

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	80.9%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	85.4%
Year 5	96.9%
Year 6	97.8%

**Whole
School:
94.9%**

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	Lonzo O'H
Reception	Corey O'H
Year 1	Peter L
Year 2	Amelia E
Year 3	Harriet K
Year 4	Maddie B
Year 5	Isabella R
Year 6	Riley B

GOLDEN TICKET

Macy D & Annie M

For being our lunch time star of the week!

Nursery

It has been another busy week in Nursery! We are all enjoying our NELI lessons and developing super listening skills. Our book this week is called 'Don't Wake Tiger' and our four words were; **float**, **hurry**, **stroke** and **worry**. We focused on the word float, and experimented with different objects in our water area to see which ones floated. In maths, we have explored the number 2. We showed our understanding of this through tapping musical instruments twice, spotting the correct numeral and finding 2 objects outside. We have loved developing our mark making skills by copying the patterns in the glitter and sand. This is the first step to letter formation. This week, Collective Worship was all about hope. Have a great weekend.

Reception

This week in maths we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes. We talked about curved surfaces, vertices and edges. We sorted the shapes then thought about questions such as 'which shape might be good for rolling?' or 'which might be good for stacking and why?' We then used language to describe position. We loved the activity for this. Mrs. Jones gave us instructions to put all of the furniture, people and pets back into the dolls' house. In English, we learned which words to use in a greetings card and made a variety of different cards for our friends and family members. We have been using our imagination in the creative area to make pictures by printing using sticks and cardboard tubes. Check some of them out on Twitter/X.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday, 30th November - Ski Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday, 5th December (pm) - Year 1 trip to John Lennon Airport
Wednesday, 6th December - Year 2 Kings and Queens Workshop (in school)
Wednesday, 6th December - KS2 Kurling competition
Wednesday, 6th December - Y5 and Y6 Advent Service Metropolitan Cathedral
Thursday, 7th December - Choir singing at Archdiocesan Carol Service St Ambrose Church
Friday, 8th December - St Ambrose Feast Day, Celebrations (wear something yellow/ black with uniform)

Year 1

It's been another busy week in our class! We loved meeting 'Larry the Lion' on Tuesday as part of our history work. Larry was Mr MacKenzie's teddy bear when he was our age and we noticed some differences between Larry and the teddies we have nowadays. In science we continued learning about autumn, in particular what happens to different animals during the season. In English, we wrote our own letters using the features that we have been working on during our work on 'Zog'. We continued to work hard during phonics lessons and are beginning to speed up our sight reading - the more practice at home the better! We learned about odd and even numbers to 20 in maths and began to add numbers up to 20 too. Have a lovely weekend

Year 2

I am very proud of all the amazing work children have produced this week. In English, we planned and wrote a setting description of the sea, linked to our class text 'How to be a Viking'. We enjoyed our immersive learning in the WOW room and using our senses to describe the sea. In maths, we have represented and interpreted data using a table, pictogram and block diagram. We have started our new R.E. topic 'Preparation' and the children enjoyed describing how they prepare for Advent and Christmas. In science, we completed different exercises to investigate the effect of exercise on our heart rate. I was very impressed with children's explanations in history about why King John I was known as a 'bad king'. Have a good weekend.

Year 3

We have had another wonderful week of learning in Year 3. In English, we have used our knowledge of diaries to write an entry in character from our book 'Cloudbusting'. The children have then used their editing skills to improve their own writing. In maths, we have used a formal written method to subtract two 3-digit numbers with regrouping. The children have been able to apply their new learning when solving real life word problems. We have continued our study of the U.K. in geography this week and have developed our map work using an atlas to help us locate the seas and ocean that surround the U.K. In R.E. we have started our new topic 'Advent'. We explored the concept of a gift and considered the greatest gift we have received.

