

# St Ambrose Newsletter

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	80.5%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	99.3%
Year 6	95.2%

**Whole  
School:  
96.7%**

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 Keavie S

Reception Myla C

Year 1 Hallie F

Year 2 Alisa G

Year 3 Jaxson S

Year 4 Shay T

Year 5 Harvey McC-R

Year 6 Dominik K

**GOLDEN TICKET**

**Iyla H**

For being our lunch time star of the week!

## Nursery

This week we have enjoyed reading the book 'Stick Man'. Nursery have loved making their own stickmen out of playdough, we even collected sticks from our forest area to use as arms and legs. We have been consolidating our maths knowledge of the number 2 by showing different ways to make 2 - identifying the numeral and showing it on our fingers. Our NELI book this week is 'The Three Little Pigs'. Ask your children if they can remember our 4 words of the week. As the weather changes, we have discovered that the water outside is freezing solid. We will be looking at this in more detail next week so look out for pictures on X. Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat, scarf and gloves as we will be outdoors daily.

## Reception

This week we started to read our new book 'STICK MAN.' We have enjoyed exploring the problem in the story and can name the characters and talk about whether they are nice or not nice and why. We are starting to get excited for Christmas with Santa being one of the main characters! In the playdough area, we have created stickmen of our own, adding sticks and googly eyes to rolled shapes of dough. In maths we are starting to explore numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have been counting objects and pictures and matching them to numerals and dot patterns. Our pet shop / vet clinic role-play area opened this week and we welcomed a very special visitor on Wednesday... Luna! She came for a checkup and puppy groom.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (pm) - Year 1 trip to John Lennon Airport

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Kings and Queens Workshop (in school)

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Y5 and Y6 Advent Service Metropolitan Cathedral

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Choir singing at Archdiocesan Carol Service St Ambrose Church at 4.30pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - St Ambrose Feast Day Celebrations (wear something yellow/ black with uniform)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 residential deposit due.

## Year 1

We've had such a busy week in Year 1. In our daily phonics lessons we are blending words quickly and accurately and are making fantastic progress in our reading journey - keep up the practice at home too! In maths, we have been subtracting numbers up to 20 using cubes and number lines whilst in science we studied how the amount of daylight changes as we move into autumn and winter. We continued our work on toys in history and started our new text 'The Wonky Donkey' in English by considering how the different characters felt in the story. In our R.E. lessons this week we started to talk about the season of Advent and how it is a time that we prepare for Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely weekend - remember to wrap up warm everyone!

## Year 2

What a busy week in Year 2. In English, we had great fun hot-seating the character of Humpty Dumpty and sequencing the story, 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat. This week in maths, we have revisited counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and used arrays to represent multiplication and division. Please remember to use TT Rockstars to practise our times tables at home. In history, we learned about how Queen Elizabeth I beat the Spanish Armada and proved that women could be powerful monarchs. In science, we explored what a balanced diet is. Please do not forget to complete your food diary and bring it in on Monday for our science lesson. Please ensure that your child reads daily and brings in their reading book every week to be changed.

### Year 3

We have had another wonderful week of learning in Year 3. In English, the children have looked at the features of informal and formal letters. This will help inform our own letter writing in the coming weeks. In maths, we have continued problem solving using bar models as a support. Our geography topic on the UK continued this week. The children used a relief map of the UK to identify rivers and were able to follow a river from source to mouth including the Mersey. In science we continued our 'Rocks and Fossils' topic and investigated permeable and impermeable rocks and their uses. In R.E, we reflected on the importance of welcoming visitors. Please ensure that your child reads daily and brings in their reading book every week to be changed.

### Year 4

Another tremendous week of learning. In English, we compared a range of adventure narratives from the perspectives of different animals. We were all so excited to visit the Book Fair on Wednesday, it has been lovely to see all the children leaving school excitedly with a book! In maths, we recorded and compared data using a time graph. We have also been focusing on our 7 x tables. As scientists, we investigated the effect of a liquid's viscosity on its melting and freezing point. The children enjoyed having a 'race' to rate the flow level of each liquid. In R.E, the children have been reflecting upon the importance of friendship during Advent. We created some lovely 'advent calendars of friendship' to show how we can spread love in the lead up to Christmas. The children have worked so hard, have a lovely weekend!

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

In gymnastics this week, Key Stage 1 worked on balances and shapes using correct form and point. Key Stage 2 worked on incorporating different elements into a sequence that they then performed for their classmates! In Reception's manipulation and coordination lesson, they learnt how to stop and return a ball to a partner. The stars of this week are: R - Poppie, Y1 - Scarlett B, Y2 - Zara, Y3 - Austin, Y4 - Luca, Y5 - Joe, Y6 - Elicee

### Year 5

We have had a wonderful week in Year 5! In English, we have been exploring non-chronological reports, identifying the features and why specific writer's techniques are used. In maths, we have continued long-multiplication and have now mastered the grid method and the column written method! Year 5 were then able to successfully solve 2-digit by 2-digit and 3-digit by 2-digit multiplication problems. We have continued to study forces in our science lessons. This week, we learnt all about air resistance and how the surface area of objects of the same mass, affect the time taken for it to fall. Another fantastic swimming lesson, we learnt all about water safety. Please ensure that next week your child has a pair of pyjamas packed, along with their usual swimming kit, for an exciting end of term lesson! Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 6

On Monday, in our P.E. lesson, we sequenced moves from the haka routine. We then performed them against other group to try and 'intimidate' our opposition. In English, we used editing partners to polish our writing. Then, we were ready to publish our non-chronological reports about the mythical animals that we created. In this week's geography lesson, we learnt about fieldwork. We planned a study about how our local community is cared for. We looked at the different ways that we can gather data and planned the best route to walk around our local area. In maths, we have been learning how to compare and order fractions. We learnt how to find a common denominator to then be able to decide if a given fraction was 'more than, less than or equal'.

## 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. **Reminder letters will be sent out from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

Tradition at St Ambrose is NOT to send Christmas cards. Instead, we donate loose change (the money we would have spent on buying cards) to a local charity. Our Junior Leadership Team's chosen charity is Cafod. Please send in any loose change between now and the end of term. Thank you for supporting us in protecting the environment and helping those who are not as fortunate as ourselves.

## CHRISTMAS DATES

Please see dates for Christmas below. It is important that our children are in school each day up to, and including, 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS Dress Rehearsal (children only)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS Nativity 9:30

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS Nativity 9:30

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Carol Concert 2pm @St Ambrose Church

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Party Day: own clothes

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: School Closes for Christmas 2pm



## SAFEGUARDING

Please find the latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter for December via the link below.

<https://sway.office.com/LqVupCOOf8fW6p3x?ref=Link>

## 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

