

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	52.4%
Nursery 2	71.1%
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	90.3%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	91.4%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	90.9%

**Whole
School:
92.7%**

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.



Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 26th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation in school.

The children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on this day.

Throughout the day we will take part in lots of fun activities linked to this very special historical occasion.

We would also like the children to design and make a crown at home for a parade in the afternoon.



Nursery

In NELI, the children had fun reading 'The Boy and the Bear' and exploring our key words; understand and heavy. In the story the bear didn't understand how to play hide and seek so we had lots of fun outside playing the game, explaining the rules to our friends. Next week we will continue to read the book and explore the words summer, winter and wait. In maths, we have explored and ordered the events of our day such as waking up, coming to school, dinner and bedtime. We have also linked the days of the week song to activities and events we take part in on certain days. It was lovely to hear about new swimming lessons that some of our friends have started and some of us even go to the gym!

Reception

It might have only been a short week for Reception but we have managed to pack it full of new learning. In maths, we have continued to explore shapes. We have been trying hard to sort and classify 3D shapes and we can now use new language such as 'face' and 'vertex'. As part of our R.E. topic 'Good News' we listened to the story of Pentecost. This story helped us to understand how Jesus' friends felt when the Holy Spirit filled their hearts with joy and happiness. In English, we have continued to hold a sentence in our head when writing it down. I have been very impressed! Our outdoor area is continuing to develop and we are excited about spending more time exploring as the weather improves. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 8th May - CORONATION DAY BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)

Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May - KS2 SATS Week

Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th May - Year 3 Residential Visit to Waddow Hall

Thursday 11th May - Swimming Year 4 and Year 5

Friday 10th May - Reception Class Assembly @ 9.15am - Pentecost

Year 1

It has been such a lovely week in Year 1! The children have been working really well and trying their best in everything that they do - I couldn't ask for anything more! In our maths work, we have been using our hands and feet to measure and compare objects in our classroom. We finished our history topic on transport by looking at how trains have changed over time and also about the first moon landing! In English, we enjoyed designing and creating leaflets to advertise the bear's latest concert and we have been working hard on our phonics every day too! It was lovely to see so many of our families at the Phonics Screening Check meeting on Friday this week. If you have any questions about the check please ask. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

It has been a short but lovely week in Year 2. The children have been working very hard preparing for their SATs. In maths, we have continued comparing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have also been revisiting our work on multiplication and division. In English, we have completed our newspaper report on 'Fantastic Mr. Fox'. I am so impressed with how the children's writing has matured over the last few weeks. In P.H.S.E. we talked about how we might raise money to help good causes. I even received a few letters from children asking if Year 2 could raise money for charity! Please remember that we are in a statutory assessment period and attendance is very important. Have a lovely long weekend!

Year 3

A short but busy week in Year 3! In maths, we have constructed right angles, acute and obtuse angles. It was a pleasure reading children's biographies in English all about David Walliams.

We have also covered work on using personal pronouns. In science we had great fun investigating how the height of a light source and distance of an object from a light source affects the size, position and shape of a shadow. We finished our science topic by learning about Thomas Edison and his great invention of the light bulb. In geography, we researched facts about Italy and described the land.

The children who going to our residential visit to Waddow Hall must arrive in school at normal time so we can leave on time. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 4

A short but great week in Year 4! In maths, we have continued to look at area and perimeter, we even calculated the area of the different rooms inside the Taj Mahal! In English, we have been focusing on the theme of 'action' and how we can build suspense in our writing. In science, we have really enjoyed classifying the organisms found in our local environment (our school playground), creating our own classification key. We finished our science topic by learning about how humans both positively and negatively impact the environment. In geography, we located various rivers using atlases and identified: the source, mouth and the countries on course. Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend Year 4, you have all worked hard!

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week in P.E., Early Years continued learning about speed, agility and travel and focused on how to change direction quickly and safely. In gymnastics with Year 1, we focused on a range of balances, trying out lots of one-foot actions. Year 2 worked on how to stop the ball during attack, defend and shoot games. They started using their hands and then their feet. Our stars for this week are: Nursery - Amyra, Reception - Vincent, Year 1 - Mylie and Year 2 - Jamie.

Year 5

What a great week it has been in Year 5! In English, we have continued reading Holes. This week we have been learning all about the dreaded 'yellow spotted lizard'. After reading the report, we researched animals of our own and began to organise the information into paragraphs. In maths, we have been translating and reflecting shapes using mirror lines.

In R.E., as part of our topic of Pentecost, we have been exploring different forms of energy and ways in which energy can be transformed.

Have a fantastic Bank Holiday weekend everybody and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Year 6

We have worked extremely hard this week in Year 6. In maths, we have been revising all things fractions and decimals. We even created tutorial videos explaining the method and steps that we need to follow to solve problems, such as: multiplying and dividing fractions. Thank you to all of the children who attended after school booster sessions. It has been fantastic to see the effort that you have put in and how proud you are of yourselves. The children have been telling us of all of the support that they have been receiving at home with their revision, so a massive thank you once again for all that you do.

PARENT COUNCIL

Thank you to those families who were able to attend our most recent Parent Council meeting. It was great to discuss upcoming plans for future events. Please remember, all are welcome to attend our next meeting 9am on Thursday 8th June 2023.

SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

This year's Mental Health Awareness Week is from 15 to 21 May and the theme is 'anxiety'

Anxiety is a normal emotion in us all, but sometimes it can get out of control and become a mental health problem. Anxiety is one of the most common mental health problems we can face. Lots of things can lead to feelings of anxiety, including exam pressures, relationships, starting a new job (or losing one) or other big life events. We can also get anxious when it comes to things to do with money and not being able to meet our basic needs, like heating our home or buying food. For example, in the current cost-of-living crisis, more than a third of adults feel anxious about their financial situation. But it's important that we recognise and respond when we feel anxious, so that our anxiety doesn't become overwhelming

Click on the links to find out more useful tips Mental Health Awareness Week or pick up a copy of the guide in reception.



RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2023

We would like to say a great big 'thank you' to everyone who has applied for a place for their child to start St Ambrose Reception in September 2023. All families should have received confirmation of their allocated school, either via email or post. Please ensure that you accept/do not accept the place that has been given to your child as soon as possible and provide a copy of your child's birth certificate along with 2x proof of address.

We appreciate that starting school is such a big step for both you and your child and we would like to invite you to attend a 'Welcome Meeting' on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 9am. At this meeting you will have the opportunity to understand more about the transition in to full-time education and have time to speak to key members of staff. There will also be an opportunity to purchase school uniform.



UNIFORM SALE

Our uniform supplier will be in school on Wednesday 28th June from 2-5pm for you to purchase uniform. Cash and card are both accepted.

CONTACT NUMBERS



If you need to contact the school office, our phone number is 0151 425 2306.

If you need to contact the parish church to speak to Fr. Ed the number is 0151 425 2289.