

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	100%
Nursery 2	78.7%
Reception	96%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	94.5%

**Whole
School:
96.2%**

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	Remy S
Nursery PM	Myla C
Reception	Michael C
Year 1	Luca B
Year 2	Austin G
Year 3	Carter R
Year 4	Skyler M
Year 5	Kornel J
Year 6	Reece H



Nursery

What a fabulous week Nursery have had! On Tuesday, we visited Speke Library. The children had such a great time looking at all the different books. We each chose a book to bring back to school that we can share again and again until we return them in a few weeks time. The library has some fantastic new books for children of all ages. It would be wonderful if you joined as a family and of course the best thing is that it is free! On Thursday, we had a very special visitor, Mrs Harris's sister, who brought her new baby Freddie. We asked her questions about how he was welcomed into the family and what will happen when he is baptised and welcomed into God's family. On Friday, we took part in a special virtual visit from the author; Nadia Shireen.

Reception

It has been such a busy week in Reception. As part of our learning in RE, the children welcomed my younger sister and her 5-week old baby, Freddie in to our classroom. They asked lots of questions to find out more about this special time in a baby's life. Reception gave Danielle lots of tips and advice on who she needs to speak to in order to prepare for Freddie's Baptism. They were extremely helpful! We were lucky enough to take part in a virtual interactive story time session with Nadia Shireen as she introduced her new book 'Billy and the Pirates'. It was lots of fun and we even got to learn how to draw Billy and Fat Cat. It filled me with pride to see how respectful Reception were during our 2 minutes silence on Friday. Well done.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Monday 14th November - Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 15th November - Y3 Cinema Trip

Tuesday 22nd November - EYFS Trip Imagine That

Tuesday 6th December - ASD Coffee afternoon 2:00p.m (further details to follow)

Year 1

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 1 this week. The children have really settled and have all worked extremely hard in all of their lessons - Star of the Week was a really tough choice this week! In our English, we wrote character descriptions of The Jolly Postman with some excellent punctuation being used. In maths, we learned about the 'teen' numbers and how they are made up of 'ten and a bit'. This can be a difficult concept to understand and the children did superbly in it! In science, we thought about the weather in autumn and in our history topic, we learned about the different categories of toys and what characteristics they share. We ended our week with a visit to church where Fr Ed told us all about Baptism. Have a fantastic weekend with those that you love.

Year 2

We have had such a lovely and exciting week in Year 2. We welcomed a visitor who helped us explore our history topic 'The Great Fire of London' through drama. It was lovely to see the children express their creative sides. In science, we have started our new topic 'Everyday Materials'. The children enjoyed getting out in the fresh air on a material hunt to spot the everyday materials we could find. In maths, this week we have started exploring length through standard and non-standard units. In English, we have started our diary entry based on our book 'The Promise', the children have been working hard to include adverbs in their writing. Finally, in RE, we have continued exploring the signs and symbols that might be seen at a Baptism.

Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3. In English, we have written dialogues between Stig and Barney from our class novel. We have used mental strategies to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using multiples of 10 and 100 in maths. We have also used rounding to add and subtract 3-digit by 2-digit numbers. In geography, we explored choices of settlement people make and how land is used in the UK. In RE, we learned about the role of Godparents during Baptism and ways we can let our light shine brightly. We have started our new history topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age' and it's great to see the children's enthusiasm in this topic. I was very impressed with how children have already made a link with Stone Age and Stig from our class novel. We look forward to our cinema visit on Tuesday next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

What an exciting week we have had in Year 4! We started the week visiting Chester to understand life in Roman Britain and the duties of a Roman soldier. The children loved re-enacting the battles from the soldiers' perspective. In maths, we have begun to consider mental strategies for division, focusing on known facts and partitioning. In English, the children loved creating a set of instructions for 'How to make a map'. Our class book 'The Explorer' tells the story of children lost in the Amazon. This map can help them to explore their surroundings. On Friday, the children followed their own instructions to create a map. In Spanish, we have continued to develop our language skills focusing on school subjects - the children love this part of the week. Finally, in RE, we have continued to discuss the process of confirmation and how we can be guided by the Holy Spirit.

PE AT ST AMBROSE

In PE this week, our Early Years classes worked outside, learning to control and manipulate different types of balls! KS1 are learning new elements in gymnastics and KS2 have been competing all week in athletics! Our stars have been: Nursery AM - Casey, Nursery PM - Elias, Reception - Isaac, Y1 - Jaxson, Y2 - Harriet, Y3 - Lola, Y4 - Frankie, Y5 - Riley, Y6 - Kieran.

Year 5

Another very busy week in Year 5! We have continued to read 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone'. This week we have been concentrating on how to create a suspenseful atmosphere in our writing. Through the power of our Wow Room, we visited the Hut on the Rock to inspire our descriptive language. I can't wait to read them, as I know they will have me on the edge of my seat. Thank you all so much again for your amazing support with our class assembly this week. From all of the pictures shared on Teams and Twitter, to the time spent at home rehearsing lines, it really does mean a lot to myself and the children. The turn out for the assembly on Friday morning was wonderful! Have a fantastic weekend.

Year 6

We have had a great week in Year 6 continuing to read our class book, 'A Monster Calls'. In English, we have been learning how to apply spelling rules to improve our descriptive writing. In maths, we have been generating and describing linear number sentences. We have been discussing Global Challenges in geography and how natural resources should be conserved. To demonstrate classification, (our science topic) we collected a range of leaves and classified them according to certain characteristics. Music was great fun as always. We have started to rehearse a number of Christmas Carols to sing in the Cathedral this term. Finally, a gentle reminder to encourage your child to read and return their books each week and to complete homework by Friday.

SAFEGUARDING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Anti-Bullying Week starts on Monday 14th November and this year the theme is 'Reach Out'.

Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know who is being bullied.

Throughout the week the children will learn more in assembly and through activities in the classroom. On **Monday 14th November** we would like to take part in Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week to celebrate what makes us all unique.



SWIM!

Liverpool South, a brand new Learn to Swim centre for families and schools, are running free intro sessions for all children of St Ambrose Catholic Academy to try swimming and see if they want to learn this life saving skill (Ages 3-11).

Please click the link to their website which links directly to the intro booking form for parents and guardians to use and sign up for free. <https://www.swim.co.uk/choose-intro-type>



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.



CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EYFS Nativity	9:30-10:30am
Thursday 8 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EYFS Nativity	1:30-2:30pm
Monday 12 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas Party Day/ Own Clothes Day	All day
Tuesday 13 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parents' Coffee MorningSanta Grotto Day £1	9:00-10:00am All day
Wednesday 14 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper DayChristmas Movie Magic £2	All day 3:15-5:00pm
Thursday 15 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Y1-Y6 Carol Concert (whole school in church) All parents and families welcome to join us to say goodbye to Mr White.	2:00-3:15pm
Friday 16 th Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School closes at 2pm for Christmas Holidays	2:00pm

CHRISTMAS 2022

Christmas will soon be upon us. Please refer to the table above for all our Christmas dates. We would love for you to join us for our Coffee Morning on Tuesday 13th December and then again in church on Thursday 15th for our whole school Carol Concert when we will also have the opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Mr White. Children will be dismissed from church on this day.



WINTER FOOD VOUCHER

We have had many calls from parents asking for food vouchers. We have NOT received these yet. As soon as we receive them we will contact you to arrange collection.

OPAL

Today, your child(ren) will be bringing home their OPAL booklet. We introduced OPAL in September and playtimes have improved so much since then. Please take the time to read through the booklet and if you feel you can support us in anyway, please pop into the office to speak to Mrs O'Grady.