

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

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| Nursery 1 | 67.9% |
| Nursery 2 | 81.7% |
| Reception | 88.4% |
| Year 1    | 97%   |
| Year 2    | 90.3% |
| Year 3    | 95.4% |
| Year 4    | 90.3% |
| Year 5    | 95.5% |
| Year 6    | 91.8% |

**Whole  
School:  
93.3%**

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

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| Nursery   | Bradley J  |
| Reception | Isaac D    |
| Year 1    | Poppie McM |
| Year 2    | Poppi L-B  |
| Year 3    | Freddie P  |
| Year 4    | Isabella R |
| Year 5    | Mason M    |
| Year 6    | Ava P      |



## Nursery

In NELI, the children had fun reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and exploring our key words; **smell, chase, delicious, help.** We had lots of fun in P.E. playing chasing games. We also played a smelling game trying to guess the different items. We guessed the coffee and washing powder straight away, and we knew there was a minty smell but couldn't quite guess that it was toothpaste! In maths, we have spent time exploring squares and rectangles and spotting shapes in and outside of class. The new outdoor construction area has been a huge hit. I am so impressed with how well we can take turns, share and work together building, fixing and constructing. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend and I will see you on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May!

## Reception

It has been a very busy week for the children in Reception. We have spent time exploring 2D and 3D shapes in our maths lessons, naming shapes and talking about their properties. I am very impressed with how well the children have settled in to their new Read Write Inc. groups. Lessons now begin promptly at **9am**, therefore it is essential that your child is in school on time so that they are settled and ready to learn. The children are working hard to read simple words and sentences independently and are beginning to 'hold a sentence' in their head before trying to write it! In R.E. we have started our new topic 'Good News'. We have talked about good news that we have received and how this made us feel.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May - MAY BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - INDUSTRIAL ACTION (School Closed for Nursery - Year 5)**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Swimming Y4 and Y5**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Skoot School Training Y3**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - CORONATION DAY BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)**

## Year 1

What a busy week we've had! In our English lessons this week, we've been reading 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. We studied different types of leaflets and talked about the features of each one, before designing our own leaflet, about the amazing bear! In maths, we calculated halves and quarters of different shapes and amounts. We are becoming experts at spotting equal and unequal parts. In science, we learned about our own senses and in history, we really enjoyed finding out how bicycles have changed over time. Can I please remind everyone about the importance of reading at home and returning reading books each week; the more the children read, the more confident learners they will be. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy this week. In English, we have continued reading 'Fantastic Mr. Fox' the children have started to plan their newspaper reports which they will be writing next week. In maths, we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes as well as working on our arithmetic skills in the afternoon. In history, we have been learning about significant people in history. This week, we studied Marcus Rashford and considered what makes him a remarkable person. In R.E. we have started our topic 'Spread the Word' and we have talked about how messages can be spread. During the month of May, Year 2 will be completing their KSI SATs, it is important that all children are in school every day to ensure they can be completed.

### Year 3

Another exciting week in Year 3. We really enjoyed The Rainforest Roadshow visit to our school. Children learnt about life in the rainforest and had the amazing opportunity of holding some of the rainforest creatures. In maths, we have started our new topic 'Angles and Shapes' and developed our understanding of what angles are and also explored right angles. In English, we planned and started writing our biographies about David Walliams. Our new topic for R.E. is 'Pentecost' and in groups, children discussed what wind and fire can do. In science, we have been investigating how different shadows are formed. If you have not already done so, can you please pay for our residential trip as the deadline for payment has now passed.

### Year 4

A fantastic week in Year 4. We had so much fun when The Rainforest Roadshow visited our school. In English, the children have worked extremely hard securing their understanding of the language features used within a setting description. We planned and wrote a North Pole setting description linked to our class text 'Race to the Frozen North'. Well done Y4; your setting descriptions were amazing. In maths, we explored area and perimeter of both regular and composite rectilinear shapes measured in both centimetres and metres. In geography, we learned about the features of a river and identified what course of the river they are located in. We began our new R.E. topic of 'Pentecost' and in groups, children discussed 'What's so important about new life?'

### PE AT ST AMBROSE

Nursery and Reception have continued their speed, agility and travel topic this week by focusing on chasing and following each other safely. Key Stage 2, have all worked on athletics skills, including sprinting and jumping. Year 3 and 4 have learnt changing pace over short distances. Year 5 learnt to pace themselves in longer races and Year 6 focused on the triple jump! Our stars for this week are: Nursery - William, Reception - Montana, Y3 - Leo, Y4 - Jacob, Y5 - Leighton, Y6 - Kaidi.

### Year 5

We have had a very busy week in Year 5. We have continued reading our class novel: 'Holes'. We have planned and written newspaper articles, reporting on the book's main character 'Stanley' and his 'alleged' theft of a pair of trainers that had been donated to charity. In maths, we have been learning how to translate and reflect shapes. We started the week by translating the different points of a shape to different co-ordinates on a grid. Next, we learnt about mirror lines and used them to reflect shapes. In geography, we have continued our studies of Asia. We learnt about the different types of earthquakes as well as how and why they occur. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend everybody!

### Year 6

In Year 6, we have continued our preparation for our upcoming SATs tests. In maths, we 'marked' past papers, which unfortunately were full of wrong answers! We then corrected any mistakes to show the correct working out. In English, we have been reading our class novel: Skellig. Owls play a key part in the story, so we have been reading about bats and comparing their similarities and differences to owls. In R.E. we started our new topic of 'Pentecost'. We discussed whether or not it is better to be a witness in a difficult situation and debated the topic. We also discussed the things that we would like to witness in our lives. Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend everybody!

## SCARLET FEVER

We have been informed that a small number of children who attend our school have been diagnosed with scarlet fever. Please see letter sent separately today for further information. We hope they get better soon.

## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have had our website redesigned and today it has gone live. Please click on the following link to take a look <https://stambroseprimary.co.uk/> We are really pleased with how this showcases our school.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thank you for your understanding and support in relation to planned industrial action. School is closed again on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to all children, except Y6. If your child requires a lunch on Tuesday, please come to collect it at 11:30 from school.

## PARENT COUNCIL

Our next parent council meeting will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. It has been fantastic to see families getting involved but we need much greater numbers to have an impact and make a difference. All are welcome!

## RAINFOREST ROADSHOW – YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

On Wednesday, the children in Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic visit from The Rainforest Roadshow. They learned about the life cycles of different tropical rainforest creatures and about the lives of indigenous peoples of the rainforest. Our exciting day ended with children making observational drawings of different tropical rainforest creatures and made tribal necklaces.

