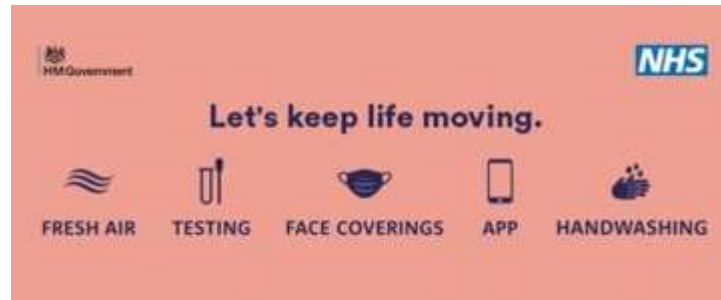




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Our School

I just thought I would share with you my thought for this week. We need to carry on working together so we can keep the school day as normal as possible for children. This means that fresh air, testing, face coverings and handwashing are key (see new NHS graphic below) as at the moment Crewe and Nantwich cases are rising rapidly and we need to ensure we look after each other so other measures do not need to be enforced.



A huge thank you to all those parents that have worked with us. I can't thank you enough. If we carry on working together then we will be able to get through these uncertain times. The quote below shows just why it's so important:



*I can't emphasise enough how important it is for us, to work together those of us, who are in positions of influence in our communities...e.g. parents that during the current situation we regulate ourselves. If we take care of ourselves, we're going to be able to help the people around us stay calmer, and everybody's going to be physically, socially and emotionally healthier.*

*Dr Bruce Perry, March 2020*

Prayer of the Week

In these times more than ever its important that we keep our faith and stay strong.





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Happy news concerning Mrs Smith

We are delighted to let parents know that Mrs Smith, our Y2 teacher, gave birth last weekend to a baby boy. Both mother and baby are well and we send Mrs Smith and her family our congratulations and best wishes.

Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Maughan's class:** Amelia Yusuf  
**Mrs Hayward's and Mrs Kemp's class:** Tilly Roberts  
**Mrs Richardson and Miss Ratcliffe's class:** James Tipper  
**Mr Davies' class:** Anya Miah and Sophia McDonald  
**Miss Morris' class:** Elsie Latham  
**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Rhiannon Morgan  
**Mrs Bird's class:** Ava Bowen-Jones.



5Rs children this week

**Resilience:** Nessa Furber  
**Reflectiveness:** Emily Bennion and Ollie Binns  
**Responsibility:** Thomas Martin, Joshua Copson and Bella Roberts  
**Readiness to learn:** Austin Wright.

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:** 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 using a story map, remembering key events and phrasing from the story and matched rhyming words. In maths, we explored how numbers can be made of 1s and, from this, began to investigate the composition of 3 and 4, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. We also enjoyed going on an Autumn Walk on Thursday and visiting St James church for our Harvest service on Friday.

**Sapphire class:** The children in Sapphire have worked really hard this week. In English and geography, they have mapped the journey that Rosie the hen took around the farmyard and have independently written sentences to explain her journey. In maths the children have been learning how to split number five in different ways using a Rekenrek. They have also been working hard to learn our harvest songs and have tried extra hard to remember all the actions too.

**Pearl class:** In Forest School, we looked for signs of Autumn, practised archery and toasted marshmallows. In English, we wrote super troll descriptions using adjectives to modify the noun. We also learnt poems for World Poetry Day. We have completed our second week of the Mastering Programme and made 10 on Rekenreks in maths. We have also developed our knowledge of tens and ones in two-digit numbers. In Science we have investigated the shape of bubbles by making our own bubble wands. All week we have practised for our Harvest service and shown wonderful singing.

**Amber class:** This week, Amber Class has again been heading into the wilderness (well, our school grounds!) to experience life during the Stone Age. We completed a DT objective by stewing fruit on an open fire and managed to have a tasty snack at the end of it! We also looked at how different animals can live in inclement conditions. In Maths we have continued our learning of Place Value and we have started to write our non-chronological reports in English. We have also been discussing our core Christian values and have been talking about how we can show Love, Courage and Forgiveness in our everyday school life.

**Emerald class:** This week in Emerald class, we have used fronted adverbials to vary the sentence structure of our writing. The children have practised using speech marks to write 'speech sandwiches' between Hannah and the gorilla. On Thursday they took part in National Poetry day and wrote rhyming poems about themselves. In maths we have been recapping how to calculate 1, 10 or 100 more than a 4-digit number and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children have really enjoyed practising singing for the harvest festival, making string telephones in science and investigating the dangerous jobs that children had to do during the Victorian times.

**Ruby class:** This week in Maths, Year 5 have been focusing on Roman numerals. They have joined in a song to help them remember the basics, created "human Roman numerals outside", and have completed calculations and reasoning problems using their knowledge. In English, we have been looking at famous baseballer and Black rights activist, Jackie Robinson. We have been writing expanded noun phrases and sentences with possessive apostrophes; bullet-pointing facts about him and considering his thoughts, feelings and actions, to help us in writing a diary entry next week. For National Poetry Day, we have been reciting poems we learned off by heart; watching a couple of Michael Rosen's



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exemplary performance poems; composing haikus and writing metaphor poems about ourselves. Even our PE rhymed and sent us on a treasure hunt of different activities around the school field and playground. As part of RSE, we have been talking about how 'Pants are private' - the children enjoyed a song by Pantosaurus and designed their own colourful pants involving one of the important messages they took away from this session.

**Diamond class:** In Diamond Class this week, we have been enjoying National Poetry Day by listening to a range of poets and their poetry - Michael Rosen's 'Chocolate Cake' remains the most popular! We have also been looking at different devices which poets use and experimenting with these to see what type of poem we would like to write. We have created some brilliant kennings, and the children are now thinking about what type of poems they will write for their entry to the poetry competition (with the theme being 'This is Me'). They will continue to work on these next week.

### Everyone!

You are all amazing shining stars.



### Harvest Service and Food Bank Collection

The school enjoyed a wonderful Harvest Service today at St James Church and it was marvellous to hear the whole school singing together again, both today and throughout the week whilst we rehearsed. Thank you to everyone who has generously sent in gifts for the food bank. We have an excellent selection of items and these will be collected at the end of next week. If you have not yet contributed we can still accept donations.

### Friends of Audlem School

All the Christmas Card designs have been posted off this week and should hopefully be returned after the half term holiday in plenty of time for Christmas. **A non-uniform day has been planned for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** (next Friday) and we are asking for bottle donations. This is related to the next Friends fund-raiser - a pumpkin patch event after school on Friday 22 October. Posters have appeared around school and more details will follow.

### Cold Weather

There has been a real chill in the air over recent days and we have had to remind a number of children about the importance of wearing coats and jumpers to keep them warm outside. Please ensure your child/ren have jumpers and coats with them each day so they can enjoy outdoor break times whilst remaining warm. Thank you.

### Parking at drop-off and pick-up times

The school has recently received a number of complaints from those living close to the school whose access has been restricted by parents' parking choices. As we have many new parents/carers, it seems a good time to request that parents take care to park in safe places and avoid restricting access for our neighbours. Thank you.

### Healthy Snacks and Lunchboxes

Can I remind all families of our healthy eating policy in school? Please ensure any snacks from home are fruit only - no chocolate bars or crisps please. We also encourage all children to eat healthily at lunchtimes and we ask that parents support us with this when sending packed lunches into school. Please do not forget that we are a nut-free school.

### 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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