

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	93.9%
Nursery 2	81.3%
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	92.5%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	93.9%

**Whole
School:
94.8%**

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 Niamh K-M

Reception Montana A

Year 1 Zara C

Year 2 Cody C

Year 3 Rene-Mai R

Year 4 Frankie R

Year 5 Annie M

Year 6 Lily D



Nursery

What a wonderful start to the half term we had this week! We loved our Teddy Bears' Picnic at Speke Hall. We enjoyed exploring the grounds and singing songs while sharing a delicious lunch together with our friends in Reception. We have been developing our fine motor skills this week; cutting out favourite items to add to a picnic basket, following step-by-step instructions to draw bears and painting pictures of our teddy bears. In R.E. we started our new topic and talked about things we like to spend time doing with our friends, what makes a good friend and how to make it better if we fall out. In maths, we have been exploring weight using a balance scale. We compared the weights of different objects using the vocabulary of heavy and light.

Reception

What a busy start to the final half term in Reception! We welcomed 'The Bible Tales' theatre company on Monday, who helped us to use drama to explore kindness and friendship. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a very special Teddy Bears' Picnic in Speke Hall with our friends from Nursery. The children represented our school extremely well, treating this National Trust site with care and respect. On Thursday, we celebrated World Oceans Day by talking about how precious our oceans are and how we need to do all we can to protect them. We welcomed Mr MacKenzie to share Collective Worship with us, remembering that God created the oceans and the life that lives within them. Thank you for continuing to read at home with your child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 12th - Friday 16th June: Year 6 top-up swimming sessions

Tuesday 13th June: Year 2 trip to Delamere Forest

Wednesday 14th June: Five ways to Well-Being - Parent Course @ 9:15-11:15am

Wednesday 14th June: Reception Screening

Thursday 15th June: Cookery for Healthy Eating - Parent Course @ 9:15-11:15am

Year 1

What a busy first week back in school. I can't believe that this is going to be our last term together in Year 1. Time does fly, when you're having fun! The theme of our Collective Worship this week has been 'water'. We have listened to the story of Jesus washing his disciple's feet and Jesus being baptised. We blessed each other and also tried to follow the example of Jesus both in school and at home by being kind and loving to our friends and family. This week, we have been getting ready for the Phonics Screening Check which is taking place next week. The children have really worked hard and I know that they are going to do their best and make everyone proud. I hope that you all enjoy the glorious weather this weekend!

Year 2

We have had a fantastic and busy first week back in school. I can't believe we are in our last half term of Year 2 and I can see the children are ready for KS2. In English this week, we have started our new book 'Meerkat Mail'. The children have written setting descriptions and postcards. Like our character Sunny, we discussed where our perfect place to live would be. In maths, we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to solve word problems with calculations within 1000. In history we learnt about Martin Luther King, the children watched his 'I have a Dream' speech and then thought of their own dream for the world. Next Tuesday, we will be going to Delamere Forest for our forest adventure trip. Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 3

We have had a fantastic first week back in Year 3!

Well done to our athletes who represented our school in the athletics competition on Thursday. We are so proud of you! This week in maths, we have been measuring mass in g and kg and volume using ml and l. In English, we have started our new Ark Curriculum and have enjoyed reading the opening chapter of *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We looked at the use of pronouns when writing in first person and using fronted adverbials. In science, we have named the male and female parts of a flower and described the process of pollination. We have named different biomes and climate zones around the world in geography. In our R.E. topic 'Reconciliation' we have explored how choices have consequences.

Year 4

A great first week back for Year 4. The children have worked incredibly hard on their times tables this week as we prefer for the MTC next week. Please continue to prepare at home. In English, the children have detailed the features of a story 'build-up' and started to write their own build up by describing a city at night. In maths, the children have identified and compared different angles and shapes. As part of our learning in science, Year 4 enjoyed exploring our school grounds in search of sound. On Thursday evening, many of Year 4 competed in an athletics competition; well done to each and every one of you. It was lovely to see their hard work and determination as they crossed the finish line!

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

We have started our final P.E. topics of the year across school this week. Early Years are working on co-operation and problem solving. Years 1 and 2 are learning hit, catch and run skills. Key Stage 2 are all developing skills and working on the game of rounders. We're all looking forward to playing outdoors in the summer weather! Our stars for this week are: Nursery - Sadie, Reception - Scarlet B, Year 1 - Poppie, Year 2 - Florence, Year 3 - Shay, Year 4 - Spencer, Year 5 - Sofia and Year 6 - Ella.

