



Audlem St. James C.E. Primary School

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9th September 2022

New Year at Audlem St James CE Primary School

It is with the deepest sadness that we learnt yesterday of the news of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. Her Christian faith shone through her character throughout her reign, as she faithfully served her country and God as monarch over the last seventy years.



I also share a prayer from the Church of England remembering and giving thanks for our Queen, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**Gracious God,
We give thanks for the life
Of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
For her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
And may her example continue to inspire us:
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



We have been contacted by Rev Alison Fulford, vicar at St James, who has asked me to inform you all that she will be saying prayers in St James church at 12.30pm today. The bells will be rung muffled from 12noon.

It is lovely to see all the children back at school this week with beaming smiles as they entered the school. I could feel the beating heart of the school is now back as the children flooded the classrooms after 6 weeks away.

Our school is made of hearts not bricks and I know all teachers have been working hard to ensure the lessons are inspiring so that young minds can soak up all the amazing facts and the classrooms are showing how we want to inspire the children to be able to achieve anything. I know that all teachers, governors and myself are so proud to have you all back and can't wait to help the children flourish again throughout the next academic year.

I would also like to welcome all the new reception children and parents to Audlem St James and being part of our school community.





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The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power.

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Jah'Mari Parker-OConnor

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Erin Sanderson

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class - Verity Smith

Mr Davies' Class - Ashden Malkin

Miss Morris's Class - Matty Jones

Mr Blenkiron's Class - Lucia Pavey

Mrs Bird's Class - Riley Morris

You are all amazing Shining Stars!



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: Alice Peake

Reflectiveness: Elliott Weaver

Responsibility: Arthur Hughes, John Broomhall, Chloe Barnett, Isla Moulton

Resourcefulness: Lyle Stanway

School

Amethyst Class Amethyst Class have had a great first week together in school. We started our 'Magical Me' topic by reading the stories *You Choose* and *Just Imagine* by Nick Sharratt. The children have been talking about and drawing pictures of their families and pets.

We have also been part of Collective Worship with Mr Perry, played circle time games on the school field, had a yoga session in the hall and we then finished the week learning some French words with Madame Spooner.

Sapphire Class Sapphire have had a great first week. The children have settled into their new Year 1 classroom very well. In English the children have been showing off their writing skills whilst writing their own stories of the three little pigs. In maths the children have been using Stem sentences to explain how different objects have been sorted. During their first Happy minds lesson, they have been learning about how our brains work.

Pearl Class The children in Pearl Class had a great start to the new school year as they explored the properties of materials during our Forest School lessons with Mr Hadfield. The children discovered animal homes and what they are made from. They used vocabulary to describe the materials including waterproof, hard, soft, smooth and opaque. After that they built a wooden shelter and created beds with twigs and leaves for their toys. In English, the children have made predictions about what they think will happen to Tabitha Lumpit and Timothy Limpet in the story *Troll Swap*. In Maths, the children are consolidating their knowledge of place value of numbers to twenty, solving missing number puzzles and learning to spell number names. The children enjoyed representing numbers using concrete



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apparatus. They have also been learning about Growth Mindset and how our brains work. We used straws to blow paint to connect our neurones!

Amber Class Welcome to a new year in Amber Class! This week we have really hit the ground running. On Monday we enjoyed a very active start to the year with our first Forest Schools session and then PE in the afternoon. Then we have been developing our knowledge of place value and multiplication in maths, our writing has seen us start to focus on adjectives and nouns and how to add these together and we have used charades to help us to make predictions about our new class book. We have looked at our core Christian values and discussed the demands of Year 3. We can't wait for next week!

Emerald Class Emerald class have had an outstanding return to school this week. They have looked at the value of each digit in a number in maths and partitioned numbers to 1000. In English, they created noun phrases to describe the picture of Hannah and planned a 5-part story to explain what might have happened to Hannah. The class created some art work inspired by M C Escher. They made their own tessellation which included different types of emotions. We studied a timeline of historical events and the children were able to place the Victorian period on their timelines. We did our first session on My Happy Mind which will help the children learn why regulation strategies are so important. The children met Mr Bateman who is their new PE coach for this term!

