

St Ambrose Newsletter

With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow

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Weekly Attendance

Reception	91.9%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	88.3%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	96.7%
Year 6	99.3%

**Whole
School:
95.1%**

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	Thomas C
Reception	Ava-Leigh H
Year 1	Ezrah D
Year 2	Oliver J
Year 3	Maja S
Year 4	Freddie P
Year 5	Sophia G
Year 6	Kornel J



Nursery

It has been so lovely to welcome our wonderful children back to school after the Easter break! This week, we planted sunflower seeds and over the next few weeks and months we will be watching them grow. This will help us understand a bit more about our school mission 'With Jesus, we plant the seeds of tomorrow'. As our flowers grow, we can talk about how we are growing to be more like Jesus. In maths this week, we have been exploring how scales work. We have been testing the weight of different items from around our classroom. Our focus words have been **heavier** and **lighter**, and we are now brilliant at recognising which ones are which! Have a look at home for things that are heavy and light.

Reception

What a busy first week we have had back in school after the Easter break! This half term we will explore the world of plants, from super seeds to colourful flowers and amazing leaves. After reading our new book 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton, we planted sunflower seeds and learned a song to help us remember the five needs of a plant. After singing it a few times we realised that our needs are very similar to plants; we also need water, air, space and light to live but we weren't sure about the soil - although I'm sure some of the parents may disagree when they see us come home after a busy day of learning! In maths, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and recognising making patterns.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22nd April: Chess in School for Yr3 and Yr4

Wednesday 24th April - Friday 26th April: Year 4 Residential to Condoover Hall

Friday 26th April: Choir to sing with the Cathedral Choir at 6.30pm at St Ambrose

Monday 6th May: BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May: Year 6 SATs

Year 1

How lovely to see everyone back following the Easter break. The children all look so smart in their summer uniform - thank you! We have been very fortunate to welcome Miss Cox back into class this week and the children have loved their lessons with her. Our new English text is 'Mog the Forgetful Cat'. The children investigated the different feelings that the characters had in the tale and began to discuss how the settings in the story are described. In maths, we have learned about length, measuring objects in our classroom using cubes, paperclips and then metre rulers. In geography we started 'The UK' topic and can name the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. I
Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Year 2

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the Easter break. In maths, we have explored rotating images through quarter, half, three-quarter and whole turns in clockwise and anti-clockwise directions. We have started our new English text 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' by Janet Burroway. Children have made predictions and used drama to understand the story and sequence events. In our new science topic 'Protecting the Environment', we explained the dangers to our local environment and the animals in it. We discussed what makes someone significant in our new history topic 'People Who Made a Difference' and learned about Marcus Rashford's campaign to end child poverty in the UK. Have a lovely weekend.

Year 3

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have all returned ready to learn for their final term of Year 3. In English, we have started our new class text 'The Wild Robot' by Peter Brown. We have been analysing the text and actions of the main character ready to write an imaginary recount. In maths, we have started our fractions topic and have revisited some of our learning from Year 2. We considered our climate as part of our new geography topic 'Climate and Climate Zones'. On Monday, our chess lessons with Mr Steele began followed by Chess Club after school; it was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children were. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Year 4

An amazing first week back to school, the children have all grown so much and are definitely prepared for their final term of Year 4. We have started reading our new class text 'The Boy at the Back of the Class', by Onjali Q. Rauf. The children have been extremely interested in the story of a refugee child moving to England, facing the challenges of a new school. In maths, we have continued to explore decimals by multiplying and dividing by 100. The children used this knowledge to solve one-step problems and inverse calculations. We have also practised our Times Table skills daily in preparation for the MTC. In R.E. we started a new topic 'Pentecost', reflecting on what is meant by 'new life' and how this links to our own lives.

P.E. AT ST AMBROSE

The summer topics for our first half-term began this week, starting with dodgeball for Year 5 and Year 6. Year 4 are learning hockey skills and Year 3 are working on basketball. Year 2 are onto their second unit of attack, defend and shoot games while Year 1 have returned to gymnastics!

Reception will be working on speed, agility and travel! Our stars for our first week are:

Y1 - Montana, Y2 - Indy, Y3 - Isla, Y4 - Kyle, Y5 - Alfie, Y6 - Mac.

Year 5

What a fantastic week to start our Summer Term! In English, we have started our new text 'The Closest Thing to Flying' by Gill Lewis, and so far we are really enjoying the writer's shift in time periods from past (Victorian period) to the present day. We have explored the features of epistolary narratives, as well as identifying the writer's techniques and the impact they have on the reader. In maths, we have been converting from metres to kilometres, in order to solve word problems. This half term, we are focusing on Baghdad and the Middle East in history and discussed how and why Baghdad was built. We highlighted those countries on the map, which were part of the Islam expansion.

Year 6

Year 6 have made a wonderful return to school. Our class attendance has been 100% for four out of five days this week! Well done to everybody for being in to continue our learning. In maths, we have been revisiting problems involving the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We have applied our arithmetic skills to questions that are in the same style to the '2 mark' questions that we will answer during our SATs. It has been amazing to see how much all pupils have grown in confidence this year during maths lessons. This week we achieved our highest class averages on our reading; Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar; and our arithmetic tests.

Keep up the amazing work!

WELCOME BACK

It was great to see everyone back to school on Monday looking rested and recharged, all ready for a busy Summer Term. We spoke in assembly about how we can make the most of the days and weeks ahead, and would really welcome your support in this.

We have asked the children to...

- Be in school on time EVERY day.
- Read every day.
- Take pride in wearing the correct school uniform.
- Try your best in everything that you do.
- Complete your homework.
- Be a good friend.
- Plant the seeds of tomorrow!



SAFEGUARDING/MENTAL HEALTH

The best way to support your child's education is to make sure they attend punctually each and every day. Odd days off here and there really do add up and will put your child at a disadvantage. Please remember holidays during term time cannot be authorised and will result in an automatic penalty from the local authority. Give your child the best possible start and get them in every day!

SCHOOL CHOIR

Next Friday our wonderful school choir have an amazing opportunity to perform with the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir at St Ambrose Church, beginning at 6.30pm. Mr Watson and the children have been preparing for this concert for weeks and are excited to show their talents to our whole community. All families are welcome and it would be great to see lots of support for our children.



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Friday 26 April
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RESIDENTIALS

KS2 are looking forward to their upcoming residential during the Summer Term. Thank you to those families who have made payments on time. Unfortunately, children whose parents/carers have not made payments will be unable to attend. If you would like to set up a payment plan, please call into the office and we can support you with this.

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 second half-term. We are extremely proud of you.

Reception: Castin C and Myla C

Year 1: Rocco Mc and Andrea G

Year 2: Alisa G and Dolcie B-Mc

Year 3: Deacon M and Lena S

Year 4: Maddie B and Mark H

Year 5: Jessica M and Adam P

Year 6: Mac S and Iyla-Jai H

Well done!

Keep up the great work
during the rest of the Summer Term.

