



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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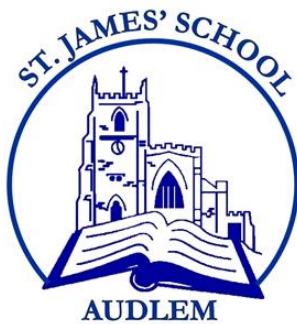


It was lovely to see the children put on their first Christmas Nativity for parents and grandparents in the hall throughout this week. This is something we have been waiting for over 2 years and I could see the children's faces light up as they enjoyed performing in front of an actual audience. We were able to have some of the older generation of the local community join us for the dress rehearsal which was another special occasion for everyone.



The Christmas Lunch will be enjoyed by all today as most children are having the full Christmas trimmings as well as a sumptuous dessert. The hall has been decorated including our ADAS real tree to ensure Christmas is now part of school. Our staff will become waiters and serve the children their lunch at their table. Everyone is wearing Christmas jumpers and enjoying the day and we can't wait for our Christmas Service on Wednesday, 14 December!





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Attendance this week

In EYFS/KS1, Sapphire class have had excellent attendance and, in KS2, Amber class have the best attendance. Well done to both classes.

Friends of Audlem School

Friends would like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who supported our Christmas events last weekend.

Friday was a fantastic evening, where we held our Christmas Fair (the first one in 3 years). We were overwhelmed by the support; it was so lovely to see so many happy faces. The children had great fun decorating gingerbread and baubles, throwing snowballs at Olaf and taking part in our guessing games. Our Elfridges stall was busy all evening with children buying lovely gifts for their friends and family. Parents enjoyed our delicious refreshments listening to the wonderful choir perform and even tried their luck at the bottle tombola (donated by our generous parents!) Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated to our Christmas raffle.



Early on Sunday morning, the residents of Heathfield Road were greeted with over 100 Santas taking part in our first ever Audlem St. James' School Santa dash. An amazing event where people ran, walked and ambled along the 1-mile course with huge smiles on their faces. It really got us into the festive spirit. It was so great to see so many residents out supporting the runners. At the finish we enjoyed delicious sausage and bacon baps (cooked by Roach's Roaster), yummy cakes and warm drinks. A great event which we hope will return bigger and better next year. Thank you to SB Fitness for sponsoring the event.

Well done to all of our runners, especially Heidi Woods and Alex Baker – the first girl and boy over the finish line!

The events from the weekend have raised much needed funds for our school, totalling over £2000.

Walkers to church – Carol Service at St James - Wednesday 14th December

Several parents/carers have already let class teachers know that they can accompany the children to and from church. If you can help with this, either speak to your child's teacher or let the office know.

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class: Arthur-Jenson Fryer-Smith

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Kemp's class: Maddie Jones

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Arabella Goodwin

Mr Davies' class: Millie Fellows

Miss Morris' class: Finn Husband

Mr Blenkiron's class: Elsie Latham

Mrs Bird's class: Chloe Hallatt

5Rs:





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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: Anna Hyncica, Barney Goldrick

Reflectiveness: Caleb Bowen-Jones

Responsibility: Ava Adair, Olivia New

Resourcefulness: Joe Hassall

Readiness to Learn: Amelie Smith

School

Amethyst class: This week in Amethyst class, we have read the story, 'The Jolly Christmas Postman,' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We talked about our favourite story book character, made Christmas cards and labelled toys. In maths, we counted numbers larger than 20 and explored the pattern of number names beyond the tricky 'teen' numbers. We also played a bean bag and skittles counting game. On Monday, we had a great time on our trip to Nantwich Civic Centre to watch 'Santa's Christmas Rescue.'

Sapphire class: This week in Sapphire class we have been practising our subtraction facts. We have been busy in our music lesson with Mrs Kemp and we have performed our Christmas play. We were amazing!

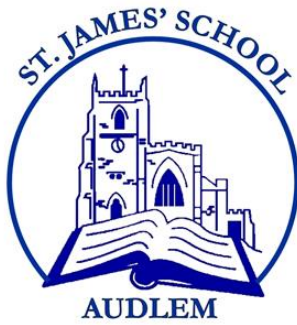
Pearl class: This week Pearl Class have thoroughly enjoyed performing our Christmas production. Thank you to everyone who came to watch and support us. In Science we have been learning about where our food comes from. We looked at food packaging and found out the 'country of origin' and used a food miles calculator to work out how far it had travelled. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of imported food. In Maths we have been looking at related facts and in English we have been using co-ordination (and, but, or). We have also made and decorated our beautiful Christmas hats to wear for our special Christmas lunch and party. In Art, the children have sketched the Tudor houses using line and shading. The children are then creating a monoprint using Pressprint. They will use printing inks to create a print of their Tudor houses.

Amber class: Children in Amber Class have been working very hard on their end of term assessments this week. As well as our reading, GPS & maths tests. we have continued our work looking at the differences between the Gospels of Matthew & Luke when telling the Christmas Story, we have enjoyed the Key Stage 1 performance of their nativity production and we even managed to fit in our class marble reward. A very busy week!

Emerald class: This week Emerald class have worked on learning their 6 times table in maths and begun to learn their 9 times table. In English, the children have written descriptions of the hot air balloon in the storm using powerful verbs. The class used blending, inks and 3D drawing techniques to plan their Victorian House paintings in their sketchbooks. In History, the children learned about an important historical figure - Lord Shaftesbury and how he improved the lives of children. We practised for singfest and also really enjoyed watching the KS1 nativity!

Ruby class: This week in Ruby Class, the children have been extending their knowledge of square numbers to complete calculations based on cubed numbers – enjoying a short clip of Homer Simpson becoming 3-Dimensional to help their understanding. In English, the children completed a Reading assessment and discussed the answers afterwards to ensure they know what the questions are asking for. In Art, the children have discussed the life of Vincent Van Gogh and have created movement in their art by using the techniques





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Van Gogh used in Starry Night. They also completed a study in perspective and created an optical illusion which draws the viewer's eyes into the centre. In science, the children arranged and conducted an experiment on friction using toy cars, and ramps covered in different materials. In History/Geography, the children learned how to give a 4-figure grid reference for an OS map and used this to place symbols on maps of 'Blenkton'. They then moved on to create maps of battlefields using WW1 legends of wartime symbols.

Diamond class: In Year 6, this week, the children have been learning how to make small sculptures inspired by the art of World War Two artist, Henry Moore. The class have enjoyed first making armatures to provide structure for their figures, and then covering them with clay before making marks in the style of the artist. They have also been learning sign language to use when they sing Silent Night in church, next week.

Everyone!
You are all amazing shining stars.



Letter from Richard Middlebrook - CEO The Cornovii Trust

We have attached a letter for parents/carers from the CEO of the Cornovii Trust to which our school now belongs.

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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