

# St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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## Weekly Attendance

Reception	81.8%
Year 1	94.2%
Year 2	90.7%
Year 3	83.4%
Year 4	92.9%
Year 5	90.3%
Year 6	93.3%

**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

Reception	Eren W
Year 1	Rocco McN
Year 2	Miley J
Year 3	Phoebe B
Year 4	Emily K
Year 5	Archie T-W
Year 6	Riley B



## Nursery

We have had a very creative week in Nursery learning all about winter and the changes in temperature. We spoke about the properties of ice and made our own ice ornaments to hang on the tree. We then predicted whether they would still be there tomorrow or would they melt. We had the best time playing in the snow with our friends, learning and understanding more about winter. Please check out my Twitter/X page to see the pictures @MissMiller\_EYFS. We have worked a lot on our gross motor skills this week, which is a crucial part of early writing, by using coloured ice paints to create some wonderful artwork. For maths, our focus has been the number 3, recognising the numeral, and being able to count out 3 objects.

## Reception

Well, the weather has certainly helped us with our learning this week! The cold, frosty start to the week inspired us to make sun-catchers with natural objects and water. We left them outside overnight and as predicted, they were frozen the next day. We hung the icy ornaments in the trees and they looked beautiful as the sun shone through the ice. On Tuesday, we talked about how the snow felt on our face and hands. Outside, we built a snowman, enjoyed sledging and had snowball fights with our friends and teachers. It was great fun experiencing a typical winter's day. In the art area, we have been mixing different shades of blue because blue is a cold colour. On Friday, we had a fabulous treat watching the pantomime during the afternoon.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Thursday: Year 4 Swimming  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Year 5 Trip - World Museum  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Parents' Evening  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February: Parents' Evening  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February: INSET Day (school closed for staff training)

## Year 1

What a busy week we've had in Year 1. In our maths lessons we have been working on telling the time using o'clock and half past. I have been so impressed with the children's knowledge! We then learned about the different things that we do at different points throughout the day. In English, we started 'Handa's Hen' and talked about how the characters felt during the story making masks to show those feelings. In R.E. we read the story of The Presentation and retold it using story pyramids while in history we studied the transport that is used in our local area. A huge thank you to those children who returned their home reading books to be changed on Friday. Please do so on Monday if you haven't done so. Have a great weekend everyone!

## Year 2

It's been a busy but exciting week in Year 2! We had lots of fun in the snow to start off the week. In maths, we have continued to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter past/ to and to the nearest five minutes. We completed some work on using time conjunctions and imperative verbs in English, linked to our class text 'Billy and the Beast'. In geography, we used atlases to locate the seven oceans of the world and labelled them on a map. In science, we learned about the life processes of living things. I was very impressed with the bible front covers children designed in R.E after learning that the bible is a special book, which is Word of God. Our week has ended with watching an amazing pantomime this afternoon. Have a lovely weekend.

### Year 3

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 3. We had a snowy start to the week and it was great to see the children in school enjoying the snow with their friends. In maths, we have continued our multiplication and division topic exploring factors and product and using the inverse to help us solve missing number equations. In English, we have started our new writing unit and will use our book 'The Queen's Nose' to help us write non chronological reports. Our new science topic 'Light' had us considering what a source of light is and pupils enjoyed looking for different sources of light and their purposes. Finally, on Friday the children enjoyed their much anticipated treat when the pantomime came to school!

### Year 4

A wonderful week of learning in Year 4. Firstly, it was delightful to see all the children enjoying the snowy weather and playing with one another safely. In English, the children have identified the features of a diary entry and created a 'toolkit' to write their own. We have started to learn more about 'Fractions' in maths; the children have really impressed me with their knowledge already. They have used their understanding of times tables to identify equivalent fractions. On Thursday, the children had an exciting afternoon as they participated in their first swimming lesson of Year 4, I can't wait to see how they progress. Finally, on Friday the children were delighted by the pantomime production. A great end to a fun and busy week of learning!

