

St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	87.5%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	91.3%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	90.2%
Year 5	91.4%
Year 6	99.1%

**Whole
School:
92.2%**

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.



A Prayer for Lent

Loving God,

Help us to work together to share what we have so that everyone has what they need.

Help us to build a better world where each of us can become the best person we can be.

Amen



Nursery

In Nursery this week, we all went on a bear hunt! We loved reading Michael Rosen's 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and got the chance to do our own too. We went through the mud and the woods, through tunnels and over logs until we found our bears! The children used paper plates and forks to create their own bear masks with Mrs. Butterworth. In maths, the children learnt about numbers to 5 by learning songs involving counting. We sang along to '5 in the Bed', 'One Man Went to Mow' and more! For Children's Mental Health week, Nursery watched 'You Are Amazing' and we celebrated all the wonderful things about ourselves. Thank you for your understanding in relation Parents' Evening being postponed. Please log onto Arbor to rebook.

Reception

This week Reception have gone Superhero crazy! The children loved the main character in the story so much that they have drawn him, created collages of him, made puppets and made their own superhero masks. They even wrote to him in their Literacy lessons, telling him about their plans to trap Evil Pea if he ever tried to cause chaos in our school. On Tuesday, the children watched the 'You Are Amazing' livestream session as part of Children's Mental Health Week. We talked about the activities we like to do that make us feel good and learnt some strategies, such as finger breathing, that can help us when we need to calm down. A massive thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening, your support means so much.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th February: INSET Day (school closed for staff training)

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half-Term

Monday 19th February: School reopens after Half-Term

Tuesday 20th February: Bishop Tom visiting school

Friday 23rd February: Everton in the Community (All children to wear PE Kits)

Year 1

A huge thank you to those parents who came to see me this week to discuss how your child/children are doing this year. It was lovely to show off their work and to talk about their progress. We've had a busy last week. It has been 'Children's Mental Health' week and we talked a lot about how we are feeling and the ways we can make ourselves feel better.

The children really enjoyed the finger breathing technique and 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 to help regulate themselves. We have also enjoyed art this week. We studied the work of artist Orla Kiely and then made our own prints. These prints were turned into Valentine's cards for our families - we hope you enjoyed them! Over Half-Term, I will be emailing 3 more phonics videos to watch.

Year 2

What a busy week we have had! We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. It was wonderful to participate in live streams and activities linked to these events.

Children produced amazing pieces of expressive painting during our Art Week. In maths, we have explored halves, quarters and one thirds of shapes and how one-half is equivalent to two quarters. It was pleasure reading postcards children wrote linked to our English text, 'Cottonwool Colin'. In R.E, we have started our Eucharist topic, 'Thanksgiving' and children wrote about what they are thankful for and why. Thank you to all our families for attending Parents' Evening and celebrating all the amazing work children have done so far in the year.

Year 3

A fantastic and busy end to our half term in Year 3. We started the week with a livestream for Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Your Voice Matters'. Year 3 took part in some mindfulness activities that can help us when we are feeling overwhelmed, such as finger breathing and dancing. In English, we started our unit on persuasive texts. The children have studied a variety of persuasive texts and started planning their own advert inspired by our class novel. In maths, we have explored how we can derive multiplication facts and used our STEM sentence - 'If I know this...then I also know...'. In history, we learnt more about the pyramids, their purpose and how archeologists believe they were made.

Year 4

A very busy end to the half term in Year 4. The children have not stopped and their hard work has really impressed me. In English, we have discussed the thoughts and feelings of the characters in our class text and started to construct a diary entry explaining their adventure so far. I am so proud of the children's work in maths. We have continued to study fractions and learnt how to add and subtract fractions above a whole number. The children needed to use their prior knowledge of improper fractions in order to do this. In R.E. we have started our new topic 'Eucharist'. The children discussed the importance of giving and receiving and discussed the gift we received from Jesus. This is perfect preparation for those making their Holy Communion.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

We have all completed our final lessons for our topics this week and Year 5 and 6 applied their tennis skills to game scenarios! Years 3 and 4 used what they learnt about dodgeball to compete against each other in a tournament. Years 1 and 2 have used send and return skills and applied them to mini games too! Our stars for this week are: Y1 - Maria, Y2 - Harry, Y3 - Jamie, Y4 - Frankie, Y5 - Mason, Y6 - Grace.

