



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



2 February 2024

We have had lots of different learning going on at school, in addition to the curriculum covered by every year group. It has been lovely to see all the different clubs over the past few weeks and watch the children enjoying being part of them.

Can I remind you that we have Parents Evening next week on 6 and 7 February. This will be held in school where you will have the opportunity to talk to the class teacher and look at your child's books.

Thought of the Week

As adults, our sense of safety, belonging and self-esteem are being constantly challenged. So how can we change our view on this when so much feels unknown and outside of our control?



St Paul gives us a different perspective in writing to the Romans, 5:3-5. He rejoices in the hope of the glory of God and, by keeping his eyes on the wonders of a good God and his son Jesus, he can carry on, growing in strength and character. Paul calls the follower to begin by laying the foundation of trust in a mighty God, who gives his Holy Spirit to us, to journey alongside us. That's easier said than done when all around us seems to be a constant act of spinning multiple plates. It's so important to take time to top up that internal reservoir with a source of hope that enables not only your character to grow, but can encourage those around you.



Praise Book Children

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Louis Pritchard

Mrs Proctor's class: Etta Evans

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Samuel Jennings

Miss Morris's class: Jaxon Colley

Mrs Bird's class: Tiggi Nixon

Mr Trude's class: Lillie Tudor

Mr Blenkinsop's class: Joel Ahmad





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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: Freddie Thorley, Seb McComb and Tommy Roberts

Responsibility: Archer Cornes

Resourcefulness: Isaac Harrington-Purnell

Readiness to Learn: Carter Swailes and Phoebe Shrimpton

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: We read 'The Hundred Decker Bus' by Mike Smith. We wrote postcards, talked about journeys we had been on land, air and sea and looked at transport that was used in the past. In maths, we rehearsed the order of numbers to 10 and beyond and developed the understanding that each number has a value of '1 more' than the previous number. We used spotting books like 'Where's Wally' to count how many of a certain item could be seen, played 1 more/1 less games on the interactive whiteboard and sung counting songs. We also enjoyed mixing our own paint colours in art.

Sapphire: This week in Sapphire Class we have enjoyed looking at a new book 'The Lion Inside' and discussing what the story could be about by looking at the cover. We also helped the zookeepers by writing down all the information we knew about lions and mice. In Maths we have started learning about 3-D shapes. This week we have also enjoyed learning about what 'craft' is in Art and how lots of different things we do can be 'art'. In PE we particularly enjoyed practising our throwing and catching skills.

Pearl: This week in Pearl Class, the dragons invading our classroom caused so much havoc we wrote a letter to Mr Perry asking for his help. Using all we have learned from 'The Dragonsitter' and 'The Dragon Machine' stories, we wrote rules about how to care for dragons and then we imagined and described the dragon's homes using descriptive language. In Maths, we explored symmetry in shapes; discovering horizontal and vertical lines of symmetry. In History, we discovered that Inventors invent as a response to a problem that needs resolving. We examined questions e.g. How could I talk to someone many miles away without travelling to see them? and discovered the invention that solved the problem. In Art, we explored faces using simple lines to show different emotions and looked at the work of famous illustrator Quentin Blake. The children then created their own story characters.

Amber: Year 3 have been working on sharing and grouping in maths and have started working on their 3 times table. In English, the children have written poems about what Nana saw outside using expanded noun phrases. The children then started work on spotting verbs and using them in sentences to describe what activities Tom did outside in the snow. The children have practised their class assembly this week and performed it to their families. Work has continued on recorders and the children have started constructing their castles in DT. The children have been learning how to code in computing and this week they created their own moving airports on their purple mash accounts.

Emerald: In Emerald Class, this week, the children have been learning about how to find the area of 2D shapes. They have also been writing some lovely diaries from the point of view of a child living in Pompeii just before





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the eruption. The class have done lots of music this week, too, in preparation for their performance at Congleton Town Hall in March. Our wonderful singing teacher from the Love Music Trust came in for a whole afternoon of rehearsals, and the class are also making great progress with their clarinet lessons, also with the Love Music Trust.

