

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	83.4%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	94.3%
Year 3	93.9%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	97.8%

**Whole  
School:  
94.4%**

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	Thea D
Reception	Ava-Leigh H
Year 1	Tom J
Year 2	Dolcie B-M
Year 3	Harlow D
Year 4	Kyle S
Year 5	Angel-Maria J
Year 6	Elicee O



## Nursery

What a lovely week we've had in Nursery! All of the children have settled in so well, getting used to our daily routines and following our school rules; Be

Safe, Be Kind and Be Respectful. We have been busy exploring our topic 'All About Me' and have painted some fantastic self-portraits. Check out our Twitter to see photos of our hard work.

@MissMiller\_EYFS. We also listened to some wonderful stories, including; 'The Colour Monster'. Remember to read daily at home with your children and talk about how to hold a book. We used book this to talk about our feelings and explored the colours red and blue. Outside, we have been busy in the mud kitchen and practised our balancing skills using the balance bikes and tricycles.

## Reception

What a busy week we have had in Reception! This week the children were introduced to their star challenges. They have been busy completing these tasks and filling up their jars with lots of colourful stars. We have also started our phonics lessons.

This week, we have been learning to read and write the sounds; m, a, s, d, t. In maths, we have explored subitising up to 3. This is when you recognise a small amount of objects without needing to count them all. We have also been using our fingers to represent numbers in different ways. The children have enjoyed taking part in balanceability with our LSSP coach. We are extremely proud of everyone for developing their skills when riding a balance bike.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September: Maths Party Day (see below)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Cross Country Race Newsham Park

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

## Year 1

What a busy week we've had! The children have produced work in all of their lessons that they, and you, should be proud of! In our R.E. work this week, we've talked about the things that God loves and cares for and created artwork to show these. We also discussed what we love about our school to create a poster to be displayed in church on Education Sunday this weekend. In maths, we investigated doubles and halves to ten and in English, we wrote a description of the worry in our story using amazing vocabulary such as 'enormous' and 'obsessed!' The children are really impressing me in their phonics lessons. Please remember to read their book each evening and return to school every Friday. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

## Year 2

A very busy week in Year 2! In maths, we have compared and ordered 2-digit numbers. We have also written numbers in words and practised spelling them correctly. We have been busy in English planning our character descriptions and have made a good start at writing them. In science, we investigated how absorbent different materials are and discovered which material would be best to absorb the most water. We really enjoyed using our senses to describe what it would have been like during The Great Fire of London in our history lesson. It was great fun being immersed in our WOW room and travelling back in time. In R.E. we illustrated how God is there at every new beginning and wrote a prayer thanking God for the new day.

### Year 3

We have had another very busy week in Year 3.

In maths, we have continued exploring calculation strategies in addition and subtraction.

In English, we have produced some excellent writing, learning new techniques in order to build suspense. We continued our study of the Stone

Age in history, and we researched facts about

Skara Brae using the iPads. In science, we investigated the importance of the skeleton and

what function it provides to the body. On

Thursday, we enjoyed our singing and Spanish lessons. It's amazing how well the children have

progressed in just two lessons! On Friday, we

enjoyed an art afternoon for Education Sunday.

### Year 4

Year 4 have worked tremendously hard this week.

We have established how to round four-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 during our maths lessons. In English, we continued to read 'Charlotte's Web' and discussed the importance of emotive language to portray character's emotions.

In science, we created posters to explain the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

The children enjoyed acting out the story of 'Abraham' in R.E. and shared some wonderful ideas about being a 'good neighbour' during Collective Worship. Finally on Friday, we created

some beautiful artwork for the St Ambrose

Education Sunday Mass.

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

It has been a brilliant start to P.E. this year at St Ambrose. Every class has been introduced to their first new topic. EYFS are learning about Body Management, Key Stage 1 are playing and learning through Games! Key Stage 2 are working on Indoor Athletics. Our stars this week are:

N - Keavie, Reception - Alicja, Y1 - Thomas, Y2 - Jan,

Y3 - Florence, Y4 - Emily, Y5 - Sophia, Y6 - Mason.

### Year 5

Year 5 have worked extremely hard this week, not only in our subjects but in being more organised and

responsible for our new routines. In our English lessons, we have started to write our setting and character descriptions based on 'Beowulf'. We

looked at higher level vocabulary, and how it would

be used in context to describe our ferocious

characters. In maths, we have been identifying different rounding strategies to the nearest 1000,

10,000 and 100,000 using six-digit numbers. In

R.E. we have been discussing how we can follow God's example in the world around us. Finally, this

week we created some beautiful artwork focusing on

'what I enjoy most about school', ready for our St

Ambrose Education Sunday Mass.

### Year 6

We have had another wonderful week in Year 6!

In our English lessons, we have started to plan our journal entries based on 'Wonder'. We looked at key events and have planned how they would have been viewed from a different character's perspective.

In maths, we have been exploring different addition and subtraction strategies. We used partitioning;

round and adjust, and the column method to solve multi-step problems. On Friday, we were invited to

Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bishop Eton to represent our academy at a Trust Mass. All children were a credit to both you and our academy.

In the afternoon, we created pieces of art based on

the theme of 'what I enjoy most about school' in

preparation for Education Sunday Mass.

## 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.**



## PAYMENTS ON ARBOR

Just a reminder that payments for meals and trips can be made via the Arbor app. Arbor has now updated their app so that it's much easier to pay through a range of options, including apple pay. We kindly ask that you pay in advance.

## MATHS PARTY DAY

This year 'Maths Party Day' is on Friday 29th September. We would like children to come to school wearing a number inspired outfit. Whether it's dressing up as a favourite mathematician, a famous equation, or simply incorporating numbers and math symbols into their clothing, we encourage them to have fun with their attire!

We are asking for £1 (or loose change donation) and all donations collected during the event will go directly to the MacMillan Cancer Trust, supporting their vital work in providing care and assistance to those affected by cancer.

We would love it if family members could join us between 2.00pm-3.00pm. There will be an opportunity for you to visit your children's classrooms and share a story or play a maths inspired game.

## OPAL

As children take part in Outdoor Play and Learning every lunch time, children will need a pair of wellies and a waterproof that can remain in school.

## EARRINGS

Earrings must not be worn in school. From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, any child wearing earrings, will not be able to take part fully in P.E. and during lunchtime they will not be able to take part in physical activity (OPAL) to prevent an injury to their ears. They will be allowed to read or colour-in.