week regarding leadership changes at our school, including Mr White leaving us at the end of term. **Your voice is important, please do come along.**

## SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

In school we have adopted a restorative practice approach to resolving issues that arise during the school day. Restorative practice is a way of working with conflict that puts the focus on repairing the harm that has been done and includes all the parties involved, put simply getting everyone involved together to discuss what has happened and what can be done to improve the situation.

This link gives a short, freely available, online course for families giving an introduction to restorative practice:

<https://learning.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/course/4029/restorative-thinking-and-positive-relationships-preventing-and-managing-conflict>

## 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. Children must wear full school uniform on non-PE days.



## VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

In our efforts to minimise the risks to our pupils, please be reminded that we follow a voluntary one-way traffic system outside of school. The aim of this system is to increase safety and ease congestion whilst also creating a calmer and efficient school drop off and pick up.

The route is as follows:

Approach school via Alder Wood Avenue

Turn right on to Alderfield Drive

Park/ stop car before the start of the school railings and let children out kerb-side.

Continue along Alderfield Drive to exit the one-way system or turn right onto Ringsfield Road.



## OPAL: OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

The weather is definitely changing and we are noticing more wet weather. Our aim is to stay outside regardless of the conditions! All children, from Reception to Year 6, will need a pair of wellies to be left in class. These should be sent in immediately. As our weather is so unpredictable, please make sure your child comes to school wearing a warm, waterproof coat each day.



## 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.

