

Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



The Cornovii Trust



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# NEWSLETTER

## Thought of the week



## This week

We have had a busy second week back in school with all of the children returning to start new topics in their classes – I have been tremendously impressed with the energy and excitement in each class as the children have begun the term and I am looking forward to seeing how each topic develops over the coming weeks.

## Poppy Appeal – Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated money and purchased items for the Poppy Appeal. We would also like to say a special thank you to our Year 6 pupils, who kindly went around the classes selling the items. Thanks to your incredible support, we raised an amazing £208.50.

Well done and thank you for helping us support such an important cause





### Praise Book Children this Week

As we had no praise last week we have 2 names for each class this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Daisy Taylor and Danny John Woodward

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Isabella Jones and Soraya Pavey

Mrs Willis's class: Theo Wilcox and Freya Bennett

Miss Morris's class: Toby Gill and Carter Swailes

Miss Bailey's class: Olivia New and Sam Jennings

Mrs Proctor's class: Willow Bonell and Jaxon Colley

Mr Blenkiron's class: Sofia Wilkinson and Isaac Carter

*Everyone!  
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:

**Readiness to Learn:** Joey Hamilton, Maisie Hallatt, Chloe Barnett, Darcie Brindley

**Resilience:** Matilda Martin

**Resourcefulness:** Charlie Bretton, Carter Dobson, Millie Fellows, Freddie Hunt

**Responsibility:** Erin Hubbard, Scarlett Foxley, Freddie Fellows, Madge Sumnell,

### School Dinner Menu - Week 2 - Next week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> January

The menu for both weeks is available on the school website if you wish to check.  
<https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/parents/parent-information/school-dinners.html>



### **Attendance This Week**

In KS1 Amethyst had the highest attendance with 97%, In KS2 Emerald Class had the best attendance with 97%

Well done to all classes. Overall the whole school attendance was 96% which is slightly below our aim of 97%.

### **CLASSES THIS TERM**

#### **Amethyst**

In Amethyst class, we started the Spring Term by reading *Naughty Bus* by Jan Oke. We looked at different types of vehicles, played I Spy and wrote simple sentences. We also labelled characters waiting at the bus stop and wrote a list of food that the bus drove through. In maths, we looked at the composition of the number 5,6 and 7, investigated their number parts and played a domino game. We ordered numbers, finding 1 more and revisited ordinal numbers. We also had fun working in the car garage role play area and making vehicles out of playdough.

#### **Sapphire**

In Art, we have been printing with paint. Using building blocks and other everyday objects to create prints; painting and stamping their blocks to create patterns, pictures and letters and combining colours on the page, explaining the choices they make.

In Design and Technology, we have been exploring slider mechanisms and the movement they output. We made sliders that move up and down and from side to side.

In History we have been sorting artefacts into Now and Then categories and in computing we have been asking questions to help us group and categorise.



## **Pearl Class**

The past two weeks in Year 2 have been full of excitement and discovery! 🐉 ✨

We kicked off the new year by continuing our dragon mystery, reading two fantastic stories all about dragons after the mysterious intruder was discovered in our classroom. In Geography, we used our knowledge of the world to create our very own globes using balloons. We carefully drew and labelled the seven continents. Our Computing lessons saw Year 2 becoming data experts as they created spreadsheets, inputted information and even edited them to colour-code each piece of data. The children loved seeing how technology can help organise information clearly. It has been a busy, fun-filled start to the year and the children have shown fantastic enthusiasm across all areas of learning!

## **Amber Class**

Year three have started their maths topic on multiplication and have been learning about equal groups and learning the three times tables. In English the class have written an extended piece of writing about an adventure set in The Stone Age. The children have started doing gymnastics and football in PE this term. The class have enjoyed developing their drawing techniques in art and improving their control when they are shading.

## **Emerald Class**

This week year 4 have begun our work on the Roman Empire and its origin story. The children had a lot of fun researching the story of Romulus and Remus then comparing it to a more factual understanding of Latin tribes establishing the city. We have also completed some work of our keeping safe and coping well plans, ensuring that the children have clear strategies in place for when they are struggling. Finally, year 4 have started their new unit in RE focussed on the Muslim faith, revisiting year 3 knowledge of the Qur'an and why it is important.

## **Ruby Class**

In Ruby class we have started looking at our new English topic which has involved looking at some Norse mythology, which the children have found very interesting. The children have written their own short story with a mythological theme and have enjoyed thinking about the characters they could use. In Maths we have been continuing with our learning on Fractions and have been adding mixed numbers together. We have also been working on converting fractions so we can add them together successfully. The children have also been enjoying our new music sessions with our Music teacher, working on their drawing skills to show movement and emotion in Art, developing their football skills in PE and learning about the planets in Science.



### Diamond Class

In English, Diamond Class have begun writing descriptive narratives about the Selfish Giant's garden, and our focus in Maths has been the relationship between fractions and percentages. In Science, we have created "bags of blood" using a mixture of food items and stationery to represent the parts. The class have learned about the varied climate and landscape of Mexico and have been researching how Mexican animals have adapted to these different environments. We have also been discussing coping strategies in relation to our Keeping Safe & Coping Well booklets, thinking particularly about positive self-talk.

### Winter Weather

As we begin the new term, please ensure that the children are suitably dressed for the playground as it is important that they get outside during breaks. Hats, scarves and gloves, as well as a warm coat are necessary. We would also ask that on snowy days children come to school in boots and bring a change of shoes to wear inside so they are able to have fresh air breaks without getting their indoor shoes wet. Please ensure that all clothing is **clearly marked** with your child's name.

As you know, we make every effort to keep the school open during snow and ice weather conditions but sometimes I have to make the decision to close the school for the safety of your children. In the event of a school closure a message will also be sent out to all parents on our Parentmail database.

It is imperative in icy conditions that we all work together and are responsible for our own safety in the ice and snow and for the safety of children when they are walking into school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support and understanding during the remaining winter months.





### **Audlem Pantomime**

We are delighted to share that a number of our current and former pupils will be starring in this year's local pantomime, "Oh no they aren't, Oh yes they are" Running from **28th–31st January**. It would be wonderful to see lots of support as they take to the stage. If you are able to attend, we're sure it will be a fantastic show and a great way to celebrate the talents of our community.

**Please see the poster attached to this newsletter for further details.** 🎭

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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