

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	50%
Nursery 2	78.7%
Reception	88.3%
Year 1	91.3%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	97%

**Whole  
School:  
94.8%**

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	Rubi W
Nursery PM	Corey B
Reception	Henry R
Year 1	Oliver B
Year 2	Mikey C
Year 3	Louis & Logan W
Year 4	Isabella R
Year 5	Esmæ K
Year 6	Heidi- Sophia L



## Nursery

This week we have been listening to and exploring lots of different stories. Our favourite, by far, was Dear Zoo. We've heard it so many times that we can say what's on the next page without even turning over! It was wonderful to listen to Latoya Likambi, a successful, local author, who visited us today. She inspired us to go and spend time in our fabulous library afterwards. In maths, we have been singing lots of counting rhymes this week and using our fingers to help us represent numbers in the songs. We have also continued to make repeating patterns with our autumn treasures.

## Reception

We started our week with a very special 'Welcome Service' with Fr Ed. The children were welcomed in to the family of St Ambrose, along with the families who were able to join us for this celebration. We have continued to talk about the importance of understanding our feelings and emotions this week. The children now know that they should never feel bad for getting angry or upset but that it is important to recognise this and work towards calming themselves down. We used 'The Colour Monster' story to help explain this. In RE, we have spent time exploring Judaism and can talk about special objects, such as, a menorah.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Art Week  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - School Photographs: Individual & Siblings  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 Class Trip to the Catalyst Museum  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Yr 6 Class Trip to Liverpool Museum  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - School closes for half term  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - School reopens after half term

## Year 1

A very busy week in Year 1, I can't believe that next week is our last week of the first half-term together - time certainly flies when you're having fun! We started our week by thinking about our mental health and how we can make ourselves feel better if we are feeling sad. The children have really impressed me with their phonics work this week, they are beginning to use their phonics skills in their writing too! In maths, we began our 'Mastery of Number' work and the children loved finding '5' in numbers up to 10. In our RE work, we started our new topic 'Belonging' and learned about how we are all part of God's family. We are really looking forward to our trip to the Catalyst Museum next Tuesday! Enjoy your weekend everyone!

## Year 2

We have had another busy week in Year 2 and I can feel we are all nearly ready for our half-term. We have written some wonderful feelings descriptions in English inspired by our class book 'The Colour Monster'. Children have edited their work and we look forward to displaying the finished pieces. In maths, we have continued working hard adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and using our number bond knowledge to add 3 digits together in an efficient way. We have started our new R.E topic 'Signs and Symbols' and we enjoyed talking about the signs and symbols we see everyday. In history we compared King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth I, I have loved seeing the research that children have brought in from home about the Tudors.

### Year 3

What an exciting week in Year 3! We have covered some grammar lessons to help us prepare to write newspaper reports next week. We had great fun writing witness quotes linked to 'Gangsta Granny'. In maths, we rounded 3-digit numbers to the nearest 100 and completed place value investigations. Our new topic in R.E is 'Baptism/Confirmation' and we discussed promises we have made to follow our class rules. In geography we looked at different types of settlements in the UK and focused on what facilities are important. In science, we learned about how skeletons vary between animals and found differences between vertebrates and invertebrates. It was wonderful to be inspired by Latoya Likambi, a successful and award winning author, who visited us today and talked about achieving dreams and goals.

### Year 4

Another excellent week of learning in Year 4! In English, we are learning about persuasive writing and started the week with a class debate. The children had to convince their partners that their opinion was correct. In maths, we have continued to develop our knowledge of subtraction by using bar models and the column method. The Roman's have been discussed in depth this week, with the children explaining how they began to invade Britain and the consequences of this action. Another great music lesson with Mr Watson practising new songs; the children are becoming great performers. In RE, we have started our new topic of 'Being Chosen'. As a class we answered the question: 'What does it mean to be chosen?' some great points were made. Overall, a very busy but enjoyable week in Year 4!

### PE AT ST AMBROSE

In PE this week, Nursery and Reception have worked on body management using apparatus. KS1 have been improving their running, jumping and throwing skills, whilst KS2 continued their gymnastics learning. Our stars from PE have been: Nursery AM - Lucas, Nursery PM - Myla, Reception - Victoria, Year 1 - Oliver, Year 2 - Deacon, Year 3 - Tommy, Year 4 - Evie-Arabella, Year 5 - Annie, Year 6 - Miley.

### Year 5

A fantastic week in Year 5! In English, we have been learning about how we can keep our reader entertained. We have been using a range of different sentence types to keep the reader hooked! In maths, we have been estimating subtraction calculations, before then completing them using the column subtraction method. The children have been using sentence stems to talk like mathematicians when explaining their method. In our PSHE lesson, we celebrated World Mental Health Day. We discussed the importance of making mental health a global priority, as well as the things that we do to support our own mental health.

### Year 6

We have had another busy week in Year 6! In English, we have started to explore newspaper reports and furthered our understanding of speech punctuation. We were inspired by Latoya Likambi, an award winning author, who visited us on Friday. We have applied our understanding of division in maths, using the correct vocabulary when reasoning. We have loved learning about the Egyptians in history (looking at the discoveries of Harold Carter this week) and are now looking forward to our visit to the museum, next week. Thank you to those children who brought in their rosary beads, to show during our Collective Worship.

## RECEPTION WELCOME ASSEMBLY

This week Reception performed beautifully as we welcomed them and their families into our school family and parish. It was such a lovely celebration and children performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Unfortunately only 4 families were able to come along. Please do check the newsletter, Teams and Reception Notice Board so that more families can join us on these special occasions.



## CROSS COUNTRY



The cross country team took part in the second race at Stanley Park this week. Competition was fierce but the team showed determination and represented the school proudly despite the traditional mix of autumnal weather, mainly rain and more rain! The team are continuing to show grit and were much more confident at the race and this showed in their performance. In the small schools league, the boys are currently 6<sup>th</sup> and the girls are 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Y3 AND Y4 GIRLS FOOTBALL

On Monday morning, some of our Year 3 and 4 girls visited Tiber Football for a football festival. They practised skills such as passing and dribbling and then competed in a small-tournament style series of matches. The children really enjoyed the event, we were impressed with their skills and it has inspired them to continue playing football, in school and hopefully outside of school too! Well done girls!

## PACKED LUNCHES AND WATER BOTTLES

For children who bring a packed lunch from home, please remember that this should include only one treat: crisp or chocolate. Children are allowed to drink juice with their lunch but fizzy drinks are not allowed. Throughout the day children should only have water in their water bottles and not juice. Drinking juice throughout the day, without brushing your teeth, can result in tooth decay.

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday is school photograph day. All children should be in full winter uniform (shirts and ties). Children who have PE on this day can bring their PE kit with them. Both individual and sibling photos will be taken on Monday.

## 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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## SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

The children enjoyed their activities on World Mental Health Day this Monday and it opened up some great topics of discussion. However, our mental health is something we should look after EVERY day but this can be difficult with the stresses and strains of modern life, particularly at the moment with the cost of living crisis putting pressure on so many of us. Please reach out if you need support.

## APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing dates for Reception applications are 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. All Reception applications should be completed online at [www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions). In addition to the online application, families should also complete the St Ambrose Supplementary Faith Form. This can be accessed via our school website and is available from the school office. We require evidence of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate handed in to school with our supplementary faith form by the 15th January 2023.

## 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.



## VOLUNTEERS

Do you have a spare couple of hours? We are looking for volunteers who have a love of reading and would like to listen to our children reading. If you are interested, please let Mrs O'Grady (School Office) know and we will be in touch.

