

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	85.7%
Nursery 2	67.8%
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	84.7%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	92.9%
Year 6	100%

**Whole
School:
95.2%**

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	Casey K
Reception	Lukah O'H
Year 1	Karel S
Year 2	Phoebe B
Year 3	Whole Class
Year 4	Filip S
Year 5	Annie M
Year 6	Whole Class



Nursery

This week, we finished reading our NELI story, 'The Boy and the Bear'. We explored the seasons and learned a catchy song to help us remember them. We discussed the different things we can do when it is summer and winter. We talked about spring, then read the story, 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We planted cress and sunflower seeds and are excited to watch the changes that take place over the next few weeks. We enjoyed exploring all the different plants in the polytunnel while we put our seeds there to help them grow. In maths, we are learning all about height. We have used the vocabulary tall and short to describe the heights of different objects and ordered pictures of beanstalks and sunflowers from the shortest to the tallest.

Reception

We have started to explore our natural world and learn more about the things plants need to help them grow and thrive. Our new book 'The Extraordinary Gardener' helped us to understand that from the tiniest seed, the most beautiful flowers can grow! We have planted cress seeds and can't wait to watch them grow over the coming week. We have had a special visitor to our outdoor classroom...a toad! We found him trying to climb on top of the bikes. Although, we really wanted to keep him as a new class pet, we realised he would have a better life in the woods. We also have some special caterpillars who have arrived for us to take care of over the coming weeks. Look out for updates on our class Twitter page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 18th May - Swimming Y4 and Y5

Thursday 18th May - Skoot School Training, Y3

Thursday 18th May - National Outdoor Classroom Day (please ensure your child has a coat on this day)

Friday 19th May - Reception Class Assembly @ 9.15am - Pentecost

Friday 26th May - Coronation Celebrations (wear red, white and blue)

Friday 26th May - School closes for half term

Year 1

We've had a really enjoyable week in Year 1. The children are working really well in their daily phonics lessons. They are showing great effort and it is lovely to hear that they are watching the home learning videos on Microsoft Teams to help them remember the sounds that we are working on in class. In our maths work, we used a range of items to measure objects in our class and we started our new science topic 'Spring and Summer' by thinking about the changes that we see in these seasons. In R.E., we talked about our favourite holy days and also about the things that we would take on holiday. Finally, in English, our letters to the bear to persuade him to perform in our school were a joy to read! I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Year 2

We have had a very busy week in Year 2. I am so proud of how the children have approached their reading SATs this week and this shows their increasing maturity and readiness for KS2. In English, we have started exploring 'Fantastic Mr Fox' from the viewpoint of a different character. In maths, we have started looking at measuring and reading scales. This week in history, we learnt about Nelson Mandela and considered how he was a strong leader and what the characteristics of a good leader are; children recognised that they are surrounded by good leaders in their own communities. We had a lovely Spanish lesson this week and all of the children can't wait for their next lesson! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3

What an exciting week we have had! The children really enjoyed our residential visit to Waddow Hall. This was an amazing opportunity to develop lifelong skills including: resilience, leadership, teamwork, communication and physical and independent thinking. We are very proud of our children's excellent behaviour and attitude in getting involved in all the activities. We would like to thank Mrs Jones, Mrs Moore, Mrs Butterworth and Mrs O'Grady for their time and support throughout this visit. It has been wonderful to read the children's recount of the visit. In maths, we learnt about perpendicular lines and identified pairs of perpendicular lines in different shapes. In R.E., we described the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Year 4

Year 4 have been so busy this week! In English, we have continued reading 'Race to the Frozen North'. The children have started to write their action narratives, which they will be continuing to write and begin to edit next week. In maths, we have begun exploring metric units of measure, understanding how we measure different things using different units. In science, we have finished our topic 'Classification and Environments' by getting into character and writing a letter to the local mayor explaining the impact humans are having on our local environment. This week in geography, we have been learning about different rivers around the world, locating their source, mouth and countries on course. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week, Reception learnt all about starting and stopping as quickly as possible to win games and races. In gymnastics with Year 1, we explored different ways to rock our bodies, including using shapes! Year 2 tried to keep possession in attack, defend and shoot games. They passed and dribbled to keep the ball. Year 4 learnt to run and jump with a one-footed take off. Our stars for this week are: Reception - Natalia, Year 1 - Piper, Year 2 - Mikey, and Year 4 - Jack.

Year 5

We have had another great week in Year 5! In English, we have been learning all about playscripts. We wrote our own scripts, based on our class text 'Holes', and performed them in groups. In maths, we have been translating points and co-ordinates and using these to create new shapes. In R.E., we have been learning about Pentecost. We used conscience alley to discuss the reasons for and against becoming a disciple. In geography, we have been studying Baghdad. We located it on a world map and discussed its historical significance. Have a great weekend Year 5!

Year 6

This week, Year 6 sat their Key Stage 2 SATs exams. I know that a lot of children were feeling nervous and worried in the lead up to SATs week, however they have done themselves proud. Thank you once again for all of your continued support and commitment to your children's learning. We have had 100% attendance all week! Something that I hope we can continue next week and beyond! On Monday, we will be having a picnic in school to celebrate. More information about this can be found on our class page on Microsoft Teams. Have a fantastic weekend Year 6!

MARY'S MEALS

During our weekly assembly, we welcomed Mary's Meals into school to talk to the children about the work that they do - helping children from some of the poorest countries around the world to enjoy nutritious meals. They also highlighted their 'Pray in May' campaign which is something that we will be joining along with in school. The children will bring home a piece of homework next week which links in with this. Please keep Mary's Meals in your prayers.

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.



SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week (15th-21st May) and the theme is anxiety. Many of us suffer with anxiety and there are lots of things we can do to help us feel less anxious. One very simple way is: kindness.

Lives School of Kindness have created a brilliant 'Kids Kindness Club' that includes: games and activities, quizzes, tips and challenges, share your stories, regular newsletters and emails...and it is completely free to sign up.

Follow the link below to register on behalf of your child and encourage them to access this great resource: <https://schoolofkindness.org/mental-health-awareness-week>

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. 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.

SEND SUPPORT - CONTACT DETAILS

- ADDvanced Solutions - www.advancedsolutions.co.uk
- Autism Initiatives - www.autisminitiatives.org

Further information about the ASD Service can be found on the Alder Hey website, www.alderhey.nhs.uk click on Services and follow the link to the ASD pathway.



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.