

St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow.

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Weekly Attendance

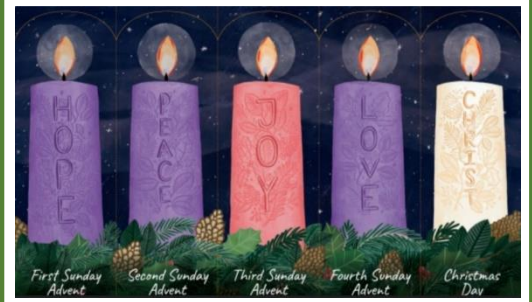
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| Reception | 79.5% |
| Year 1 | 99.4% |
| Year 2 | 97% |
| Year 3 | 92.4% |
| Year 4 | 95% |
| Year 5 | 94.5% |
| Year 6 | 94.8% |

**Whole
School:
95.6%**

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.



God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your
greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of Your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare
for His coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



GOLDEN TICKET

Sofia M

For being our lunch time star of the week!

Nursery

We started our week with an exciting visit from Santa's elves to collect the letters we have been busy writing. We have been practising the songs for our Christmas Nativity and working very hard to remember the actions. Please encourage your children to practise at home too. As the weather is becoming colder, we have been speaking about how the water outside turns to ice. We conducted an experiment by filling one of our trays up with water before dropping plastic bears in. The next day, it had frozen and the bears were trapped! We created art by painting the ice with water colours, it looked beautiful. In Collective Worship, we have spoken about Advent, and our theme was 'waiting'. We made our own Christingles to take home.

Reception

Reception have loved getting into the Christmas spirit! This week we have been busy crafting - making our own baubles for the St Ambrose church tree and also decorating our classroom windows. Collective Worship has been focused on Advent and together we have spent time talking about 'waiting' and what this means for us. We thought about all of the things we have to wait for, as well as waiting for the coming of Christ. On Friday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Ambrose. We created 'bee' headbands and planted seeds for us to 'pollenate'. This fit brilliantly with the launch day of our new school mission and we thought about the word 'plant'. We visited church and I am extremely proud of the behavior and singing from Reception.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 12th December - 8 children (Year 5/6) Water Polo Competition

Wednesday 13th December - Year 4 residential deposit due.

Thursday 14th December - Choir singing at John Lennon Airport @12.30pm

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ SEE BELOW

Year 1

What a fantastic week in Year 1! The children have had such fun in their learning, both in and out of the classroom! They have completed short quizzes in maths and English this week and I have been really impressed by the progress that they have shown.

We loved our visit to John Lennon Airport on Tuesday afternoon and we learned all about how the airport has changed over the years, as well as watching the different planes taking off and land. This will stand us in good stead when we start our 'Transport' topic after Christmas. On Friday, we loved finding out about our new mission, and celebrating St Ambrose Feast Day with our whole school family. Remember to keep on reading at home and have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2

We have had a really exciting week in Year 2! We were historians for the day during our Kings and Queens workshop. We were transported to different eras of the monarchy of Great Britain, and enjoyed role-playing and drama using props and artefacts.

We have completed assessments this week and I am so proud of the resilience and effort all children have shown. In maths, we have been dividing using equal groups and used our inverse to check. Thank you to the children who completed their food diaries homework in science. We used them to evaluate if we are eating the right amount of food types in order to be healthy. Today, we celebrated the launch of our new Mission Statement by planting seeds and making seeds collages.

Year 3

We have completed another wonderful week of learning in Year 3. This week the children completed their end of term assessments in reading and maths.

I am very proud of the resilience shown by the children and how they all tried their best. In English we explored our characters actions and choices in more depth. We held a class debate and I was impressed with the sophisticated opinions formed and the counter arguments put forward. In maths, we began our new topic 'Length and Perimeter' explored length in millimetres, centimetres and metres. On Friday, we celebrated St Ambrose Feast Day and the launch of our mission by considering how we can live like Jesus. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Year 4

The first week of December is here and the children have been working so hard in the run up to Christmas. In English, we have identified the features of dialogue in a narrative and developed our understanding on how this can impact the reader. We have consolidated our learning in maths, revisiting multiplication facts and bar charts. I have been so impressed with their knowledge for both topics. In science, we conducted an investigation on 'States of Matter' to identify the melting points of various solids. During our music lesson with Mr. Watson, we practised for the Carol Concert at the end of term. The children love singing all the Christmas songs; they have made great progress this term. Finally, on Friday we celebrated St Ambrose Feast Day by wearing yellow and black whilst completing a range of activities linked to our new school mission.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

This week in P.E., Key Stage 1 focused on stepping, hopping and jumping with control and different shapes! They added these together to create sequences. Years 3 and 4 worked on composing a sequence using the different elements they have learnt throughout their topic and Years 5 and 6 both adapted their sequences to include changes of speed and varying levels. Our stars this week are: Y1 - Bobbie-Mae, Y2 - Aoife, Y3 - Roberta, Y4 - Carter, Y5 - Franzio, Y6 - Annie.

Year 5

We have had a busy, but fantastic week in Year 5. We started our assessments this week, working really hard. The children have shown so much determination and resilience whilst completing their assessments. On Wednesday, we had the pleasure of singing in the Advent Carol Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral. We sang our hearts out to all of our Christmas songs, that we have been practising with Mr. Watson. On Thursday, we wore our pyjamas to our swimming lesson. We learnt all about water-safety and how to help somebody if they come into danger in open water. On Friday, we celebrated St Ambrose Feast Day and the launch of our mission by considering how we can make a difference 'tomorrow.' A huge well done to the children who sang in the choir on Thursday evening! Have a lovely weekend.

Year 6

Yet another wonderful week in Year 6. On Wednesday, we visited the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to sing in the choir at their annual Advent Carol Service. As usual, both the behaviour of the children and their singing were amazing! On Friday, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Ambrose, as well as launching our new school mission statement: 'With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow'. We thought about our vision of the perfect future and what we want for our 'tomorrows'. We created 'crystal balls' to show what we could see for ourselves in the future. On Friday afternoon, we were lucky to be joined by poet and author Paul Delaney. We completed a poetry workshop, during which we wrote poems about the theme of aspirations for tomorrow. Well done this week Year 6!

OUR NEW SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

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We were delighted with our celebrations to launch our new school Mission Statement:

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow.

The children behaved remarkably during our visit to church and sang our new school song 'Colours of Day' with an enthusiasm that gave us all goosebumps. A mission is what defines us as a school. It is what we aspire to do, daily, weekly and for the whole of our school life. As parents and families, you play a huge part of planting the seeds and, by working together, we will plant the seeds for your child to achieve all that they are capable of.

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, 22nd December.

Monday 18th December: EYFS Dress Rehearsal (children only)

Tuesday 19th December: EYFS Nativity 9:30

Wednesday 20th December: EYFS Nativity 9:30

Wednesday 20th December: Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 21st December: Carol Concert 2pm @St Ambrose Church

Friday 22nd December: Christmas Party Day: own clothes

Friday 22nd December: School Closes for Christmas 2pm



SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

Christmas can be a wonderful time of the year but for many it also creates an enormous amount of stress. Check out the MIND website for ways to look after yourself during the festive period.

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/your-stories/10-ways-to-reduce-christmas-stress/>