Year 5

We have had a great first week back in our final half term in Year 5! In English, we have started reading 'Cogheart' by Peter Bunzl. We have been exploring journalistic language and techniques and how to use these when writing to inform. In maths, we have been completing calculations with decimal place values. In history, we completed our topic on Baghdad 600AD-1300AD. We compared the similarities and differences between Baghdad, and the then Viking ruled London. We then learned about the different reasons that caused the decline of the 'Golden Age of Islam'.
Have a great weekend everyone!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to our final half term! In English, we have started looking at play scripts, focusing on *Romeo and Juliet* and identifying the features of a play script. In maths, we have been doing lots of work on fractions, multiplying and dividing fractions of different amounts. In science, we have started our new unit of 'Electricity and Circuits', exploring how electrical currents can be interrupted when components are added into different parts of the circuit. In R.E, we have explored our new big question 'What is healing?' and understanding the importance of helping others. Have a great weekend!

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS (SAFEGUARDING)

As you can see from our weekly newsletters, our attendance is improving and we are thankful for your support in improving this. However, punctuality is still a concern for some of our families. Breakfast Club is open from 8am and we encourage children to 'be in line for a quarter to 9!' Good routines of a morning are vital for a successful day in school. Regular lateness may result in Educational Welfare involvement. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you are struggling in getting your child/ children to school on time.

PARENT COURSES

Thank you to our families who attended courses this week. There are still places if you would like to attend.

Five ways to WELLBEING each WEDNESDAY 9:15-11:15 (5 weeks)

COOKERY for Healthy Eating each THURSDAY 9:15 -1:15 (5 weeks)

FOOD VOUCHERS

If you are entitled to a food voucher (by being in receipt of means-tested free school meals) and have not yet collected it, please come to the school office. If you are collecting in the morning, then please come after 10.30am.

LDCSA COMPETITIONS

On Thursday, 40 children from across Key Stage Two took part in the LDCSA Athletics competition at Wavertree Athletics Centre. There were a range of events including the long jump, hurdles, sprints and relays. We could not be more proud of all of the children for how they performed. Every athlete gave their very best and the results showed that too! All of our children supported each other throughout and were an absolute credit to our school. Well done to everyone who competed and a huge thank you to those who managed to come along to support!

An extra big well done to our 7 first place and 5 second place competition winners.



SCHOOL VALUES HEART

Congratulations to the following children who all received a 'School Values' heart and card for demonstrating such wonderful school values during the first summer half term. We are extremely proud of you!

Nursery



Reception



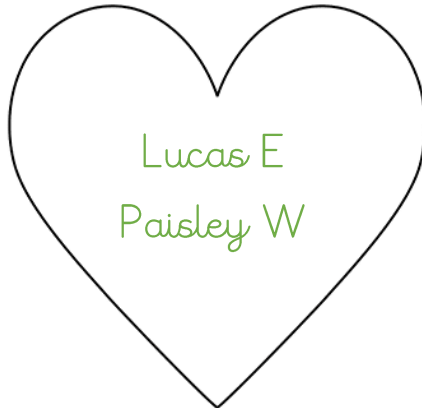
Year 1



Year 2



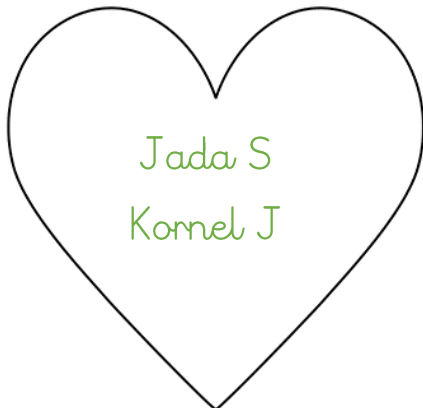
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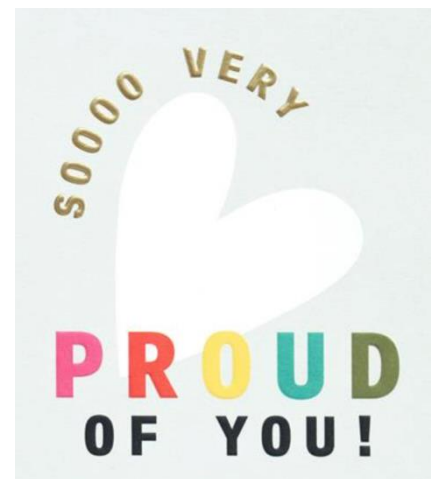
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



WARM WEATHER



It is wonderful to see the sun shining on us all again. As you are aware, children spend lots of time learning outside throughout the day and it is important that their skin is protected. Please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before school and provide them with a sun hat to wear outdoors.