



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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6 October 2023

## Ofsted Inspection and Meet the Teacher

As you are all aware, we have experienced an unusual week. How fitting that we opened our school to the Ofsted inspectors in the same week that we invited parents and carers into school to meet their child's teacher and view their child's classroom.

We are delighted that so many of you accepted our invitation and we hope you enjoyed the experience. If you were not able to visit, please search on the school website for your child's class where you will find details of what was shared with those who came in to "Meet the Teacher".

On behalf of all the staff we would like to thank you for the help and support you have given us over the last two days during our Ofsted inspection. Thank you for all the kind comments from both parents and children; it is really appreciated by us all. We are so proud of our children and the way in which they represented the school. I look forward to sharing the report with you all as soon as it becomes available.

## School Prayer

A suitable prayer for this week's newsletter must be the prayer originally composed by our children; a prayer they all know off by heart.

Dear Lord  
Thank you for our school, for the pupils, staff and families that we come from.  
Thank you for the chance to learn, play, pray and grow together.  
Our school is made of hearts, not bricks and is good because of the people inside it.  
All of our friends are special to us.  
Help us to get along and respect each other.  
Let us bring kindness, peace and joy to our school.  
Amen

## Praise Book Children



**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** Dougie Simmons  
**Mrs Proctor's class:** Ava Adair  
**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Harriet Hollins  
**Miss Morris's class:** Lucy Rogers  
**Mrs Bird's class:** Tiggi Nixon  
**Mr Trude class:** Amelia Leslie  
**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Max Bunseedhun

## 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:

**Reflectiveness:** Amelie Smith

**Responsibility:** Severn Leonard and Frankie Sherwin

**Resourcefulness:** Thomas Martin

**Readiness to Learn:** C J Cole, Tay Leonard and Austin Wright





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Everyone!  
You are all amazing shining stars.

### School

All the children have enjoyed the different work that they have been learning throughout the week and the classrooms have been buzzing with activity. Here is an overview of what has been happening in every class.

**Amethyst class:** This week in Amethyst Class, we have finished reading 'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy. We sequenced pictures and retold the story using puppets, We also read 'Five Minutes Peace.' In maths, we have explored how numbers can be made of 1's and from this investigated the composition of numbers 3 and 4. We began to recognise that 3 and 4 could be made from combining sets in different ways. We also had fun making bug hotels and homes for insects in the mud kitchen area.

**Sapphire class:** This week we have enjoyed our second forest school session where we did a minibeast hunt and made houses for hedgehogs! In English we have been focusing on using capital letters correctly in names and our sentences. In Maths, we have been counting objects and counting objects from a group of 10. In the afternoons, we have enjoyed looking at some Victorian artefacts in History, we sorted and drew physical and human geographical features, we also enjoyed doing some singing and using some different musical instruments.

**Pearl class:** This week Pearl Class have been looking at number lines with intervals of 1s and 10s. We have looked for patterns in numbers when counting in 1s and 10s up to 100. In Science we have learnt the word 'absorbent.' We looked different items which are absorbent and completed an investigation to test the absorbency of different brands of kitchen roll. We used scientific equipment such as pipettes and learnt how to write an aim and hypothesis/prediction. In RE we discussed thoughtful questions to ask the shepherd and the lost sheep and the children took part in a 'hot seating' drama activity. In Music we matched our percussion instrument to the effect we wanted to create. We have been practising our songs for the harvest assembly and we can't wait to perform. In English the children participated in role-play and used their improvisations to write sentences in role about other characters in 'Troll Swap'.

**Amber class:** This week year 3 have compared and ordered numbers to 1,000 and looked at estimating on a number line. The class have written riddles about seals in English and worked with speech marks for the first time. The children prepared cave wall backgrounds in art using textures, looked at fossils in science, learned about primary sources in history and enjoyed working on their Stone Age museum posters in DT.

**Emerald class:** This week, Emerald Class have been writing an Autumn poem to read in church. They have been thinking about all the wonders of Autumn and how beautiful it is. The children have also been designing their own torches and have been learning about how atoms move within an electrical circuit. In History, they have written a fact sheet about Queen Victoria and in English, they have been writing a fact sheet about gorillas.

**Ruby class:** During this week, Year 5 have worked hard writing a paragraph about Frank Russell who was Annie Edson Tyler's manager. We have been looking at whether he had Annie's best interests at heart or whether he was exploiting Annie. We have started a new unit in Maths, addition, and subtraction. Year 5 have used their knowledge of adding and subtracting to solve reasoning and problem-solving questions. During Science, we completed our investigation on friction, using a newton metre to measure how much friction a school shoe causes whilst being dragged across a specially selected surface, the classroom carpet. Again, the class have shown a strong work ethic in all the other subjects producing some great work.





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**Diamond class:** This week in Diamond Class, we have been focusing on identifying common factors and common multiples, using our times-tables knowledge to help us. In English, we have been writing diary entries based on a photo from the 1940's of children watching a dog-fight in the sky. We then peer assessed each other's work based on handwriting, spelling and cohesive devices, such as fronted adverbials and intentional repetition. In History, we looked at the speeches of Winston Churchill and created a found poem using the most inspirational parts, and later in the week, we looked at artefacts from the Blitz and wrote arguments about which English city was the worst affected.

### **Harvest – please continue to send in donations – thank you**

We are collecting for the Nantwich Foodbank again this year. Thank you for all the items children have brought in today. We will continue to collect until the end of next week. Here is a list of items that they have asked for:

- Cartons of Long-Life Milk / Fruit Juice
- Jam
- Coffee
- Washing Up Liquid
- Tinned Vegetables
- Deodorant
- Soup Tinned or Packet
- Shower Gel

We had a marvellous response last year and the Foodbank was very grateful.

### **Harvest Service at St James Church – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – walkers still needed**

You are all invited to our Harvest Service at St James Church, which will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am and as usual we are asking for volunteers to walk down and back with the children. If you are able to help in this way, please contact your child's class teacher.

**Attendance:** Whole school weekly attendance this week is 94.50%. This is disappointing as we have fallen below the school aim of at least 97%. This week's result is partly affected by an outbreak of chicken-pox in Sapphire class. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst class has again had the highest attendance and, in KS2, Diamond class had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

### **Friends of Audlem School - Non-Uniform and Spooky Disco**

Firstly, a huge thank you to you all for your generous donations today for our bottle tombola at the Christmas Fair; we are always so grateful for your support. We are also excited to announce our second event in our Friends calendar, the Spooky Disco, which will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 16.30 and 18.00**. You can purchase your tickets using the following link:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofjudlemschool/index.cfm?event=Shop>

Tickets are £5. The children will receive a hotdog, cake and drink in the ticket price. We look forward to seeing the children in their spooky costumes! Be sure to buy your tickets in plenty of time; this event sold out quickly last year!

We are also hoping to help parents in getting rid of any Spooky costumes which no longer fit. If you find any outfits which have been outgrown, you can donate them to FASA fundraising by placing them in our preloved donation bin (near the main school entrance). We will then sell these to specific year groups based on their





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sizing prior to the disco. If you have any Spooky clothing, please drop these off by Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, we are then aiming to advertise these for sale on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, all ready for the disco on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

We held our well-attended AGM last Friday and have uploaded the Minutes onto the Friends page on the school website which you can find by following this link: <https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/school/friends-of-audlem-st-james.html>

### 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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