

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

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| Nursery 1 | 79.4% |
| Nursery 2 | 78.8% |
| Reception | 92.8% |
| Year 1 | 98.6% |
| Year 2 | 94.8% |
| Year 3 | 93.0% |
| Year 4 | 99.3% |
| Year 5 | 91.1% |
| Year 6 | 89.1% |

**Whole
School:
94.2%**

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

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| Nursery | Mollie T |
| Reception | Whole Class |
| Year 1 | Mailk M |
| Year 2 | Summer H |
| Year 3 | Thomas L-B |
| Year 4 | Mason S |
| Year 5 | Kornel J |
| Year 6 | Kayden H |



Nursery

In NELI, the children had fun reading 'Pip and Posy - The New Friend' and exploring our key words: sea, beach, collect and dig. We enjoyed using these words in the sandpit, especially during National Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday. What an exciting day we had taking all of our learning outside! We loved counting natural objects, weeding and planting even more seeds in the big planters. We can't wait to watch all of our different seeds change and grow over the next few weeks. This week, we learned about praying the Rosary before bringing our own set of rosary beads home. I am so impressed with the questions the children asked about the prayers and how beautifully they are beginning to make the sign of the cross.

Reception

What a way to end such a fantastic week in Reception - with our incredible class assembly on Pentecost! I am so proud of how well the children remembered their lines and performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you for your support in helping them to prepare at home. On Thursday it was National Outdoor Classroom Day and Reception enjoyed spending time in our wonderful outdoor learning space. We had a 'spring clean' in our mud kitchen area, read books in the sunshine and even wrote some simple sentences about the different things we could see. Mrs Jones has been blown away with the children's maths skills as they continue to work on doubling numbers within 10. Keep it up!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 23rd May - The Academy of St Nicholas Year 6 Open Evening 4-6pm
(Families will receive an induction pack which will include a voucher to get a free blazer.)

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

Friday 26th May - School closes for half term

Year 1

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we have had a week full of kindness in Year 1. The children have been such kind friends, looking after each other and their teachers too! They also continue to show fantastic effort in lessons, I am such a proud teacher. In English this week, we sorted out facts under subheadings in preparation for writing our fact files next week. In maths, we have loved working on mass and length using a variety of objects to measure. We found out about Ascension and Pentecost in R.E. and can name the four countries that make up the UK in our new geography topic. Please remember to log onto our Microsoft Teams page to join in with the phonics videos to complement the work we are doing!

Year 2

Year 2 have had another busy week. We have completed our maths SATs and the children should all be very proud of their hard work. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we watched a special assembly and thought about how we could spread kindness to everyone we meet. In English this week, we have been busy writing our narrative story and we also wrote instructions on how to be a good friend. All of the children have been working so hard on their writing and they are seeing huge improvements. In maths, we celebrated National Numeracy Day with a hands-on lesson on measuring capacity and volume. It was 'National Outdoor Classroom Day' on Thursday and we enjoyed activities in our wonderful outdoor area.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy and exciting week! We celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday and children really enjoyed their budgeting challenge of spending wisely whilst saving money too. In maths, we have identified perpendicular and parallel lines in different shapes and learnt about quadrilaterals. In English, we have text-marked features of a diary entry and started planning our own diary entries linked to 'Billionaire Boy'. We have started our new science topic 'Plants: Needs for Survival' and children have set up an experiment to investigate the requirements needed for a plant to grow. It was National Outdoor Classroom Day on Thursday and we had great fun spending the day learning in our lovely outdoor areas.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week! We celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday and children really enjoyed creating their own maths raps. In maths, we have continued to explore units of measure, converting measurements of length, capacity and mass in various different ways. In English, we have finished our class text 'Race to the Frozen North' and began looking at one-sided arguments, through lots of whole class debates. In science, we have started our new topic 'Sound', exploring how different instruments create sound and what part of the instrument creates the sound. This week in geography, we have been learning about the formation of both meanders and oxbow lakes.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

In P.E., Early Years spent time moving like different animals do at different speeds. Year 1 used canon in gymnastics to create patterns while Year 2 developed their dribbling skills! All of our Key Stage 2 classes are working on athletics this half term, ranging from sling throws to baton passing in the relay. We've had lots of fun learning new skills! Our stars for this week are: Nursery - Scarlett B, Reception - Alysha, Year 1 - Malik, Year 2 - Salvador, Year 3 - Kyle, Year 4 - Millie, Year 5 - Oliver and Year 6 - Isabelle.

Year 5

This week we celebrated National Numeracy Day. We used mathematical vocabulary to create our very own number inspired raps. We performed these to the class. I was very impressed with the children's rapping skills! On Thursday, it was Outdoor Classroom Day. We completed all of our learning outside. We started the day with an amazing Spanish lesson in the sunshine. During the afternoon, we wrote haiku poems based on what we could see in spring. Next week will be Year 5's final swimming session of the year. Children will be assessed on the distances that they are able to swim, therefore it is vital that ALL children bring their kits for next week's lesson. Have an amazing weekend Year 5!

Year 6

With SATs in the rear view mirror, things are back to normal in Year 6. On Monday afternoon, we had a picnic with our friends to celebrate all of our hard work during SATs Week. On Thursday, it was Outdoor Classroom Day. We completed all of our learning outside. We performed the play scripts that we had written using our amphitheatre. On Friday, we watched a video titled 'Dracula's Whitby'. We wrote stories following the journey of a character visiting the setting for the first time. This week we celebrated Mental Health Awareness week. The theme of the week was kindness. We created 'Kindness Calendars', noting actions of kindness we could complete each day. Have a great weekend Year 6!

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. Children are asked to bring in loose change from home to support our chosen charity, Mary's Meals.



SAFEGUARDING / MENTAL HEALTH

Please make sure your child attends school punctually, every day, so they don't miss vital learning time. We have lots of children with excellent attendance and are so proud of you all. Some children are at risk of becoming PA (persistently absent) if they have any more time off between now and the end of the school year. This could lead to our Education Welfare Officer becoming involved. Don't miss out on all of the fun and learning to be had this summer and make sure your child attends every day on time.

ASCENSION MASS

It was such a joy to celebrate mass in school once again for Ascension Thursday this week. We welcomed Fr. Ed into school who led our liturgy and a special mention must go to Mr. Watson and the children in Key Stage 2, who sang beautifully throughout. The children who read prayers did so wonderfully well and were a credit to themselves and to their families. Fr. Ed has expressed how much he would love to see more of our families attending mass in St Ambrose church.

Mass times are as follows: Saturday: 7pm, Sunday: 11am

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 c

Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 9am.



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.

PARENT COURSES

Five ways to WELLBEING starting on WEDNESDAY 7th June 9:15-11:15 (6 weeks)

COOKERY for Healthy Eating starting on Wednesday 8th June 9:15 -1:15 (6 weeks)

Limited spaces; please sign up at the school office.