

# St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	84.5%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	84.1%
Year 4	94.6%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	95.6%

**Whole  
School:  
90.8%**

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	Mollie T
Reception	Scarlett B
Year 1	AJ Hill
Year 2	Olivier K
Year 3	Salvador Z
Year 4	Leilah S
Year 5	Alfie M
Year 6	Annie M

**GOLDEN TICKET**

**Kevin E**

For being our lunch time star of the week!

## Nursery

We really enjoyed our visit from The Lowry in our amazing WOW room. We took part in a workshop all about Stick Man. We made Stick Man masks and worked with Reception to create a large scale image of Stick Man. This week, we have really enjoyed reading 'Dear Santa' by Rod Campbell. In maths, we have been learning about repeating patterns and used this new knowledge to create our own wrapping paper design. One of our challenges this week was to make magic reindeer food by measuring out the correct amount of ingredients and mixing them all together to sprinkle outside on Christmas Eve! Have a great weekend everyone.

## Reception

On Thursday this week, we had a fabulous morning with artist Nicola Copson from The Lowry gallery in Salford. We have been reading Stick Man as our class book and she came to create some art with us. She showed us different techniques to make artwork look textured and 3D. We made Stick Man masks and then worked on a collaborative piece to recreate the front cover of the book. Nicola said she was impressed with the way the children focused so well and for so long. We have been busy completing Christmas challenges this week, printing patterns to make wrapping paper, recognising numbers to match baubles on trees, cutting paper snowflakes and making reindeer food. We are so excited for all the Christmassy activities in our final week!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: EYFS Nativity at 9:30am

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 at 2pm



## Year 1

We have had a brilliant week in year 1! We have been working hard in English to use adjectives when describing a story setting and using Numicon in maths to subtract numbers up to 20. Alongside this, in history we finished our topic looking at toys throughout time, by placing toys on a timeline from oldest to newest. In science, we discovered which animals like to hibernate, stay at home, or stay active during the winter and then compared this to what the animals do in autumn. We went on a class walk to post our personalised handwritten letters to people who are special to us. Finally, we have been practising our carol 'Mary, Mary you said yes to God' for the Carol Service. Keep practising at home everyone, singing and actions!

## Year 2

We can definitely feel the Christmas spirit in Year 2! The children have been practising our Christmas carol, "The Innkeeper's Song". In maths, we have been representing multiplication and division equations, including doubling using arrays and bar models. We have planned and written a letter in English linked to our class text 'After the Fall'. In science, we explored what hygiene is and why it is important to wash our hands thoroughly in order to stay healthy. The children really enjoyed investigating how germs spread and understanding the importance of how to prevent them from spreading. In history, we talked about what a constitutional monarchy is, and about King Charles III being the monarch today. Have a good weekend!

### Year 3

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Year 3. We are certainly getting in to the Christmas spirit and have been practising our song for the Carol Service 'Little Donkey'. In maths, we have investigated the perimeter of 2D shapes using geoboards. In English, we have written, edited and published our very own literary letters. In science, we studied fossils and how they are formed. In R.E, we read the story of the Annunciation and we considered how Mary must have felt and the courage that was needed for her to say 'yes' to God. We are delighted to welcome Miss Melia to our classroom. Miss Melia is completing her teacher training placement in Year 3 and we look forward to her helping us to learn and grow!

### Year 4

Year 4 have continued to impress me with their enthusiasm for learning. As we are coming to the end of our class book 'Varjak Paw', suspense in class has been building to see what will happen to our favourite cat. The children used this as inspiration to plan, draft, and publish an adventure narrative from the perspective of an animal. In maths, the children have revisited the six times tables and used this knowledge to answer written problems. The children enjoyed our final lesson about Roman Britain, where we compared the similarities and differences between then and now. It was amazing to see how many things we still have today because of the Romans. Finally, in R.E, we celebrated the end of our 'Advent' topic by creating our own advent wreath. We also reflected upon the advent promises that we had written at the start of the topic.

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

We have had the pleasure of being able to watch our Key Stage 2 gymnasts perform their final compositions this week. Year 6 were even able to perform to music! Our Year 1 and 2 children started learning how to compose a sequence by linking actions, such as rolls and jumps, together. Early Years have been learning to stop and send balls with their teammates. Our stars for this week are: R - Oliver, Y1 - Montana, Y2 - Sadie, Y3 - Aisling, Y4 - TJ, Y5 - Oscar, Y6 - Lola K.

### Year 5

We have had another fantastic week in Year 5! In English, we have been using all of our writers' techniques to begin writing our non-chronological reports all about the Vikings. In maths, we have been calculating the area and perimeter of shapes and rectilinear compound shapes. In science, we investigated the power of water resistance. We found that when an object is streamlined it is able to travel faster in water. In R.E, we explored Christian acts of kindness. We made a class Advent calendar and discussed Christian actions we could complete each day of Advent, following in Jesus' footsteps. Just a reminder that maths homework must be completed and returned to school each week. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

### Year 6

We have had a busy week in Year 6! In English, we have been exploring different persuasive devices that we can use in our writing. Next week, we will be writing formal letters to 'The Warden' about the changes that we hope to see at Camp Green Lake. During our R.E. lessons, we have continued with our preparation for Advent. We learnt about the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary and how he told her that she would give birth to the Son of God. We wrote diary entries from Mary's point of view to show how she felt after being informed of such shocking news. In Design and Technology, we have been investigating the difference between battery and mains powered objects. We noticed that batteries allow for devices to be portable. We annotated sketches of torches and next week will create our own.

## SCHOOL CHOIR



The last few weeks have been extremely busy for our school choir. For those of you who were able to attend our Mission Statement launch in church, we are sure that you will have been blown away by their talent! The choir have been fortunate enough to have been asked to sing at several events and celebrations, including Liverpool John Lennon Airport and the Archdiocesan Carol Service in St Ambrose Church.

Finally today, they led our Trust in the Advent Liturgy with the theme of 'spreading your light.' We are extremely proud of them!

## SAFEGUARDING

Unfortunately, we have seen a drop in attendance over the last two weeks. Although we understand at this time of year, children pick up illness easily, please make every effort to ensure your child arrives to school every day on time. With your permission we can administer Calpol during the school day if required for general coughs and colds. There are lots of lovely things going on in school next week for your child to be involved in and really spread the festive cheer so let's give attendance a big push in the last week of term!

## ARBOR

As we move towards reducing our paper use as a school, it is essential that you continue to engage with the Arbor app. On Arbor, you should make payments for things such as; school meals, class trips and year group residentials. We also now use Arbor to gather consent for educational visits and will no longer be sending home return slips of paper for you to sign. Without your consent, your children will not be able to attend class trips, and we do not have the staff capacity to constantly ring home to ask for consent. Please ensure that all email addresses are fully up to date.

## TOILET TRAINING SUPPORT

We recognise and understand that toilet training your child can prove a challenging time for some. As a school, we will always do our best to work with you to help with this transition. You can find lots of helpful support by visiting <https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/health-daily-care/toileting/toilet-training-guide>

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

A reminder to all families that it is important that your child attends school every day, up to and including, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, when we will break up for the Christmas holidays at 2pm. There is a staff INSET day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, so children will return to school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

