

St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	92.9%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	92.6%
Year 4	93.6%
Year 5	94.6%
Year 6	97.9%

**Whole
School:
95.7%**

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 Casey K

Reception Lucas R

Year 1 Henry R

Year 2 Aoife L

Year 3 Deacon M

Year 4 Lucas E

Year 5 Skyler M

Year 6 Darcy J



Nursery

What a wonderful week we have had in Nursery! In R.E., we spoke about how Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert. We thought about what he gave up and how he must have felt being all alone. In maths, we used a number stick to count forwards and backwards up to 5. Miss Miller hid a number and the children then had to work out which number had been taken away. On Thursday, it was World Book Day, and our theme was 'get comfy and read'. We came to school in our pyjamas and comfortable clothes. It was great to buddie up with the Year 5 children and visit our school library, where we read lots of different story books together. Mrs Butterworth finished our session by reading everyone a story.

Reception

Reception have had a very busy week. In maths, we have been learning how to group and share amounts, recognising if they are equal or not. We completed many independent challenges that required lots of skill and concentration. For our yellow star challenge, we had to select a numbered plate and attach the correct amount of pegs to match the numeral; this also really helps with our fine motor skills for when we come to do our writing. Thursday was World Book Day and we took part in lots of different activities throughout the day. Our favourite, was visiting the school library with the Year 6 children. We drew a picture of the front cover of our favorite book and made bookmarks to take home and use in our home reading books.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 13th March: Year 2 Educational Visit to Chester Zoo

Friday 15th March: Year 3/4 Lent Fundraiser

Friday 15th March: Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am

Tuesday 19th March: Nursery and Reception - Acorn Farm Animobile Visiting School

Friday 22nd March: Year 5/6 Lent Fundraiser

Year 1

We've moved! I have been so impressed with how the children have settled into our temporary home, and continued to try their best in all lessons. In history, we learned about how air travel has changed through time from hot air balloons to spacecraft! We found the difference by counting through 10 in maths and enjoyed 'The Slightly Annoying Elephant' in English - even asking Sam and the elephant some searching questions! World Book Day on Thursday was a huge success in Year 1. We enjoyed reading with our buddies from Year 3 and also designing crowns containing clues about our favourite books. We ended a busy week by raising money for Asylum Liverpool with a movie night to with Year 2. Have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

We have had a fantastic week in Year 2! Thank you for your donations for our Lent Fundraising: our Movie Night was a big hit! We have started our maths topic on 'money'. The children have been looking at the value of different coins and notes, as well as comparing them. In English, we planned and wrote letters from the perspective of the Bear from our class text 'The Bear and the Piano'. In geography, we have learned about Asia and its famous landmarks. We had great fun in science exploring the food chain and learning about how living things depend on each other. A reminder about our Chester Zoo trip next Wednesday. Please ensure you have given consent and made the required payment on Arbor.

Year 3

Year 3 have had a wonderful week back in our new and improved classroom. In English, we have planned our own fairytales with a twist, and are very excited to begin writing them next week. In maths, we have continued our work on division and have applied our new learning to a range of problem solving tasks. In history, we learnt about different important Ancient Egyptian gods. As a class, we had to consider which god we would worship if we were Ancient Egyptians. World Book day was a huge success! It was lovely to see children bring in their favourite books and share them with our class. We enjoyed taking part in a quiz over Zoom hosted by The Book Trust and buddied up with Year 1 in the afternoon to read.

Year 4

Year 4 have had another jam-packed week of learning and continue to amaze me with their progress. In maths, we have begun to consider the role of decimals and when we might use them in everyday life. We have also used our knowledge of fractions to order and compare decimals. In English, we have started to gather ideas to write our own narrative, focusing on the importance of specific vocabulary that grips the reader. We analysed the vocabulary choices made by Katherine Rundell in 'The Explorer', and maggied phrases for our own writing. Finally, thank you to all parents for ensuring the children were 'comfy to read' for World Book Day. We loved spending time in our library and celebrating our love of reading.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

Continuing on with our topics this term, Key Stage 2 have been looking at jumping and throwing events in athletics this week. Using techniques like a heave throw and a triple-jump run up! Year 2 have added some steps to their dance around the clock and Year 1 learnt how to position themselves in attack, defend and shoot games! Our stars for this week are: Y1 - Vincent, Y2 - Karel, Y3 - Summer, Y4 - Kyle, Y5 - Kevin, Y6 - Dean.

Year 5

What a busy, but fantastic week! On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day! We created a title and designed our own book cover for our adventure narratives, which we have recently written. We buddied up with the pupils in Nursery and shared stories in our school library. This year, Year 5 have been asked as part of the 'Young Writers Programme', to create their own mythical monster and write a short story about their creature. We are so excited to enter our final pieces into the competition. In our English lessons, we have been writing up our biographies about inspirational explorers. In maths, we have been converting percentages into fractions in order to solve word problems. Have a lovely weekend everybody!

Year 6

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day! This year was extra special, as we are part of a very special initiative courtesy of the National Literacy Trust called the 'Young Readers Programme'. As part of the project, each child selected and received their own reading for pleasure book! We buddied up with the pupils in Reception and shared stories in our school library. In our reading lessons, we have been continuing our SATs preparation. We have been looking at the keywords in questions and using 'skim and scan' to quickly locate the answer in a passage. In maths, we have been learning about 'KFC' and how to use keep, flip and change to divide fractions. Have a wonderful weekend everybody!

SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

There is a wealth of information on our school website under the category *Mental Health and Wellbeing* for parents to access with advice and links to further resources for:

- Mental Health
- Finances
- Supporting children with additional needs
- Social media and gaming

SEND SUPPORT

Caudwell Children is a charity that aims to support families of children with SEND. They can support with a variety of physical equipment, including sensory support. Specialist sensory equipment can provide a wealth of occupational therapy, sensory and emotional regulation for children with a wide range of disabilities and neurodivergent conditions. Find out more at

<https://www.caudwellchildren.com/changing-lives/how-we-can-help/equipment/>

LIVERPOOL PRIMARY SKI COURSE

This week, 16 children from across Years 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in the Liverpool Primary Ski Course in Bormio, Italy. Throughout the week, these children have worked extremely hard to develop not only their skiing skills, but also their independence and resilience. We are sure they are all extremely tired but excited to return and tell us all about their adventures. We would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to Mrs. Moorcroft and Mrs. Jones for their dedication to ensuring those children made memories to last a lifetime, and to their parents and families for trusting us to take care of such precious cargo.

