

St Ambrose Newsletter

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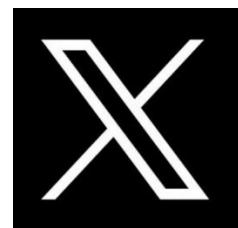


Weekly Attendance

Reception	90.5%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	90.7%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	98.5%

Whole
School:
96.3%

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.



Remember to follow us on X

Nursery: @MissMiller_EYFS

Reception: @MrsJonesYR

Year 1: @MrMacKenzieY1

Year 2: @MrsSadiqY2

Year 3: @MissOMahonyY3

Year 4: @MissScottY4

Year 5: @missstantony5

Year 6: @MrStinchcombY6

@PEatStAmbrose

@MrsHarrisDHT

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Nursery

It was lovely to welcome back all the children after the half term. This week, we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' in our NELI lessons and our words have been; **smell, chase, delicious** and **help**. Ask your child if they can remember the activity for each word. In maths, we have focused on the number 4 and sang lots of counting nursery rhymes.

We have discovered different ways to make the number 4 and we can recognise the numeral! Check out X to see all of our learning this week.

I would like to say a great big thank you to those parents and families who made it to Parents' Evening to celebrate your child's learning. Please continue to bring in book bags and read with your child at home daily. Thank you.

Reception

How lovely it has been to welcome the children back to school this week! In Literacy, we started reading our new class book 'Farmer Duck.' We are able to freeze frame the main characters' feelings and talk about the problem in the story. In maths we have been exploring addition and subtraction using practical resources and a number line. I am so impressed with how well the children work with their partner on the talk task during the lessons. We have been thinking about how to keep our teeth healthy and know four ways in which to do this. If you talk about this with your child, can they remember all four? On Friday, we really enjoyed our session working with EITC. It looks like we could have a few future lions or lionesses!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 26th February: Cross Country Race at Sefton Park

Tuesday 27th February: Year 6 trip to Western Approaches

Wednesday 28th February: Final Ski Meeting 3:30pm

Thursday 29th February: Y4 swimming continues

Friday 1st March: Lent fundraiser EYFS

Sunday 3rd March to Sunday 10th March: Ski Course Bormio Italy

Year 1

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school this week and what a fantastic week of learning we've enjoyed together. In our R.E. lessons this week, we listened to the story of Jesus calling his first disciples and made boats to show how we will follow him. It was great to see some of the boats sailing at home! We loved our sessions with

Everton in the Community on Friday and in our PSHE work we talked about looking after our money and how important this is. In maths, we used tens and ones to order 2-digit numbers and in English we started our new story 'Slow Samson'. Remember to log onto your Arbor app to access 3 phonics activities each week to strengthen the work we are doing in school. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Year 2

It has been a busy but a really exciting week and it has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the half term break. The children were delighted with Bishop Tom's visit earlier in the week and enjoyed learning about his role and how he supports the community. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting using the 'making ten' strategy and using number lines. The children are really enjoying our new English text 'The Bear and the Piano' by David Litchfield. I was impressed with children's reasoning about the choices that Bear had to make. In science, we have made a wormery to investigate how underground habitats meet the basic needs of earthworms. On Friday, Everton in the Community visited our school and we had great fun!

Year 3

We have had a busy week back in Year 3. I have been so impressed with the resilience shown by the children. They have adapted to their new temporary classroom wonderfully and are embracing the change. In English, we completed our adverts and presented them to the rest of the class. Year 3 have impressive persuasive skills. We continued to explore multiplication in maths and have started using a written method to multiply 2 2 digit numbers. In history, our study of Ancient Egypt continued as we learnt how society was structured. This led to an interesting conversation about what job we would have if we were Ancient Egyptians. On Friday, we enjoyed some exciting workshops with Everton in the Community.

