

St Ambrose Newsletter

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	80.9%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	92.1%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	97.8%

**Whole
School:
95%**

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	Penelope G
Reception	Amyra S
Year 1	Scarlett B
Year 2	Oliver J
Year 3	Brylee Mae E
Year 4	TJ H-E
Year 5	Frankie R
Year 6	Sofia M

Our School Rules
St Ambrose Catholic Academy

 Be safe
 Be kind
 Be respectful



Nursery

What a great start to the new half term. It was lovely to see all the children returning back to school happy, with big smiles on their faces. This week, we have started our NELI lessons. Our new book is called 'Neon Leon' by Jane E. Clarke. Please ask you children what our four words of the week have been. Nursery have also enjoyed listening to 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. They have been using their math skills when making potions and counting how many scoops of liquid it takes to fill a bowl. We have also been using our fine motor skills to thread beads onto pipe-cleaner broomsticks, and practising our rolling skills in the playdough area by making wands using star shaped cutters.

Have a lovely weekend!

Reception

Our new Talk Through Stories book this week is 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. We have loved exploring our story small world dolls to retell the story, threading beads onto pipe cleaner broomsticks and counting scoops to make potions. In maths, we have started to work on addition and subtraction with numbers up to six, using the language of part, part, whole. The children have really impressed me with the way they can use the resources to work their answers out. Our new role-play area - The Post Office - has been a huge hit this week. The children have been sorting the mail and wrapping parcels. I'd like to say a big thank you to all of the families who joined us for the Welcome Service, it was wonderful to see you all!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th - Friday 17th November Anti- Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th)

Tuesday 14th November - Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Competition

Thursday 16th November - Y6 Class Assembly for parents 9:05

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

Tuesday 21st November - KSI Dodgeball Competition

Wednesday 22nd November - Indoor Athletics City Finals

Year 1

What a welcome back after half term in Year 1. It was lovely to see all of the children this week and welcome them back - I really missed them! We welcomed Miss Cox, our trainee teacher, who will be supporting in our class up until Christmas. In our English work, we started reading 'Zog' and talked about the characters in the story using words such as 'ecstatic' and 'agog' - wow! In maths, we investigated how numbers from 11 - 20 are made up from one ten and then some more and began to discover patterns in the make up of these numbers.

We made candles in R.E. to represent how we belong to God's family and in science we learned about the changes in the seasons of autumn and spring. I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

It has been wonderful to welcome back our children after the half term break. We have started our new English text 'How to be a Viking' by Cressida Cowell. We had great fun exploring the main character, Hiccup's feelings about going to the sea for the first time. In maths, we have been measuring different objects in metres and centimetres. In our new history topic 'Kings and Queens', we learned about what a monarch is and explored the British Royal Family tree. Our new science topic is 'Animals and Survival' and we enjoyed learning about essential and non-essential needs for humans and animals. We would like to welcome Mr Patchias, a trainee teacher, who will be supporting in our class up until Christmas.

Year 3

We have had a fantastic start to the new half term in Year 3. In maths, we have started our new topic 'Addition and Subtraction'. We explored mental strategies for adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers to multiples of 10 and 100. In English, we have started our new book 'Cloudbusters'. This book will be the inspiration for our writing this half term.

We have spent time looking at the features of a recount and used our model text to identify the features of a diary entry. We have also started our new science topic 'Rocks and Fossils'. In our first lesson, we discussed what rocks are made from and where they are found. As we completed our R.E. topic, we discussed the importance of promises and made our own promise cards.

Year 4

An extremely exciting week of learning in Year 4! We had a wonderful time on Wednesday exploring the Roman Ruins of Chester. The children now know lots more about life as a Roman Soldier and how life in Britain has changed since Roman times. Remember

to look on our class Twitter/X page to see photographs from the day. In English, the children have started to build their knowledge of adventure narratives, creating an engaging build up with suspense for the reader. In maths, we have explored different multiplication strategies to multiply up to three digit numbers. As we completed our R.E. topic on Baptism, we discussed the significance of the baptismal promises. Thank you to those who brought in special items to share with the class.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week, both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 began working on their new topic: gymnastics. We focused on the 9 key principles of gymnastics and how we use them to perform sequences. We have added a range of elements including rolls, jumps and balances. Reception and Nursery have moved on to manipulation and co-ordination and this week, they have been learning how to control balloons using their hands, feet and heads!

Year 5

What a fantastic first week back after half term in Year 5! In English, we have started our new class novel 'Riddle of the Runes', exploring the five types of recount and identifying the features of personal recounts (diary entries). In maths, we have started our new unit on 'Multiplication and Division', exploring factors and multiples, before identifying prime and composite numbers.

In R.E. we completed our Baptism topic and discussed how we appreciate our parents and guardians, highlighting how others in our life also show love, care and guide us in following the example of Jesus. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 6

What a wonderful return to life in Year 6! We have picked up where we left off and have been fully focused all week. In English, we have started our new class novel: 'Holes'. We identified the features of a non-chronological report and learned how we can use passive voice to make our writing more formal. In maths, we have been learning about 'order of operations' and how we can use BIDMAS to solve problems. It's fantastic to see everybody taking new Year 6 learning in their stride. In science, we have been learning about different organisms and how we can classify them in a range of ways. Have a great weekend!

WELCOME



Mr Morris joined us on Monday as our new Premises Officer. You will see him most days at drop off/pick up. Thank you for making him feel so welcome already. If you haven't already done so, please do say hello.

LUNA, OUR SCHOOL DOG

As you know, we welcomed Luna into our school family before half-term. She was particularly chosen for her kind-nature and her ability to work with children. She is hypo-allergenic, so she is safe for those who have allergies, but we are still not allowing her to be in close proximity to those who do have an allergy. Because Luna is a working dog, she is allowed on our school premises. ALL other dogs are NOT allowed as we do not have adequate insurance for them. Thank you for your support in this matter. We will continue to challenge anyone who brings a dog onto school grounds.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all families who were able to attend Parents' Evening. It was great to see so many of you there. Please speak to your child's class teacher to make an appointment if you were not able to attend the two previous dates offered. The last date for appointments is Thursday 16th November.

BE SAFE, BE KIND, BE RESPECTFUL

As you know, our school rules are Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful. These are for all members of our school community: our children, **their families** and our staff. Verbal abuse towards our staff is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Thank you to the many families who are supportive of our school.

SAFEGUARDING

Next week (13th-17th) is anti-bullying week and we are inviting all staff and children to celebrate 'Odd Socks Day', by coming to school on Monday wearing odd socks (with their uniform) to show how we are all special and unique. There will be an assembly, discussions in class and fun activities throughout the week whilst the children look at this year's theme 'Make Some Noise'. Watch the video to find out some more https://youtube/6UU_jOiwayQ

INDOOR ATHLETICS

On Tuesday, 18 athletes from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Notre Dame College to compete in the first heat of the LSSP Sports Hall athletics. Our children gave their absolute best in everything they did, including cheering their teammates on! We could not be more proud of how the athletes represented our school, and to top it off... they qualified for the City Finals! Those children will now have the chance to compete against all of the top athletes from across Liverpool later in the month! Well done again to all of you!

