



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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## Happy New Year 2023 – Friday 6 January A New Week at Audlem St James CE Primary School

I would just like to say a huge welcome back to all children and parents and a happy new year to you all. I am glad that we are all back at school. This is a shorter version this week due to being back only 3 days and normal service will resume next week.

Already over the last three days the number of children smiling and enjoying what they are doing with their friends makes you realise the importance of our jobs and we will endeavour to ensure this carries on over the next half term. We are here to educate and make sure children leave school with a smile and feeling positive that they can do anything.

All teachers have this: **'It takes a big heart to shape little minds'**

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess' Class** – Ruby Dodd  
**Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class** – Rishee Brown  
**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** – Grace Farmer  
**Miss Morris's Class** – Jake Quigley  
**Mr Blenkiron's Class** – Tallulah Woods  
**Mrs Bird's Class** – Imogen Elliott

### **5Rs:**

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:** Phoebe Fellows

**Responsibility:** Sophia McDonald

**Resourcefulness:** Bella Roberts; Riley Morris

**Readiness to Learn:** Phoebe Shrimpton; Verity Smith; Millie Fellows

You are all amazing Shining Stars!

Prayers to Share this week – We pray for everyone at home, school, local community and the wider world at these uncertain times to be safe and well.





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### School

**Amethyst class:** In Amethyst class this week, we have started our new transport topic - "on the move." We have read the story "Naughty Bus" by Jan Oke, searched for red "tricky" words on clipboards, played a bean bag game in maths, worked in the car garage role play area and enjoyed cosmic yoga.

**Sapphire class:** In Sapphire class this week we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. In English we have started to explore a new book called "The Lion Inside"; we have discussed and made predictions about what happens in the story. In science we have been identifying animals that are birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals.

**Pearl class:** This week the children have been practising adding and subtracting ones. We have used Base 10, number lines and 100 squares to help us. We have been writing about the morning and night sky, using adjectives, co-ordination (but, so) and commas to separate a list. In Science we have investigated where our food comes from. We looked at packaging to find the information and calculated how many food miles each item had travelled. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of imported food. In Reading we have been looking at The North Pole in our book 'Above and Below.'

**Amber class:** Amber Class have had a very busy few days starting the New Year. As well as the panto on Friday, children have been starting their Maths, English and Reading sessions with their new class books The Iron Man and Stone Age Boy. We have also worked really hard on our new rainforest layers display in the classroom - more info in this week's news story.

**Emerald class:** This week year four have worked on learning their 11 and 12 times tables in maths. They have used bar models to represent times table facts and used mathematical vocabulary such as product and factors. In English, they wrote letters to Leon to persuade him to either enter or not enter the magical box. The class finished their art project on Victorian houses and completed a 'my happy mind' lesson about celebrating our character strengths. Year four enjoyed their PE session this week and of course loved attending the Pantomime in Crewe on Friday.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby Class, the children have begun to work on calculating equivalent fractions. In English, the children have been writing and editing descriptive pieces about one of the worlds on Yggdrasil - the World Tree according to the Norse people - and imagining that they have visited the land of the fire giants, the realm of the Norse gods, or even the halls of the dead..

We have started our new class book, Odd & The Frost Giants and have been predicting and inferring information using evidence from the text and cover. In History, we have discussed why the Romans left Britain and why the Anglo-Saxons came. The children have written "party" invites from King Vortigern to the Saxons, Hengist and Horsa to help him fight off the Picts.

**Diamond class:** In Year 6, the children have been learning about religious and non-religious views of suffering in the world, and what questions Christians might have about God and the suffering experienced by people. In Science, the class have been learning about the refraction of light and have been using lenses to change the direction and speed of the light rays.

### Team Captains for the first half of the term

Alder - Imogen Elliott; Oak - Chloe Hallatt; Lime - Lottie le Grice; Rowan - Freya Barnett





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## **Holidays during term-time**

You will have read the message I sent out on Parentmail yesterday regarding holidays taken in term-time. I reminded everyone that any absence from school affects children's education and that requests for leave should only be made in exceptional circumstances. Please bear this in mind when planning holidays. Thank you.

## **Hansel & Gretel Panto 2023 – Audlem Theatre Group**

We are delighted to have a number of our children (and parents) involved in this year's production of Hansel & Gretel by Audlem Theatre Group and you will have seen the posters around the school.

Hansel and Gretel escape the forest to find Auntie Kipling, the best baker in Bakersville. Barry Bagel is after Ma Kipling's title as "master baker" and is hoping to steal her secret recipe for featherlight fairy cakes and win the Great British Bake-off!

Will Hansel and Gretel find a home with Auntie Kipling or will Barry see her out of the house and bakery shop by beating her in the greatest TV competition?'

Shows are on from Feb 1st - 4th and tickets can be purchased on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/475636941897>

## **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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