Year 5

Another busy but fantastic week in Year 5! As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we started our week by taking part in the 'You Are Amazing' live stream session. We discussed as a class, the things that make us feel good and the things that can bring our mood down. In English, we have written the final parts to our adventure narratives; the resolution and ending, and we have now begun to publish our final pieces. In maths, we have been having so much fun calculating angles on a straight line. We have also now used our angles toolkit to draw our own triangles, calculating the angles and length of the sides accurately. Thank you to our families for a wonderful Parents' Evening; we appreciate your continued support.

Year 6

A wonderful final week of the half term! This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Throughout the week, we have taken part in a range of different livestream sessions around the theme of 'Your Voice Matters'. We discussed the different ways that we can share when we are not feeling 100%. On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day 2024. We explored changes in technology, and how we can ensure we use technology safely. We predicted the changes to technology that we expect to see in the next 20 years. In maths, we have been investigating the perimeter and area of different compound shapes. Thank you to our families for a wonderful Parents' Evening; we appreciate your continued support.

SAFEGUARDING

On Tuesday it was Safer Internet Day and classes will have spent time revisiting online safety rules. It is so important that parents do the same at home. With half term approaching, your child will likely spend more time online. Please make sure you know what they're accessing, who they are talking to and that they are not involved in cyber-bullying. Use the link below for tips to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Internet-Matters-Create-Environment-for-Kids-to-Talk-Jan-2023-2.pdf>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to those families who attended the drop-in sessions this week with Fr. Ed. Celebration dates in St Ambrose Church are as follows:

Saturday 8th June at 11am

Saturday 15th June at 11am



You should have signed up for a date during the preparation drop-in sessions this week. The Certificate Mass will take place on Thursday 27th June (with all the children) at 6.30pm.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE (OR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM

MORRISONS

Kids eat for free in Morrisons Cafes every day from 3pm when you spend over £4.50 on a adult's meal.

YO! SUSHI

Kids under 10 get a free bento box deal, plus a drink when an adult spends at least £10. Offer runs 3 - 14 April 2023.

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRE

Every day from noon, kids can eat from the Dobbies lunch or pick 'n' mix menu for free when an adult gets a main meal.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANT

Kids under 8 can eat for free at Gordon Ramsey Restaurants when an adults eats from the à la carte menu.

BILL'S

Up to two children can eat for free at Bill's from 3 - 14 April (apart from the weekend) when an adult orders a main dish.

ASDA

Free Quaker porridge for breakfast and hot drinks until 20 March 2024. Also, kids eat for £1 with no minimum spend.

PAUSA CAFÉ at DUNELM

Spend £4 and get one free choice from the Kids Menu in Pausa Cafés on Monday to Friday after 3pm.

THE REAL GREEK

Children under 12 years can have a free meal on Sundays, plus a drink and ice cream, when an adult spends over £10.

BEEFEATER

Get two free kids' breakfasts for those under 16s at Beefeater when you buy an unlimited adult breakfast.

BREWERS FAYRE

Get two free kids' breakfasts for those under 16s at Brewers Fayre when you buy an unlimited adult breakfast.

PRETO

Kids aged under 10 eat free from mid-day at Preto. Download a voucher from their site before you go.

Prezzo

Kids eat a free three-course set menu when an adult buys a main meal and presents their Meerkat app (til 25/03/24)

THANK YOU

We appreciate your ongoing support throughout the first half of the Spring Term. Enjoy the break, and we look forward to lots of new learning and adventures during the next half term!

