

St Ambrose Newsletter

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4th November 2022



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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	92.9%
Nursery 2	78.7%
Reception	94.7%
Year 1	99.3%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	89%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	92.4%

**Whole
School:
94.9%**

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	Sadie B
Nursery PM	Elias K-M
Reception	Ezrah D
Year 1	Millie H
Year 2	Maya K
Year 3	Leilah S
Year 4	Jessica M
Year 5	Darcy J
Year 6	Heidi T



Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful start to the half-term! This week we have been reading Julia Donaldson's 'Room on the Broom'. We have listened carefully to the story joining in with our favourite phrases. We have followed instructions to make toilet roll witches, threaded beads onto broomsticks, made playdough wands and re-told the story by sticking the characters onto a card broom. It has been wonderful to see the children independently re-telling the story with puppets in the reading area. On Tuesday, we took part in a whole school Collective Worship with Fr Ed. I am so proud of how well the children sat and joined in.

Reception

It has been lovely to welcome Reception back after the half-term. This week, we have spent time exploring the story 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. When reading the book, the children have enjoyed joining in with some of their favourite phrases and freeze-framing some of the key moments from within the story. We have talked about where the Witch and her animal friends might go to next on their truly magnificent broom! In maths, we have explored repeating patterns of size and colour, as well as singing lots of number rhymes. In RE, we role-played how Fr Ed would welcome someone in to the family of God through Baptism. The children were very gentle with our class doll! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7th November - Year 4 Class Trip to Chester

Tuesday 8th November - Nursery visiting our local library

Thursday 10th November - Swimming Y4 and Y5

Friday 11th November - Y5 Class Assembly (Families are most welcome)

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November Anti-Bullying Week

Year 1

What an exciting first week back after half-term! The children were so excited at the start of the week and it was lovely to hear all about the spooky parties and events they had been to. They have settled back into their lessons very well and have really worked hard this week, especially in science where we have been learning about the seasons - Autumn in particular. In our RE work, we looked at the fabulous Baptism items brought into school and decorated our own baptism candles. In maths, we have been working on repeating patterns and following algorithms. In English, we loved hearing about the 'Jolly Postman's day and wrote our own description of him using some amazing adjectives! Our All Saints' Day Collective Worship was a lovely way to start our week - we hope you liked the prayer cubes.

Year 2

It is lovely to see all of the well rested faces after our half-term break. We have started the new term off with a bang, learning all about the 'Gunpowder Plot' and 'Guy Fawkes'. We are very excited to welcome our visitors next week and start our new history topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We celebrated All Saints' Day together as a school with a special Collective Worship in the hall. Afterwards, we were encouraged to think of how we can all be saints in our daily lives. In maths, we have been looking at solving word problems using a bar model to help us find the difference. In English, we have started reading our new book 'The Promise' and have explored the emotions of the characters using freeze frames. Please remember to return your child's book-bag every Friday.

Year 3

We hope you all had a restful break. It's been lovely to welcome the children back for another exciting half-term. Our classroom has been buzzing with excitement as we have started our new novel; 'Stig of the Dump' in English. We are really enjoying the story so far and it is wonderful to see everyone's enthusiasm. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting mentally using different strategies. In RE, we researched our Patron Saint, St Ambrose and learned about the Sacrament of Baptism. We have been learning about nutrition and importance of a balanced diet in science and children enjoyed designing their own healthy plate. In geography, we used maps to identify different counties in the UK and researched our local county; Merseyside. Homework must be completed by Friday each week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a wonderful start to the half-term! We have started to read our new class book 'The Explorer' and considered how it might feel to be lost in the jungle. In maths, we have deepened our knowledge of multiplication and division using the distributive law. On Tuesday, Fr Ed joined us for Collective Worship focusing on All Saints' Day. We created some thoughtful prayer cubes to show how we can be saints in our own lives. It was great to have another jam-packed Thursday with singing, Spanish and swimming all in one day! It has been amazing to see the children growing in confidence in all three areas of learning. Finally, in science, we investigated the digestive system by creating our own replicas using bananas, tights and orange juice! Overall, an exciting first week back! Have a lovely weekend.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

In our first week back, we have started new PE topics. Nursery began Manipulation and Co-ordination. Key Stage 1 are working on gymnastics and Key Stage 2 have started their indoor athletics. Our stars of PE this week were: Nursery AM - Lucas, Nursery PM - Myla, Reception - Victor, Year 1 - Daisy, Year 2 - Jaxson, Year 3 - Luca, Year 4 - Skyler, Year 5 - Kornel, Year 6 - Zac.

Year 5

We have had a great week returning to school. The children have picked up exactly where they left off! We have started our new class novel, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. We have been journalists this week and have reported on the mysterious case of 'The Vanishing Glass'. In maths, we have continued our work on data. This week, we have been using the data represented in tables and converted this using line graphs. We had a wonderful singing lesson with Mr Watson on Thursday. This half-term, we will be performing at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral so we have started to learn the songs that we will be singing during the performance. Have a fantastic weekend everybody!

Year 6

It is lovely to be back in school this week with a super start to this half-term. We have started to read 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness, a wonderful thought provoking text that brings imagination, anxiety and relationships together. In maths, we have started to explore the order of operations when completing multi-step calculations. On Tuesday, All Saints' Day, Father Ed led a whole school Collective Worship which was followed by the making of prayer cubes to take home. In RE, we have been discussing vocation and ordination, writing questions to ask Father Ed, who then visited class on Friday. We have started our new topics in science (Classification) and geography (Global Challenges) and are looking forward to exciting activities over this term.

SCHOOL VALUES HEART

Congratulations to the following children who all received a 'School Values' heart and card and heart for demonstrating such wonderful school values during our first half-term. We are extremely proud of you!

Nursery



Reception



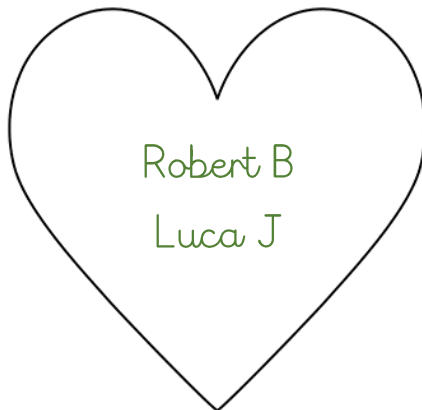
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



We are so
incredibly
proud of you



ALL SAINTS' DAY

It was lovely to welcome Father Ed to school on Tuesday to celebrate All Saints' Day together as a school community. The children enjoyed finding out about the different saints throughout the world and reflected on the ways that we can be saints too by following their example. They all made a prayer cube which shows the ways that they want to be a saint - we hope that you like them!

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Remember, Remember the 5th of November!

Have fun this bonfire night and remember the best and safest way to enjoy fireworks is to go to an organised display, many of which are local and free of charge.

If you do choose to have your own fireworks please remember to follow these safety tips:

- Never allow children to handle fireworks
- Never use fireworks when impaired by drugs or alcohol
- Never use illegal fireworks
- Only light one at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to fully extinguish fireworks that don't go off or in case of fire
- Remember to supervise children at all times especially when using sparklers



APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2023, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing dates for Reception applications are 15th January 2023. All Reception applications should be completed online at 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.

