



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



15 December 2023

We have one week left of this term and year in school. As always, this week has been fun-packed as the children have been getting ready for the KS1 Nativity. We are having the rehearsal today with some special guests from the community joining us. All I can say that you are in for a treat next week.

Classes are getting ready for the Church service at the end of next week as well as rehearsing their Christmas songs ready to go up against each other in the "Singing a Class Christmas Song" competition. We all can't wait to celebrate Christmas at school next week with lots of exciting activities going on.

Thought of the Week



School Christmas Service at St James Church

Can we remind you about the Church Service on **Friday 22nd December**, the final day of the term, starting at 9.30 in the morning at St James. Thank you to those who have already offered to walk down and back to church with the children but we still need more volunteers. **Contact your child's class teacher or email the school office on admin@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk to give in your name if you can help.** Thank you.

Praise Book Children



Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Fredrik Hodson
Mrs Proctor's class: Ruby Dodd
Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: John Broomhall
Miss Morris's class: Lottie Hilling
Mrs Bird's class: Luca De-la-Haye
Mr Trude's class: Matty Jones
Mr Blenkiron's class: Frankie Sherwin

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: Rowan Clarkson, Jaxon Colley and Tommy Roberts





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Responsibility: Erin Sanderson

Readiness to Learn: Arthur-Jenson Fryer-Smith, James Tipper and George Aspinwall

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 finished our unit of work on The Gingerbread Man and read Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. We retold the stories orally, remembering key events and phrasing from the story and looked at rhyming words. In maths, we rehearsed the order of the first 10 numbers and understood that the position each number holds in our number sequence does not change. We explored ordinal numbers (first, second, etc.) and used representations of quantity alongside these ordinal numbers. We also had a great time making salt dough Christmas tree decorations.

Sapphire class: This week in Sapphire class we have had a busy week. We have enjoyed experimenting with printing and paint in art. We have also been learning about addition and number bonds to 10. We have been working so hard on our nativity and are excited for everyone to see it.

Pearl class: The children in Pearl Class became History Detectives. They handled artefacts from Tudor Times. They decided what the object was made from, how it was used and if it would cause a fire. The children concluded that many objects used in daily life had the potential to cause a fire. The children recreated the Great Fire of London in Forest School. The children created Pudding Lane and the streets of London using the Tudor Houses that they had made. The children knew that the houses were very close together and this helped the fire to spread. The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane and quickly spread to houses nearby. The children were able to see how the wind determined the direction in which the fire spread. This week the children have been learning about subtraction. We have used different resources to help us including number lines, 100 squares and Base 10. We have begun looking at subtraction word problems, writing number sentences which correspond. In Science we have continued learning about recycling with a focus on 'reusing' this week. We have thought of new uses for household items which otherwise may end up as rubbish. The children have been keen to learn about saving our environment. In RE we have been discussing Christmas traditions and we learned about the symbolism of Christingle. This afternoon we performed our nativity production for KS2 and some special visitors. We can't wait to show our family and friends next week-you're in for a treat!

Amber class: This week in year 3 we have been consolidating column addition and subtraction. In English the class have worked on using the present perfect tense, improving word choices and writing in the past tense. The children finished decorating their pneumatic toys in DT and made some sketches for the abstract sculptures in art. The children wrote a storyboard of what life was like in an Iron Age Hillfort in History and worked on dance and gymnastic skills in PE. The class finished their wormeries and investigations into what makes up soil.

Emerald class: In Emerald Class, this week, the children have been learning how to do backwards and forwards rolls. In History, they have been learning about how the railways were developed during the Victorian period and the impact this had on trade and society. The class have also finished their fantasy stories and have





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been learning how to subtract with four-digit numbers. In RE, they have been thinking about how the Holy Trinity was present during the Nativity story and the Easter story.

Ruby class: It has been a busy week in Ruby, the children have worked hard designing and making their stuffed toys. They started by cutting out their designs using their pre-made design templates then they sewed their decorative material on top. Once they had completed this, the children then sewed the front and back of their toy together then they added the stuffing. In English, we have looked at speech and the rules we need to follow when using it within our writing. In Maths, we have started a new topic, fractions. The children have continued to show enjoyment when learning about coding on Purple Mash.

Diamond class: This week Y6 have been discussing and designing sensory gardens. In maths they have been looking at numerators and denominators in fractions and in English they have used intriguing sentences as a starting point to create their own fantasy stories.

Attendance: Whole school weekly attendance this week is 94.67%. This is a definite improvement on last week but is still well below our school aim of at least 97%. We hope that for our final week everyone will be well as Christmas approaches. In EYFS/KS1, for the second week running, Pearl class has the highest attendance. In KS2, Diamond class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. We have been asked to share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



Cornovii Trust December 2023 Newsletter

We have sent out the trust newsletter today as requested.

Winter Nets at the Cricket Barn in Aston

We have been sent a flyer with full details of courses being held at the Cricket Barn.





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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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