

# St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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## Golden Book

### Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who all received a golden certificate this week

Reception Corey O'H

Year 1 Maria P

Year 2 Indy H

Year 3 Lena S

Year 4 Luca J

Year 5 Franzio B

Year 6 Mac S



## Weekly Attendance

Reception	88.6%
Year 1	92.0%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	81.7%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	97.0%

**Whole  
School:  
93.4%**

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.



## Nursery

We have had an amazing time this week in Nursery. We were so lucky to be visited by Acorn Farm! They brought along some friendly animals for us to meet, including Kid the goat and Dotty the chicken. We have learnt about where our food comes from, naming different ways of growing fruits and vegetables and which animals we'd like to raise.

On Friday, we got to try hot-cross buns as part of our learning about Easter. Maths this week has been all about things that are short and tall, comparing objects of different lengths and using the correct language to talk about if they are "tall" or "short." We would also like to thank all of the parents and families who donated an Easter egg for our own clothes day. This will help us in our Lenten fundraisers.

## Reception

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Reception! Tuesday morning was very exciting, with a visit from farmers Marie and Craig and some of the animals they look after at Acorn Farm. We got to meet Dotty and Holly the chickens, Starsky the rabbit, Bea the sheep and some of us were super brave letting Remy the rat crawl on our shoulders! We've discussed where food comes from and after initially thinking chips come from McDonald's, we now know that chips are made from potatoes. In R.E. we heard the story of Palm Sunday and made Palm Sunday handprints to add to our display. We also heard about the significance of hot cross buns, sang the nursery rhyme and shared them together as snack on Friday.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Final Cross Country race of the season

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - School Council Poster competition deadline

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 Trip: Catalyst Museum

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Years 3 and 4 Chess in School Taster Day

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Service 2pm in Church, families welcome

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School closes for Easter at 2pm

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - School reopens for Summer Term

## Year 1

What a busy week we have had! It has been lovely to return to our classroom and the children have settled back into familiar surroundings extremely quickly. In our R.E. lessons this week, we listened to the story of Palm Sunday and made palm leaves welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem. In maths, we worked on finding half of objects, shapes and numbers and confidently used mathematical vocabulary, such as, unequal and equal. We wrote instructions to help look after a pet elephant in English, and I am very impressed with the concentration and presentation shown. Can you please return the children's reading books this week so that they can be changed on the first Monday back. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

## Year 2

A really busy week in Year 2! In maths, we have started our topic on 'Shapes'. We have learned about and identified vertices, right angles and symmetry in 2-d shapes. In English, we have sequenced events from our class text 'The Lion Inside', and explored the feelings of the mouse before and after meeting the lion. It was great fun in geography learning about Antarctica, and why some places of the Earth are hot and some cold. In science, we created two different food chains for a woodland habitat and described what has changed and stayed the same in our local habitat. Thank you for your kind donations of Easter eggs towards our ongoing Lent fundraising for our local charity, Asylum Link Merseyside. We are extremely grateful.

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week of learning. In maths, we have continued learning about time, exploring digital time and time intervals. We have continued to look at the features of a fairy tale. This week, we have looked at the key features in the build-up and problem of our story. On Friday we completed a shared write and we will be well prepared to start our own writing on Monday. In R.E we learnt about the Communion Rite and linked this back to our knowledge of The Last Supper when Jesus broke and shared the bread with his disciples.

On Thursday we were thrilled to welcome our parents and families to watch our Easter concert. The children love their singing lessons and were so proud to share their progress.

### Year 4

What an amazing, jam-packed week of learning we have had. We have continued to look at the features of an adventure narrative, and created our own setting descriptions using the image of a damp cave.

In maths, the children have wowed me with their understanding of decimals. They are now able to add and subtract decimals through the use of known facts. As we continue to push towards the Y4 Multiplication Check we are working on our times table fluency daily. Please continue to also do this at home. We had such an exciting day on Friday, as we went on our class trip to Southport EcoCentre to learn more about the Amazon Rainforest and the impact this has on climate change. Also, a thank you to all who were able to attend the Easter Concert.

### P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

In P.E. this week, Key Stage 2 have focused on running. They tried running on a curve and spent some time passing batons too! Reception were inspired to create moves based on different modes of transport for their dance lesson. Next week will be our final lessons on these topics before we start some summer sports.

Our stars for this week are: R - Sadie, Y3 - Frankie, Y4 - Garly, Y5 - Aibel, Y6 - Grace.

### Year 5

We have had a fantastic week in Year 5. In English, we have explored various inspirational speeches, before identifying the features and structure of an effective speech to persuade. In maths, we have used both positive and negative coordinates in order to plot vertices onto a quadrant, before translating various shapes around the grids. In R.E., we have started our new topic 'Giving'. We discussed the key dates of the Lenten calendar, before creating our very own. On Friday, along with Year 6, we completed our Upper Key Stage 2 Lent fundraiser. We are very grateful for the Easter egg donations and your continued support. A huge thank you, to all who were able to attend our Easter Concert. We hope you enjoyed our singing.

### Year 6

On Wednesday, we were very fortunate to attend a workshop at Anfield to learn about the Hillsborough disaster and the importance of social justice. It was an extremely moving session during which we heard from people who were present at the time. On Thursday, members from our Junior Leadership Team attended Notre Dame to represent our school as part of the St Joseph's Easter Liturgy. They recorded a range of videos which will be used during Holy Week. In English, we have started our new class novel: 'Windrush Child'. We have loved learning about what life was like for the windrush generation as they arrived in Britain. Thank you to everybody who attended our Easter Concert and donated an Easter egg on Friday as we continue to raise money for Asylum Link Merseyside.

## SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

YPAS are holding their next Parent Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 10am-12pm, in the South Hub. This is a free and open access event where parents can drop in and speak to YPAS staff about the support they offer. Tickets can be reserved via the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-access-coffee-morning-tickets-705980445517?aff=oddttdtcreator>

## SUMMER UNIFORM

When we return after our Easter break, the children should wear their summer uniform:



### Girls (Reception to Year 6):

Green checked gingham dress

Green cardigan with school badge

White socks

Black sensible shoes/ sandals (not trainers nor 'jelly' type shoes)

### Boys (Reception to Year 6):

White polo shirt with school badge.

Green jumper with school badge

Grey shorts/ trousers

Black sensible shoes (not trainers)

### Nursery (girls and boys):

Green P.E. shorts with school badge

Green P.E. top with school badge

## KS2 EASTER CONCERT

Our children have worked extremely hard during their music lessons throughout the Spring Term, and we are very grateful to Mr Watson for his dedication and commitment to singing in our school. Thank you to those families who were able to attend our Easter Concert and made donations towards Asylum Link Liverpool. We raised a total of £81.

## EASTER SERVICE

We welcome all families to join us in *St Ambrose church* at 2pm on *Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March* for our Easter Service. We ask that when celebrating together in church, you model and uphold our school rules: Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Respectful. Children will be dismissed from church at the end of the service or can be collected from school at 3:15pm.

## CHESS IN SCHOOLS

After Easter, Y3 and Y4 will be learning to play chess. On Tuesday next week, there will be a tester session during school time and then following on from this, an opportunity to play chess after school.