

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	92.4%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	97.3%
Year 3	95.7%
Year 4	93.9%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	92.6%

**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

Nursery	Isabel C
Reception	Alicja S
Year 1	Alysha H
Year 2	Jan M
Year 3	Mason B
Year 4	Rene-Mai R
Year 5	Skyler M
Year 6	Emmie E



## Nursery

It has been lovely to meet all of the children returning to and beginning Nursery! We have met and made new friends, who have settled in so well. This week we have explored our classroom layout, tried lots of new activities and have enjoyed spending time with our friends in Reception too. We have listened to lots of stories and rhymes at the start and end of every session. We have also gathered together every day for Collective Worship, to think about our topic 'Friendship'. Outside, the dressing up box and sandpit have been particularly popular (you may have noticed lots of sand inside our pockets) this means we have been very busy learning through our outdoor play.

## Reception

I am so proud of all the children this week. They have really settled into their new classroom and following routines. We talked lots about our school rules and have worked hard to share and take responsibility at tidy up time. When visiting the dining room, the children have grown in confidence throughout the week. They are beginning to tell the kitchen staff what they would like to eat and carry their own trays to the table. When we have spent time outside, we have been setting a good example to the new nursery children showing them how to play sensibly and carefully in all the different areas. Friday was our first time getting changed for PE! We're not quite there with the fiddly fastenings...yet, but we soon will be if we keep practising!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Home learning begins

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: SJCMAT Student Mass (Y6)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Whole School Mass 10am at St Ambrose

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October: School individual photographs

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October: Parents' Evening

## Year 1

We've had a lovely first full week in Year 1. The children have settled in really well and have impressed me with their concentration and effort. I can already see that this is going to be a fantastic year! In maths we've been investigating numbers to 10 and thinking about how they can split up into different parts - some excellent investigative skills on show! We've read 'Ruby's Worry' by Tom Percival in English and have written sentences, sitting our letters on the line, about a time that we have been worried. In science we've investigated materials and we loved going on a walk around our local area to start off our geography topic. Thanks to all the parents who attended the meeting on Friday - have a great weekend everyone!

## Year 2

A very warm welcome to the start of an exciting year. We are so impressed with how well all the children have settled into Year 2 and are enjoying their new class. In maths, we have been looking at place value, partitioning tens and ones and understanding the value of each digit. The children have loved our English text, 'Ravi's Roar' by Tom Percival and this week we have made predictions and used drama to understand the main character of the story. In our science topic 'Uses of materials', we have explored different objects around our school and identified which material they are made of. In history, we are learning about The Great Fire of London. In R.E, we talked about our new beginnings and listened to the story of creation.

### Year 3

What a fabulous start we have had to Year 3. I am so proud of how well all of the children are adapting to KS2 expectations and we have already established our new routines. In English, we have started our new novel 'The BFG', we have been developing our writing though 'show don't tell' and I have been so impressed with the descriptions and vocabulary the children have used in their writing.

In maths, we have been recapping on our knowledge of numbers and place value. On Thursday, we had our very first singing lesson and continued our Spanish lessons. I was very impressed to see how confident the children were at introducing themselves after just one lesson! Have a wonderful weekend.

### Year 4

What an amazing week in Year 4. It has been lovely to see the children settle into new routines. As a class, we have started to read our first novel 'Charlotte's Web'; discussing the role of persuasion in the first chapter. The children enjoyed learning how to justify an opinion during a class debate. In maths, the children have used their knowledge of 'place value' to identify the location of four digit numbers on a sequenced number line. We have also enjoyed playing some multiplication games during our Maths Meetings. The class have really enjoyed the start of our history topic 'The Romans' and gave some great insight into the reasons behind the Roman Invasions.

Have a lovely, rest-filled weekend!

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

Each week, we will use this part of the newsletter to let you know the knowledge and skills that each class have been working on in their PE sessions. We will also fill the box with the previous week's Stars of PE!

These are the children that have been amazing in our PE lessons and gone above and beyond what is expected. This award is not only for children who achieve physically in P.E. Children can also be selected for their attitude, behaviour or for embodying our school rules: be safe, be kind, and be respectful.

### Year 5

What a fantastic week in Year 5! I am so proud of how well the children have settled into Year 5 life and quickly adapted to our new school rules and KS2 routines. In English, we have started our new novel 'Beowulf'. We have explored the legend used to inspire the story. In maths, we have been exploring place value, ordering and comparing 5-digit numbers. We have been using number lines to identify the term to term rule, in order to position 5-digit numbers correctly. In R.E., we have been learning about our qualities and talents. We wrote poems based around St Paul's letter, highlighting how we must love and forgive one another no matter our differences.

Have a lovely weekend everybody!

### Year 6

What a wonderful start we have made to life in Year 6! We have buddied up with the children in Reception and have been supporting our new friends as they begin their journey at St. Ambrose. In English, we have started reading 'Wonder'. We have been exploring how different perspectives change how we view a situation. In maths, we have been consolidating our knowledge of place value. We have been rounding numbers up to the nearest million. We discussed real life contexts when rounding would be used. In R.E., we have been learning about unconditional love. We created comic strips retelling a time we have been shown unconditional love.

Have a wonderful weekend everybody!

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are extremely proud to announce our new school 'Junior Leadership Team'.

Meet  
THE TEAM

Head Boy	Dominik		Head Girl	Esmae
Deputy Head Boy	Leighton		Deputy Head Girl	Sofia
OPAL Prefect	Kornel			
Senior Prefect	Emmie			
Values Prefect	Elicee			

We are also proud of the following children who have been appointed House Captain or Prefect. Our School Councillors will be announced next week.

House Captains	Jada	Kornel	Ryan	Annie
Prefect	Lola H	Mac	Grace	

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS

On behalf of the governors, I would like to welcome you back to a new school year. I am sure that you were glad to see your children through our doors after a particularly 'unsummery' summer. I know that the staff were happy and excited to see their faces again. We are all so grateful that you continue to honour the hard work and dedication of the staff at St Ambrose by choosing to send your children for us to look after and nurture (something I personally think St Ambrose does very well). All of the staff are dedicated to providing an education that is both enriching and exciting, but that follows the example of Jesus; not just in R.E. but throughout every subject and in every school day. We hope and pray for a school year where all are children are happy and successful and where our staff continue to be recognised for their effort and time that they put into ensuring a St Ambrose pupil gets the best education possible.

Mrs K Woods (Chair of Governors)

## SAFEGUARDING

As a Catholic worshipping community, pupils are reminded of their place in a culturally diverse society. This is achieved through our Religious Education curriculum and the spiritual life of the school. Assemblies and class work promote the diversity of society and the right for each person to be respected and valued equally regardless of ability, gender, faith, heritage or race.

As we teach this to our children we expect our parents and families to model this too, following our school rules: **Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful.**

IN A WORLD WHERE YOU  
CAN BE ANYTHING

be kind