

St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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Wishing you all a wonderful Easter.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 15th April 2024.



Weekly Attendance

Reception	92.3%
Year 1	90.8%
Year 2	93.3%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	87.5%
Year 5	90.5%
Year 6	88.9%

**Whole
School:
90.2%**

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.



Christ the Lord is risen
And, as all the world rejoices,
Singing of His glory
With such joyful hearts and voices,
May you find that Easter brings you
Peace and faith and hope anew,
And may these blessings fill your heart
With joy the whole year through.

Flappy Easter



Nursery

In Nursery, we have been learning all about Easter and the story of Holy Week. Children listened to Jesus' journey throughout the week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. In maths, we continued to focus on comparing long and short objects, and talking about things we already know are long or short. We also got to make our own chocolate flake cakes! We made and decorated our own Easter Bunny baskets and then Mrs. Butterworth helped us to mix and make our cakes to pop inside them. We made paintings using a new technique - dabbing and dots - to paint blossom trees, and, of course, we made wonderful Easter cards to bring home to our families! Have a wonderful break together and we can't wait to see you soon!

Reception

What a lovely last week of term we have had together! We listened to the story of Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday finishing with the good news that Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday. On Tuesday, we watched a very moving passion play performed by the Bible Tales company. The children were so respectful during the play, and were able to recall the whole story afterwards. We made handprint palms to wave in church during the beautiful Easter service on Wednesday. We have also been very creative this week, making printed chick cards, creating and decorating baskets and baking Rice Krispie cakes to bring home in our baskets. We hope you enjoy your Easter break and that the Easter Bunny visits everyone!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th April - School reopens for Summer Term

Monday 15th April - Chess in Schools (Yr3 and Yr4)

Thursday 18th April - Cross Country (Final Race)

Friday 19th April - Mission Club Trip to the Bible Exhibition

Wednesday 24th - Friday 25th April - Yr4 Residential to Condover Hall Activity Centre

Year 1

What an exciting week we've had to finish off the term. We've learnt how to join fabric in D.T. as we get ready to make puppets after Easter. In R.E. we listened to the story of Jesus in the temple and talked about what his message was. We found quarters of shapes in maths and in phonics we have really been practising speeding up our word reading. The highlight of our week was undoubtedly our visit to the Catalyst Science museum on Tuesday. The children loved finding out how we can look after God's wonderful world and also carried out independent investigations using circuits, solar energy and wind power amongst other things. Thank you for your help and support this term, and I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter.

Year 2

I am so proud of all the hard work, and behaviour for learning that the children have displayed this term. This week in maths, we have explored the properties of 3D shapes using vocabulary including; vertices, edges and faces. In English, we have planned and written a character description of the mouse linked to our class text 'The Lion Inside'. We had great fun designing and making our fire vehicles in D.T. linked to our previous history topic 'The Great Fire of London'. We explored using axles and wheels to make our fire vehicles move. In music, we have appraised and learned how to sing 'The Friendship Song' by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely Easter break.

Year 3

Year 3 have finished the Spring Term on a fantastic high. In English, we finished writing our own modern fairytales. The children have spent the past 4 weeks analysing and drafting their own work and are very proud of their finished pieces. In maths, we have finished our unit on 'time'. We have worked hard calculating intervals of time. We finished our 'Ancient Egyptian' history topic by completing our enquiry question 'how do we know about Ancient Egypt?' On Tuesday, we watched 'Bible Tales' in their production about Jesus' life and the Easter story. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Easter Service in church on Wednesday; it was lovely to celebrate as a community. Have a lovely Easter everyone.

Year 4

As always, an extremely busy end of term for Year 4. The children loved finishing our class text: 'The Explorer', finding out what happened to the four stranded children. They used their knowledge of the novel to write their own version of a shipwreck narrative. As we continue to study decimal numbers, the children used their learning to convert fractions and decimals by drawing clear representations. In R.E, we have reflected upon our Lenten journey, discussing all the examples of 'giving' that have taken place during this time. The children also loved watching 'Bible Tales' in their production about Jesus' life and the Easter story on Tuesday afternoon. Have a lovely Easter and thank you for your support this term.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

All of our spring P.E. topics are now finished! Key Stage 2 will be moving on from athletics, with Years 5 and 6 starting dodgeball; Year 4 onto hockey and Year 3 to basketball. Year 2 completed their dance routines and will be moving onto attack, defend and shoot games whilst Year 1 will be learning new skills in gymnastics. Finally, EYFS will begin learning about speed, agility and travel! We're looking forward to getting started when we return after Easter!

Year 5

What a fantastic, short week to end our Spring Term! Year 5 have worked so hard this term, I am really proud of all of the children. In English, we have finished writing our persuasive speeches this week and I cannot believe how many writers' techniques the children have included. In maths, we have finished our topic of transformations and revisited any areas we felt, would benefit us for revision. In geography, we completed our end of unit enquiry question through a piece of detailed writing, showcasing all of our knowledge and understanding in which we have learned throughout this unit. In science, we completed our topic and revisited some parts of the unit. Have a lovely Easter break. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6

We have had a wonderful final week to the Spring Term. In maths, we used protractors to create pie charts to represent information. We used the pie charts to compare 'segments' and analyse collected data. In R.E., we continued our Holy Week preparations. We gathered, as a school, to watch our Trust Holy Week Liturgy - which children from our class were a part of. Thank you to everybody who was able to join us on Thursday for our Easter service. The children have made so much progress this half term as we continue preparing for our SATs in May. Thank you for all of your continued support, as it plays such an important role in your child's education. Have a wonderful Easter break and take time to recharge and make memories.

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

SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

Let's hope during the school holidays we have better weather so the children can get outdoors and play! With the clocks going back on 31st March it is even more important to reinforce road safety messages with your children as they will likely spend more time outside. Click on the link for more information: https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_road-safety

BIBLE TALES

We welcomed The B Tales into school on Tuesday to bring the Easter story to life. The whole school were taken on the journey from Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to Calvary where Jesus died, and then on to the empty tomb when he rose from the dead. Staff and children were engrossed and have been talking about it ever since. We will certainly be inviting them back into our school again in the future.



HAPPY EASTER

Wishing our wonderful children and their families a fantastic Easter break. May it be a time well spent with family and friends, enjoying all the blessings Easter brings and lots of chocolate! Thank you for the love and support shown so far this school year. We look forward to seeing you all for Summer Term on Monday 15th April.