Year 4

This week, the children have really impressed me with their progress and determination for learning. In English, we have written a description of a journey whilst using fronted adverbials and an embedded clause to add extra detail. We continued to explore fractions in maths, and the children used their knowledge to solve one-step word problems comparing non-unit fractions. In geography, the children have researched the lifestyles of Amazon tribespeople and explained how our lives compare to life in the Amazon jungle. In R.E., we discussed the importance of the Introductory Rite and how this contributes to Mass. Finally, on Friday we enjoyed some exciting workshops with Everton in the Community, encouraging better mental health.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

We all started our new topics in P.E. this week. Year 1 are learning attack, defend and shoot game skills and Year 2 are working on their second unit of dance. All of Key Stage 2 are working at different levels of athletics. The skills they are learning involve running, jumping and throwing! Our stars for this week are: Y1 - Molly, Y2 - Daisy, Y3 - Isla, Y4 - Carter, Y5 - Spencer, Y6 - Kornel.

Year 5

What a wonderful week back for Year 5! In English, the children have completed their adventure narratives. I have been so impressed this week, with how well the children have taken responsibility for editing and proof reading their writing, before publishing their final pieces. In maths, we have started our new topic 'Fractions and Percentages'. We have been converting mixed number fractions into improper fractions and improper fractions into mixed numbers. In science, we have discussed the process of filtration in order to separate a mixture. In geography, we have continued our topic 'Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes.' We have explored how different natural landforms are formed at various plate boundaries. Have a great weekend.

Year 6

This week we had something exciting waiting for us after the half term: our new classroom! We are all so pleased with how it looks. In maths, we explored the volume of different 3D shapes. We then looked at what the ideal dimensions would be for a box of chocolates! On Tuesday, we were visited by Bishop Tom Williams. We asked him all about his different roles, how he became a bishop and even his interests outside of the church. On Friday, we ended the week with two very special sessions with Everton in the Community. We learnt all about our mental health, and how exercise not only keeps us physically fit, but also supports our mental well-being. Have a wonderful weekend everybody!

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

As you can see from the outside of the building, our school improvements are well underway. Phase 1 has been completed, which included Year 6 receiving new LED lighting, interior painting and new flooring. Work will continue over the next couple of months and we will keep you informed of any changes to entrances/ exits. Thank you for your understanding whilst our school building receives vital improvements.

BISHOP TOM WILLIAMS

On Tuesday, Bishop Tom Williams visited our school. He met with all the children and answered a wide variety of questions. During his visit, he spent some time with our Junior Leadership Team and blessed our new Nativity which was displayed in school during Advent.

SAFEGUARDING

This week we have celebrated several classes having 100% and want to see this continue! School is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health. As a parent, it can be difficult to know when to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell or are mildly anxious, but finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children, and there is support and information available to help you make the best decision for your child. See the link below for lots of information and advice about school attendance:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/improving-school-attendance/>

FOUL LANGUAGE/ EXPLETIVES

Since returning from school, we have heard a lot of children using expletives (swearing) and foul language. This is not tolerated at St Ambrose and it will be dealt with in line with our relationships and behaviour policy. When we talk to the children about using such language, they often tell us that their mum or dad swear. We appreciate that the odd word may slip out but please make every effort not to do this in front of your children. There are thousands of other words in the dictionary that they could be learning!

WORLD BOOK DAY: THURSDAY 7th MARCH

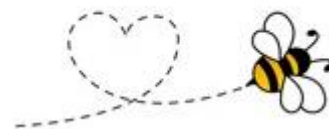
This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 7th March**. The theme for this year's celebration is: 'Get Comfy and Read'.

To help us to celebrate, we'd love it for children to come to school wearing clothes that they feel comfortable in. Throughout the day, each class will have a jam-packed day full of amazing reading activities. Each child will be bringing home a

World Book Day token, which can be used to redeem an official World Book Day 2024 book.



St Ambrose Bee Award



Congratulations to the following children who all received a 'St Ambrose Bee' and card for demonstrating such wonderful school values during the spring first half-term. We are extremely proud of you.

Nursery: Thea D and Casey K

Reception: Amyra S and Oliver A

Year 1: Alysha H and Lennon W

Year 2: Mylie J and Harry T

Year 3: Brylee-Mae E and Summer H

Year 4: Madison M and Luca J

Year 5: Angelmaria J and Frankie R

Year 6: Thomas B and Darcy-May J

Well done!

Keep up the great work

during the rest of the Spring Term.