Ruby Class The first week is nearly done, and what a great week it has been! The new Rubies (or Newbies) have all settled in tremendously and I believe have already begun to show their increasing maturity!

This week, we have been setting up shop with Ruby Class expectations, designing coat peg labels that represent the children's interests and character, and a few assessments and baselines to get the measure of where the children currently are, especially after six weeks away. The new Year 5's have approached this with an enthusiastic and resilient spirit, but it hasn't all just been tests!

In maths, we have also been focusing on the times-tables that have caused the most grief, begun work on our place value unit and have covered the technical vocabulary involved. Do you know the difference between a number, a numeral and a digit?

In English, we have begun to look at Barack Obama's 'Of Thee I Sing'. At first, making predictions about the text based on the images inside, and later writing a letter to its presidential author to tell him what we thought of it.

In History, the children have taken part in a Sticky Knowledge Challenge (telling me everything they can remember about history from across the curriculum since they have been at Audlem). They have completed timelines of important periods in Britain's history - after listening to me rap about it... And have considered the concept of 'bravery' in P4C - ordering images from least to most brave.

Here's to an even better second week!

Diamond Class Year 6 have had a great start to the term. They have started to learn about World War 2 in History and in English, and have so many great stories to tell us from relatives who were in the war. We have also started to learn about place value in maths and have been getting back into our spelling and handwriting. The children have also started their new Wellbeing scheme with 'Happy Mind' and have started to learn about the function of different parts of the brain and how they influence our feelings and behaviour. A busy week, but we have hit the ground running!

Attendance and punctuality this week

All the classes have had excellent attendance this week but Sapphire have had the best attendance in EYFS/KS1 and Emerald and Ruby share the best attendance in KS2.

I would like to thank parents and children for their punctuality in this first week and remind everyone of the start times to ensure this continues.

School gates open at 8.40am

School starts and registers open at 8.45am

School gates close at 8.50am

Register closes at 8.55am; late mark (L) given until 9.05.

If children arrive after 9.05, they are marked with a U which denotes unauthorised absence.

Colour Rush - sponsored event for St Luke's Hospice - Sunday 18 September 2022 at Dorfold Hall, Nantwich

One of our Y4 children, Alyssa Welch-Harding, is participating in this event and is gathering sponsors. If you would like to give a donation to Alyssa, please send it in to school in a named envelope and we will add your name to her sponsor form. Thank you. We would like to praise Alyssa for taking part in this way.



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Swan Lake at the Regent - Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September 2022

One of our Y5 children, Anna Ammundsen, is dancing in two performances of Swan Lake given by the English Youth Ballet. We have placed posters around school with the details. If you are interested in booking tickets, contact the box office on 0844 871 7615 or use atgtickets.com/stoke

We congratulate Anna and wish her all the best for both performances.

Uniform

Can I remind all parents that children are expected to wear school uniform every day including suitable school shoes (not trainers). The only exception to this is the day when your child has PE when they should arrive in their PE kit. Details of the week ahead, including PE days, are sent home by class teachers every Friday. If anyone has difficulty providing their child with uniform, please let me know. Don't forget that all clothing items brought into school need to be clearly named. Thank you.

I would also welcome your opinion on the school asking our uniform supplier to stock hoodies for PE. This is something we have been thinking about but it would be good to know if you would find it useful.

Ginger and Spice Festival - Saturday 24 September at Market Drayton

A flyer advertising this event was sent home in children's bags earlier in the week. There are many events for children and details can be found on the website www.gingerandspicefest.co.uk

Engineering works in Salford next week

We have had a message from Cheshire East engineer, Henry Davison, as follows:

"I am writing to inform you of some works that we have scheduled to take place from the 12/09/22 to the 16/09/22 to Salford Culvert (Salford, Audlem, Crewe, CW3 0AZ). We will be carrying out the de-silting of Salford Culvert and will have a 24-hour road closure in place on Salford for the duration of the works."

Thought of the Week

We must remember that someone is always with us even if we can't see them. If we reach out they will come to you.

Prayer to Share this week - We pray for all the Families in our local community.

A.Perry