Ruby: This week, Ruby Class have been learning how to code on Purple Mash. Children have been revisiting coding vocabulary as well as simplifying code to make programming more efficient. In English, the children have been learning and researching Norse Gods such as Thor, Odin, Loki, Lady Sif, and Balder the Brave to make Top Trump cards. During Maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting two mixed number fractions and what to do when the answer comes out as an improper fraction. Science has seen Ruby class looking at the life cycle of a human, the gestation period of babies and how they develop over the 9 months. Ruby class have continued their hard work on TT Rockstars.

Diamond: This week in Diamond class, our main maths focus has been worded and reasoning problems as well as the difference between calculating fractions multiplied by an integer and fractions multiplied by other fractions. In English, we have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of the Selfish Giant - using careful vocabulary choices to show his personality and the developing situation. In geography, we looked at some of the human features of Mexico and researched the populations of North American countries. In PE, we will be continuing to develop our gymnastic routines, and we will be looking at how the work of various Christian charities reflect the teachings of Jesus in the gospels

Attendance

Whole school weekly attendance this week has just reached 97% which is our school aim every week, so this is very pleasing. In EYFS/KS1, Sapphire class has had full attendance and, in KS2, Ruby class has had the best attendance. Congratulations to both classes.

"Express Yourself" Non-Uniform Day – next Friday 9 February

This day coincides with Children's Mental Health Week and fits beautifully with the theme this year "My Voice Matters". We're all different – we all have different things that make us tick and that bring a smile to our face. "Express Yourself" allows children and young people to celebrate what makes them unique with an incredibly fun dress-up day – this could be sharing their favourite hobby, such as skateboarding or dancing, or wearing their favourite colour or accessory. Or it could just be coming in as themselves. "Express Yourself" is about letting children's voices shine through and empowering them to tell their own stories! If you need a little inspiration, here are some ideas to get you started!

- Embrace your creative side and unleash your artistic energy
- Show off your team spirit with your favourite team's kit
- Take the stage as the coolest rockstar in town
- Come as you are and wear your comfiest clothes!
- Bring the cool energy of the skate park to the playground

Share what makes you... you and celebrate what sets you apart.

Place2Be, the charity behind Children's Mental Health Week, have produced a leaflet of top tips for parents which has been attached to this newsletter.

Friends of Audlem School – Rainbow Donations on Non-Uniform Day – Friday 9 February

Kicking off our 2024 Friends of St James' fundraising events is the Non-Uniform day to be held on Friday 9th February as part of Children's Mental Health Week (see above). We have produced two posters advertising this event which have been attached to the newsletter. **If you are in Reception to Y4**, please help us by





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bringing in different produce such as toiletries, food items, chocolate, household goods and alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages **in your designated class colour – Reception – Orange; Y1 – Purple; Y2 – Yellow; Y3 – Green; Y4 – Red (details on the poster).** For **Years 5 & 6**, we are asking for a variety of Easter chocolate/ Easter Eggs as we are planning on making up our rainbow & Easter hampers like we did last year to use as prizes for our Easter bingo (dates to be announced soon!). Please ensure that all donations are nut free. Thank you for your support!

Friends of Audlem School – Pre-Loved Uniform

Information about availability and prices as well as a phone number to contact was sent out on Parentmail on Tuesday 21 January. Please consider this as a means of purchasing school jumpers with logo – the uniform on offer is much cheaper than any supermarket and we are grateful that Friends organise this for us. We have attached an updated list with this newsletter and any enquiries should be made to Helen Fell on 07554 013347.

Weekend Tech Academy – starting 27 January at St Anne's Catholic Primary School in Nantwich

We have been contacted by Xplorers Weekend Academy who are offering a fun and educational experience for children, allowing them to explore the world of technology in an engaging and interactive way.

Start Date: Saturday, January 27th. **Time:** 10-11 am for Ages 6-8 and 11.15am-12.15pm for Ages 9 - 11

Location: Community Hub. St Annes Catholic Primary School, Nantwich, CW5 7DA

They have not included details about cost but have provided a link if you would like to book -

[Xplorers Weekend Academy \(St Annes Hub\) | Stoke-On-Trent \(computerexplorers.co.uk\)](https://www.computerexplorers.co.uk)

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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