

Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



20th March 2026

NEWSLETTER

This week

It has been another busy week in school, with lots going on! It has been lovely to see the sunshine, and the warmer spring weather has certainly been very welcome. The children have been really enjoying the new OPAL play areas that we have been developing, and it's been great to see them making the most of these spaces. We also had a very successful Maths Workshop on Thursday—thank you to everyone who attended.

Today has been an especially busy one, with both Year 3 and Year 4 out on trips—Year 3 visiting Chester Zoo and Year 4 heading to the Chester Deva Centre. We're sure they will have had fantastic experiences.

Please note that there has been no Praise Assembly this week due to the trips. Instead, we will be holding our Praise as part of the Easter Service next week at Audlem St James Church, starting at 9:15am. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

If you are able to help with walking the children to church, please let the school office or your child's teacher know.





Water Bottles

We have noticed an increase in the number of children coming to the office and kitchen to ask for cups, as they have not brought a water bottle with them. This is taking them away from their classrooms and results in a loss of valuable learning time.

In addition, we only have a limited number of cups available, with just a small number of spares. This is beginning to impact our ability to provide enough cups for all children at lunchtime.

Following the Easter break we will have to limit the number of cups we can give out, please ensure that your child(ren) come to school each day with a water bottle. This will help us minimise disruption to learning and ensure we have enough for lunchtime.

Match the Book Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the year 6 Match the book competition. The joint winners were Ava Adair and Lottie Hilling who both successfully matched 5 books to their readers. We raised an amazing £54.50 for our school.

Thank you so much for supporting our school fundraiser, Ellie and James (Head Girl and Boy)

Academy Photography

A little heads-up that next Thursday is School Photo Day!

These will be Class photos, Clubs and Leavers

We'll be doing our best to keep everyone looking neat and photo-ready, but a quick check at home beforehand would be greatly appreciated.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of bright smiles and smart children on the day and some wonderful photos!



School Dinner Menu

We are back to the normal menus. Next week beginning 23rd March 2026 will be week 2.

The menu for both weeks is available on the school website if you wish to check.

Our Friday special next week will be Cheese n Toast





Jacob Pizza

We're excited to share that next Thursday after school will see the return of Jacob Pizza!

They'll be serving their delicious pizzas for families to enjoy at pick-up time. Even better, a percentage of all profits will be donated back to the school. We'd love for you to come along, treat yourselves, and support both a new local business and our school community.

Thank you for your continued support—we hope to see you there!

Easter Menu - Thursday 26th March

To celebrate Easter the school kitchen team will be having a special menu on Thursday 26th March which we have attached to this newsletter, Please note that this will be the only menu available on the day



Attendance this week

In KS1 Pearl class had the highest attendance with 97.5 %, In KS2 Emerald Class had the best attendance also with 98%. Well done to both classes.

Overall the whole school attendance was 96 % slightly below our target of 97%.

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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