



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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I hope that everyone had a lovely bank holiday weekend and were able to spend more quality time with family and friends. We have now completed three weeks of the summer term. Next week the Year 6 will be sitting their SAT's and I know that they have been working hard all year and will achieve great things.

### Thought of the Week

Every part of a school is important, governors, heads, teachers, support staff, admin staff, kitchen staff, MDAs, site maintenance staff, children, parents and volunteers helping out in school. Each one of these 'parts' creates a unique and amazing 'body' of a school. Each part playing an important role in school life to ensure that its children have the best education possible, academically, spiritually, morally and socially, so they flourish as important and integral parts of society. By working together, they make a huge difference and no more so than in these difficult times when school life is so different and children's needs are so much more. Every person involved with a school makes a difference and should be celebrated for the contribution they make, as Paul says 'if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it'.



### Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess' Class** – Ruby Dodd  
**Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class** – Erin Sanderson  
**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** – Eve Ahmad  
**Mr Davies' Class** – Louie Elliott  
**Miss Morris's Class** – Matty Jones  
**Mr Blenkiron's Class** – Ethan Hughes  
**Mrs Bird's Class** – Millie Cronshey  
You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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### The 5 'R's

As a school we are concentrating on the 5 'R's – **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn**. These are the children who have shown such qualities this week:

**Resilience:** Tay Leonard; Brodie Cowden

**Reflectiveness:** Brodie Cowden (showing both qualities)

**Responsibility:** Isla Bonell; Bess Simon

**Resourcefulness:** Ethan Hughes

**Readiness to Learn:** Tommy Roberts

### School

**Amethyst:** In Amethyst Class this week, we finished the story 'Silly Doggy' by Adam Stower. We also read 'There's a Tiger in the Garden' by Lizzie Stewart. We wrote sentences with capital letters and full stops and made invitations to a jungle tea party. In maths, we focused on ordinality and considered where numbers to 20 are in relation to each other. We used number tracks to play games that encouraged the children to compare numbers that are far apart, near and next to each other. On Thursday, we enjoyed singing songs and sharing our learning and with our families in our class assembly.

**Sapphire:** This week in Sapphire Class we had a great time at Fordhall Farm. The children loved searching for worms in the soil, feeding the pigs and cows, petting the lambs, searching for hen eggs and having a picnic in the sunshine! In maths we have been sharing to make equal groups. In English we have started to read one of our books for this term 'Toys in Space'.

**Pearl:** This week Pearl class have been learning about the parts of a flower. We dissected flowers to look in detail at the different parts and then discussed what the different parts are for. In Maths we have been learning how to divide by 5 and we have been practising our 5 and 10 times tables. In fractions we have been learning how to recognise and find a quarter. In English we have been learning how to use the progressive tense and we completed a 'define the space' role play activity where we went under our tables in the dark to imagine what it would be like to be toys under floorboards!

**Amber:** This week has been very eventful in Amber Class. In our writing, we have been looking at Journey and writing a letter from the perspective of the girl to her family explaining why she is fed up of being ignored! We have completed our work on fractions in Maths and in History, we have been writing like the Ancient Egyptians! We have decorated papyrus bookmarks and have written longer pieces all on display in our classroom. We also used our new Virtual Reality headsets to visit Ancient Egypt! We looked at various Egyptian artefacts as well as different views of the Great Pyramids of Giza. We also took a tour through an Egyptian temple! When we got back from our travels to Egypt, we have started to prepare a newspaper report explaining our travels.

**Emerald:** This week, year four have been converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. They have also been looking at equivalent fractions. In English, the children have edited setting descriptions, worked on using alternative nouns and using a variety of nouns and pronouns in their writing. The class studied food chains in Science and discovered the location on Ancient Greece in Geography. In RE, the class investigated how religious believers might respond to world poverty.

**Ruby:** This week in Maths, the children have begun a new unit on perimeter and area, and have learned to calculate the perimeter of rectangles, rectilinear shapes and other polygons. In English, we have played a game of Pointless, where the children tried to come up with the most unique and interesting vocabulary about a





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polluted lake. They have begun to plan a letter to the council all about it. In Geography, we looked at old maps of the Audlem and Nantwich area from the 16th and 19th centuries and discussed the historical and modern relevance of the Shropshire Union Canal. The children also enjoyed playing a number of online games all about waterside safety from the Canal and River Trust.

**Diamond:** This week, Year 6 have been working hard revising for the SATs next week. They have been looking at how to measure angles, volume, triangles and all sorts of shapes as well as practising with percentages. They have enjoyed playing cricket matches in PE and have been enjoying some extra brain breaks outside in the fine weather. They are ready for an intense week ahead, but are more looking forward to their breakfast club each day! Good luck, Year 6!

### Coronation Celebration Events – Today

Everyone in school is wearing an impressive display of patriotic outfits ready for the Coronation Picnic today. Thank you for your help with this. We are hoping that the weather allows the Friends of Audlem School Coronation Cream Tea to be held outside. We would also like to thank Mr Jones, our site manager, for the wonderful display of bunting around school. Every child will receive a commemorative bookmark today.

### Attendance this week

In KS1 and Early Years Amethyst and Sapphire are sharing the best attendance and in KS2 the best attendance is in Diamond class. Congratulations to all three year groups. This week the average attendance has been 95.48% which is good.

### Dog Poster Competition – winners announced

In our work with the local community it was decided to run a competition in Y5 to design a poster discouraging the abandoning of dog faeces in Audlem. Two fluffy toy cockapoos were donated as prizes and the winners were Max Bunseedhun and Larnah Murfin. You will be able to view their brilliant posters around the village. We are delighted to be involved in supporting our community by what is known as “courageous advocacy” and look forward to doing so again in the near future.

### NEP Painted Crowns and Scavenger Hunt

Every school in the Nantwich Educational Partnership has designed and painted crowns which have been displayed in the centre of Nantwich this week. A Scavenger Hunt has been organised by the group and a poster has been attached with the newsletter to encourage children to take part.

### All Age Worship this week at St James

You are warmly invited to attend St James Church this Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am for All Age Worship. Refreshments will be available after the service.

### Finally

It is important that our newsletter and all other forms of communication we send out to parents and carers, give you a clear and detailed picture of our work in school, so that you are kept up to date with events in school and our community. If you have any ideas, comments or suggestions about the content of newsletters please get in touch with me.

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