

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Nursery 1	97.1%
Nursery 2	87.0%
Reception	95.5%
Year 1	93.1%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	88.1%
Year 4	83.3%
Year 5	98.5%
Year 6	94.2%

**Whole
School:
91.9%**

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	Rubi W
Reception	Ivie F
Year 1	Oliver J
Year 2	Leo M-R
Year 3	Ollie McN
Year 4	Remie C
Year 5	Dean H
Year 6	Kieran E



Nursery

The children have loved spending time outdoors in the sunshine this week. We have been busy working hard on our balancing skills, using the large wooden blocks to create our own obstacle courses. It has been wonderful to see the children encouraging their friends on as they tried hard to make it to the end of the course. I have been really impressed with the way the children are starting to listen more carefully during NELI. They could retell the whole story of 'Nothing Can Frighten a Bear' in their own words, discussing the different events and main characters. We have been trying hard with our name writing when creating special cards for Sunday. We would like to wish all the Dads and male role-models a very happy Father's Day.

Reception

We have had such a wonderful week in the sunshine, playing and learning with our friends. As part of our R.E. lessons, we have continued to understand more about what makes a good friend and how Jesus was as friend to others. We now know it is important to forgive one another when things go wrong. In maths, we have been exploring counting up to 50! We have been very impressed with children's knowledge of number patterns when counting using such large numbers. In writing, we have been trying hard to label pictures and write simple sentences using a capital letter at the start, finger spaces and a full stop at the end. Please encourage your child to continue this writing at home. Enjoy your weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June: National School Sports Week (see below for more information)

Wednesday 21st June: Five ways to Well-Being - Parent Course @ 9:15-11:15am

Thursday 22nd June: Cookery for Healthy Eating - Parent Course @ 9:15-11:15am

Thursday 22nd June: Reception and Year 6 – Class Photographs

Thursday 22nd June: Year 3 and Year 4 Swimming

Friday 23rd June: Sports Day (Rec-Yr6 children only) (Nursery @ 10.30am)

Year 1

We've had a tremendous week in Year 1. The children have all taken their Phonics Screening Check and their hard work and effort has certainly paid off. We have been blown away with how much progress they have made since September. Thank you to everyone for practising at home – it really makes a difference! In our R.E. lessons this week we have been talking about being sorry. We listened to the stories of Levi and Zacchaeus and how they said sorry and followed Jesus. The children enjoyed thinking about the ways that they say sorry too. We loved singing and playing glockenspiels in music lessons this week and performed 'Your Imagination' expertly. Wishing a very Happy Father's Day to all those who play a fatherly role for Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week. On Tuesday we visited Delamere Forest and took part in an 'Amazing Forest' workshop. We learnt about the importance of trees for our environment and how Forestry England works to make sure its forests are sustainable. In the afternoon, we had the chance to explore the forest and take part in shelter building and forest crafts. It was a great day and the forest kept us all cool and shaded. In science, we continued exploring how we can protect the environment and all of the children made a pledge that they could carry out at home or in school to help protect the environment. This week we say goodbye to our student teacher Miss Parmer who has been working with us and will be hugely missed!

Year 3

We have really enjoyed the lovely sunshine this week. In English, we have planned and written an opening chapter linked to 'The BFG' by Roald Dahl. In maths, we have been solving word problems on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using bar modelling. It was wonderful to see children show maturity in understanding what 'examining your conscience' and 'making good choices' means in our R.E. lessons. We listened to the story of the Prodigal Son and I was very pleased with everyone's prayers of sorrow. In science, we have learnt about the life-cycle of a flowering plant. A reminder that Year 3 swimming will begin on Thursday 22nd June until 6th July 2023. A letter with all the details has been sent home this week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an extremely productive week. The children have completed the multiplication checks; all children have worked so hard. Thank you to all parents who have supported their children with this at home. In maths, we have compared different types of quadrilaterals and triangles by identifying the angles of both shapes. In English, we have identified the features of a narrative build-up and started to draft our own build-ups. We have continued to study the Mayan Civilisation in history. The children enjoyed learning about the different Gods within the culture and their differing impact on the community and land. The children have also engaged in role play to explain the Act of Reconciliation and the importance of forgiveness.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week in P.E., Early Years have been showing teamwork in their co-operation and problem solving topic. Years 1 and 2 focused on batting and bowling in Hit, Catch and Run games. All of our Key Stage 2 children continued with rounders, learning to bat, bowl and field effectively! Our stars for this week are: Nursery - Myla, Reception - Scarlet L, Year 1 - Anthony, Year 2 - Cody, Year 3 - Freddie, Year 4 - Ethan, Year 5 - Thomas and Year 6 - Kaidi.

Year 5

In our maths lessons, we have been exploring different strategies that we can use to multiply numbers including decimals. This week, we started two new topics. In science, we are now learning about the life-cycles of different animals. In history, we are studying the industrial revolution. On Thursday, we had a very special 'Gaelic Football' lesson. We were joined by Shane, a Gaelic football coach, who taught us different passing techniques. We will be continuing these sessions each Thursday, instead of swimming, so children will need to wear their P.E. kits each week on this day. Have a great weekend everybody!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week! On Thursday, we had a very special visitor Shane, a Gaelic football coach, who taught us a new skill and various passing techniques. In English, we have continued to explore play scripts. We have converted dialogue from our text 'Romeo and Juliet' into a play script, including all of the important features. In maths, we have been looking at 'Decimals and Measures', exploring how we can convert measurements into different units. In Geography we have started our new topic 'Mapping the World', identifying various types of maps and the different information they can tell us. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS WEEK

Next week is National Sports Week and we will be celebrating this across school! We have several visitors coming in to work with children, including a full day of cricket with Lancashire Cricket on Tuesday. The week will culminate in Sports Day on Friday (parents and families do not attend). This is a full day of events and we will upload lots of photographs on our class Twitter pages for you to see. **We ask that all children wear their P.E. kit each day next week.** However, Reception and Year 6 are having their class photograph taken on THURSDAY 22nd JUNE so should wear their school uniform.



SAFEGUARDING

We are a healthy school and staff work hard to promote healthy lifestyles and encourage children to make healthier choices. We appreciate the co-operation of many parents who send in a healthy packed lunch which provides a balanced meal helping the children to prepare for a busy afternoon of learning! However, many packed lunches are including far too many 'treats'. Check online for healthy lunch ideas and remember to always ensure your child brings a bottle of water to school each day that they can refill to make sure they stay hydrated in the hot weather.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

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)

It was disappointing that so few parents attended this week. A lot of work has gone into making these courses available to you. Due to lack of numbers, there is a threat to the course being cancelled. Please do come along this week, even if you haven't been before.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS/ASSEMBLY

On Monday 17th July, at 1:30pm, we would like to welcome parents and families of Year 6 pupils to join us in the school hall as we reflect upon, and celebrate, their time at St. Ambrose.

IMPORTANT: CHANGE OF DATE

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS – 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 **Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 9am.**

UNIFORM SALE

Our uniform supplier will be in school on **Tuesday 27th June** from 2-5pm for you to purchase uniform. Cash and card are both accepted.