Year 4

Another busy week of learning for Year 4. The children have started to write their own adventure narrative from the perspective of an animal, using key features found in our class novel. In maths, we have started a new topic 'Graphs'. The children have created and compared pictograms, tally charts and bar charts which show numerical data. We have continued to learn more about life in Roman Britain by looking at historical sources found by archeologists and the children were able to recognise most artefacts as a result of our class trip to Chester. In P.E, the class loved creating dance sequences using freeze-frame technique and they then performed their routines for each other. Year 4 have worked so hard and deserve a fun-filled weekend!

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

Gymnastics across school this week has been a lot of fun! Our Key Stage 1 children focused on different jumping styles for distance and for height. Years 3 and 4 worked on developing their fluency when transitioning between elements in a sequence. Years 5 and 6 looked at symmetry and asymmetry in their movements. Our stars this week are: Reception - Jacob, Y1 - Milah, Y2 - Alisa, Y3 - Toby, Y4 - Leo, Y5 - Ethan, Y6 - Thomas.

Year 5

Another fantastic week in Year 5! On Monday, we joined Year 6 and Father Ed for a very special mass. Year 5 had the responsibility of writing our own bidding prayers. In English, we started writing our diary entries, in the role of the main character from our text 'Riddle of the Runes.' In maths, we began exploring a new multiplication method, 'the grid method' alongside area models. Year 5 were then able to successfully solve 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication problems. We have continued to study forces in our science lessons. This week, we learnt all about friction and why it is useful in real-life contexts. In R.E, we have started our new topic 'Advent' and explored the symbolism behind each part of an Advent wreath. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

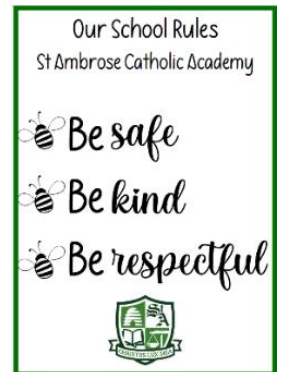
We have had another wonderful week in Year 6! On Monday, we were joined in our classroom by Year 5 and Father Ed for a very special mass. We wrote our own introduction for the mass as well as our own bidding prayers. In English, we have been using passive voice to write formally as 'animal experts'. We have continued to study maps in our geography lessons. Our focus this week was OS Maps. We learnt about the different symbols that are used on the maps and what they represent. We then learnt how to map read using 4 and 6 figure grid references. In maths, we started our new topic of fractions. We have been exploring relationships between different fractions and identifying equivalent fractions.

BULLYING

Bullying is NOT tolerated in St Ambrose. It is important that we are mindful of the language we use when talking to our children about friendship struggles, as bullying is not a one-off incident, yet is often used to describe a falling out between friends. As clearly stated in our 'Relationships and Behaviour' Policy, bullying is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against



ARBOR

As we move towards reducing our paper use as a school, you may have noticed a lot more messages and consent requests being sent through Arbor. We wanted to say a great big thank you to those families who have already started to engage a lot more with this system, by providing consent for your child to attend trips and sporting competitions through the app.

SEND SUPPORT

Each week, ADDvanced Solutions deliver informal workshops on different subjects to support you and your family at all stages of your SEND journey - go along and meet families in similar situations to share learning and experiences. Workshops are needs-led, covering the full range of neurodiverse conditions, specific learning difficulties and associated mental health needs. Please click on the link <https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/whats-on/whats-on-in-liverpool.html> to find out more.

INDOOR ATHLETICS CITY FINALS

On Wednesday, 18 of our amazing athletes from across Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to Greenbank Sports Academy to represent our school in the LSSP Indoor Athletics City Finals. This was an event they qualified for through their hard work, a few weeks prior, in the heats. All of the children represented our school to the highest standard through their effort and behavior throughout the event. The competition involved relay races, paarluf races and field events such as the javelin, triple-jump and standing long jump. All of the staff in school and the children's peers could not be more proud of how well they performed! From the very first race in heat one, to the final race of Wednesday's event, they gave 100% effort and did it all with smiles on their faces. A massive well done to each and every one of our super star athletes!

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is £1 per day. This is really good value for money. Please remember to make this payment when your child attends and bring any outstanding payments up to date on Arbor by 01.12.23.