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

As we moved into our second lesson of our new topics, Year 6 worked on two-handed backhand shots, while our Year 5s learnt how to handle volleys. Years 3 and 4 focused on the fundamentals of dodgeball, learning to duck, jump and throw with accuracy. Key Stage 1 identified their dominant hand and used them to return a ball to a partner. EYFS learnt how to take off and land on two feet! Our Stars are: N - Nikola, Y1 - Isaac, Y2 - Liam, Y3 - Mikey, Y4 - Shay, Y5 - Remie, Y6 - Sofia.

### Year 5

Another wonderful week of learning in Year 5. Despite the snowy weather, it was fantastic to see the children working safely and sensibly during our very first hockey lesson of year 5. We practised dribbling and passing skills; the children demonstrated great control over the ball. In English, we have identified the features of an adventure narrative and practised writing our own chase scene and flashback. In maths, we have continued exploring fractions. We have been focusing on our times tables in our maths meetings, in order to support our ability to make equivalent fractions. In geography, we have enjoyed using atlases to identify some physical characteristics located around Asia. Finally, on Friday we enjoyed a special pantomime production. What a fantastic week!

### Year 6

In English, we have been reading Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll. We have been identifying the different techniques that she uses to describe a setting. We then applied these techniques to our own writing about a child in a city during an air-raid attack. Year 6 are absolutely fascinated by our history topic of 'Conflict and Resolution'. This week we learnt about Walter Tull, an ex-Tottenham Hotspur footballer, who became one of the first black officers in the army. It was wonderful to see so many children bring in information about their relatives who have links to both World Wars. In R.E., we learnt about the importance of books. We discussed the different books that we have read and our purpose for reading these texts. We then created a 'Code of Care' to inform others how to care for a bible.

## SAFEGUARDING

You may have heard on the news recently about the tragic death of 2 year old Bronson Battersby in Skegness. A rapid review is underway to establish the actions of services involved with the family to see if the toddler's death could have been avoided.

Whilst there are indicators that this is indeed a tragedy, it highlights the importance of services communicating effectively and home visits being carried out promptly. Please understand as a school we are passionate about the safety and welfare of our children, and their families and will continue to follow our robust procedures to do so.

## SUPPORTING PUPILS WITH SEND - ADDvanced Solutions

Through community-based groups, ADDvanced Solutions offer programmes and learning opportunities that raise awareness; develop skills; share learning experiences; and build confidence; supporting the families of neurodiverse children and young people, who may also have specific learning difficulties or associated mental health needs.

You can find out more about their upcoming programmes and workshops by visiting  
<https://www.addvancedsolutions.co.uk/our-offers/our-offer-in-liverpool.html>

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children should only come to school wearing their P.E. kit on their allocated P.E. days. We are noticing lots of children coming to school regularly wearing their kit throughout the week.

**P.E. days are as follows;**

Nursery and Reception: Friday

Year 1: Thursday and Friday

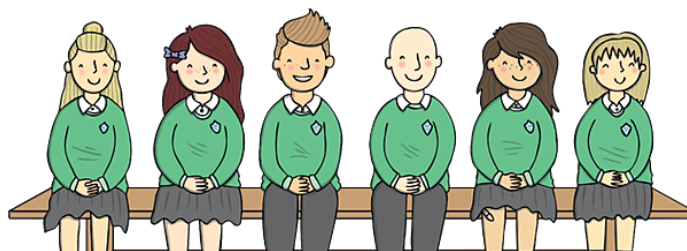
Year 2: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 3: Monday and Wednesday

Year 4: Wednesday and Thursday (swimming)

Year 5: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: Monday and Tuesday



## PANTOMIME

On Friday afternoon, we welcomed a live production team, who put on a fantastic performance of 'Aladdin' for our children. Our children enjoyed joining in with the singing and even the teachers got involved with some dancing! Their behaviour throughout was fantastic and we hope they tell you all about this special treat for all of their hard work.

## SNOW

Thank you to all those families who ensured their children attended school during our spell of snowy weather. We had the best time exploring the snow with our friends and making sure we had no lost learning time.