

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	78.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	91.8%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	96.3%

**Whole
School:
93.5%**

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	Andrea G
Year 1	Vincent J
Year 2	Kal M
Year 3	Leo M-R
Year 4	Lolah O'H
Year 5	Adam P
Year 6	Amber H

GOLDEN TICKET

Summer H

For being our lunch time star of the week!

Nursery

What a wonderful first half term Nursery have had. The children have been creative in all areas of learning as we enjoyed Art Week and created artwork outdoors with chalks, 3D puff paint and water. We have been reading the book 'Funnybones' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We now know that we all have a skeleton that help us to move. We explored x-rays on the light box and sang lots of nursery rhymes about bones and skeletons. Please send your children in with hats, scarves and gloves when they return from half term as the weather definitely feels much colder! Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to celebrate your child's progress. Have a lovely half term everybody and enjoy your week off.

Reception

What a fantastic first half term we have had in Reception! I am so proud of how well all of the children have settled into full time school life. I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening this week, your support really is crucial to your child's education. This week was Art Week. We have enjoyed painting using watercolours, making negative prints and exploring colour mixing. I have been amazed at the skill and care taken by the children when using the watercolours and the way they put so much thought into painting 'the dark, dark town.' I am so excited to see what next half term brings, enjoy the break and don't forget to tag me on X with your half term adventures. @MrsJonesYR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 30th - FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER: HALF TERM

Tuesday 7th November: Yr5/6 Indoor Athletics Competition

Wednesday 8th November: Y4 Romans trip to Chester Grosvenor Museum

Friday 10th November: School Photograph Day

Friday 17th November: INSET DAY - School closed to all children

Year 1

I can't believe that we've reached the end of our first half term together! It has been a pleasure getting to know our amazing children, watching them settle in and show such an inquisitive nature during lessons. I am already looking forward to next half term! This week, we described the monster in our English lessons, using wonderful vocabulary such as 'gigantic' and 'growly'. In maths, we enjoyed using the language of direction to move around the classroom, and in geography we thought carefully about the improvements we would make to our local area. We have loved taking part in Art Week, drawing lots of spirals, using our whole bodies to help us. We hope you enjoyed seeing our work on X. Have a fabulous half term everyone!

Year 2

I am so proud of all the children's hard work and for settling in so well to Year 2. It was wonderful to see so many families attend Parents' Evening this week. Thank you! During Art Week, I have been very impressed with children's drawings and how well they have explored lines and patterns in autumn leaves. In music, we have learned 'Zoo Time', a reggae song, using the glockenspiels to perform it. We constructed our own bar models to solve addition and subtraction word problems in maths. It was fantastic to read the children's diary entries in English. As part of our 'Black History Month' celebrations, we had the pleasure of working with Levi Tafari and wrote poems linked to influential black historians. Have a lovely half term

Year 3

What a wonderful way to end this half term. As part of Art Week, Year 3 have been exploring gestural drawing using charcoal. The children were inspired by our history topic and used the charcoal to create cave paintings. To end our history topic, we created posters in class and shared our learning with each other. I was so impressed to see what the children have remembered from this unit. This week, we also finished our book 'The BFG'. We have really enjoyed the story and compared how the book is different to the film. As part of our learning for Black History Month, we welcomed the poet Levi Tafari, using poetry to explore black historical figures. Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week.

Year 4

Year 4 have had an excellent final week of half term. As part of art week, the children used the inspiration from an autumn poem to create a comic strip. We looked at artists such as Sean Tan to understand how we can gain inspiration from poetry. We also finished reading 'Charlotte's Web'. The children have absolutely loved this book and enjoyed discussing the journey of friendship between the two main characters. To end our science topic, we replicated the digestive system using household items. The children were amazed, watching how food travels through the body. We celebrated Black History Month with poet Levi Tafari. The children enjoyed hearing Levi's work and had a poetry workshop with him. Have a lovely half term!

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

All of our classes have finished their P.E. topics this week. After half-term, Early Years will start learning about manipulation and coordination. Both Key Stage 1 and 2 will begin gymnastics as their next topic. We will be building on skills that we learnt this time last year and showcasing our routines to our classes as performances. Our stars this week are: N - Sebastian, Reception - Ava-Leigh, Y1 - Ezra, Y2 - Malik, Y3 - Ollie Mc, Y4 - Scarlett, Y5 - Millie, Y6 - Ryan.

Year 5

A fantastic week to end our first half of the Autumn Term! This week was 'Art Week'. We learnt about typography and looked at the American graphic designer Louise Fili. The children used her work, alongside their current knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon times, to create their names using different media such as pencil, card and pastels. We also finished reading 'Beowulf'. The children have absolutely loved having this as our class novel and reading about the many mythical creatures. We have celebrated Black History month with a visit from local poet Levi Tafari. We wrote poems linked to inspirational black historical figures. Have a wonderful half term everybody, don't forget to tag me on X (Twitter) with all the fun you get up to.

Year 6

A wonderful final week of our first half term in Year 6! This week was 'Art Week'. We learnt about British artist Lubaina Himid. One of her famous pieces, 'Naming the Money', uses 2D images to create the illusion of a 3D sculpture. We worked in groups to transform the silhouettes of dogs into large collaged masterpieces. After this, we then created our own smaller sculptures, applying the bright vibrant colours Himid is famous for. On Friday, we continued our celebrations of Black History Month with a visit from the local poet Levi Tafari. We wrote poems linked to inspirational historical black figures. Have a fantastic half term everybody and don't forget to tag me on X/Twitter with your half term adventures. @MrStinchcombY6

APPLY FOR RECEPTION

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2024, you can apply online now for a place in Reception. Closing dates for Reception applications are 15th January 2024. All Reception applications should be completed online at www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions. We require evidence of baptism in the form of a baptismal certificate handed in to school with our supplementary faith form by the 15th January 2024.



APPLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is due to start Year 7 in September 2024, please apply online for their place as soon as possible using the following link: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions>. Closing date for secondary applications is 31st October 2023. Some faith schools require a supplementary faith form completing as well. Please check the school website of your chosen school for details.



SAFEGUARDING

Please be vigilant with your child's use of social media, particularly over half term where screen time is likely to increase. Frequently, issues that arise out of school continue in the classroom and this could be avoided by the careful monitoring of devices by parents. To download a free guide of online safety tips for parents of primary school children please visit www.internetmatters.org

BONFIRE NIGHT

Please remind your children to follow the Bonfire Night safety rules over the coming week.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening this week, it was a huge success. Your dedication to understanding more about your child's interests, progress and learning is fantastic!

THANK YOU

Today, as you know, we break up for half-term. Thank you for your support since September. Enjoy half-term with your families and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th November 2023.

