



## Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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8 December 2023

We have had another busy week as we started the week with our SIAM's inspection on Monday. We will be getting the official report in about 2-3 weeks and we are delighted with the outcome of the report as a school. As always the children, staff, governors and parents shone brightly. It was very evident that our vision meant everything to the whole community.

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Christmas has started at school as well as the children have been learning about Advent.



Friends of Audlem School

Friends of Audlem School want to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in making our Christmas Fair a success. We hope you all had a lovely time. We would like to thank everyone who provided bottles for the tombola, donated amazing prizes for our raffle, baked gorgeous cakes, volunteered to run a stall (parents and teachers) and those of you who supported the event. We hope you all enjoyed the evening. We are absolutely





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thrilled to announce we raised an incredible **£1501.48!!!** We will be sharing our plans for 2024 and how your money will be spent early in the New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our events this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Upcoming Christmas Events

Our school Christmas Dinner menu has been advertised today and will take place on **Tuesday 19 December**. Please note that only Christmas dinner (with a vegetarian option) will be served on that day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to mark the occasion.

Can we also remind you about the Church Service on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:** Theia Evans

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Myra Adair

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Harry Morgan

**Miss Morris's class:** Howie Goldrick

**Mrs Bird's class:** Maddie Fell

**Mr Trude's class:** Alyssa Welch-Harding

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Lulu Pavey

### 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:**

**Reflectiveness:**

**Responsibility:** Isla Lewis, Felix Tighe, Hugo Higgins, Ellie Grieves and Cyrus McDonald

**Resourcefulness:**

**Readiness to Learn:** Maisie Hallatt and Jake Quigley

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 have read an alternative version of the Gingerbread Man. We drew a story map and wrote speech bubbles for the other characters in the story. We also read A Squash and a Squeeze by Julia Donaldson. In maths, we looked carefully at arrangements of dots and closed our eyes to explain what we saw. We used spatial language to describe the sub-groups within these arrangements. We also worked on recognition of numerals to 5 and beyond, matched numerals to the correct quantities in games and used a number track. We also enjoyed painting to music in our art lesson.





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**Sapphire class:** This week in Sapphire class we have enjoyed starting some coding in our computing. We have learnt all about algorithms and what a coder is. We have also been excellent actors and singers whilst practising for our nativity performance.

**Pearl class:** In Science this week we have been learning about recycling of materials. We have discussed the benefits of recycling and also looked at how we can reuse and repurpose certain items in our households. In Maths we have been learning different strategies to subtract across 10 (e.g.  $23-6=17$ ) and to subtract from a 10 (e.g.  $60-4=56$ ). We have been spotting patterns and using our number bonds to help us calculate. In Reading we have practised retrieving information from the text to answer questions and we have clarified some challenging vocabulary. In Writing we have been collecting vocabulary whilst thinking about our senses in preparation to write Plop's description of sitting on the rooftops at night-time. In RE we verbally retold the story of the birth of baby Jesus from the perspective of the Three Wise Men. We looked at different paintings of the Nativity scene and we talked about the gifts given. We learned about gold, frankincense and myrrh and considered what gifts we might give. We loved our trip to Nantwich Museum where we learned about the Great Fire of Nantwich and compared it with The Great Fire of London. We enjoyed becoming History Detectives, exploring artefacts and dressing up.

**Amber class:** This week the children in Amber class have been writing in the past and present tenses. They have also learnt about using the present perfect tense. The class have worked on column addition with exchanging and column subtraction with exchanging. The children enjoyed a music session where they collaboratively played jingle bells on a selection of instruments. Work continued on their pneumatic toys in DT and the class worked on gymnastics in PE. The children made wormeries in Science and completed a Geography session where they learned about the cities in the UK.

**Emerald class:** This week in Emerald class, the children have been learning about sound in Science. They have been on a sound walk around the school and listened to the many different activities and sounds going on in school. They have also been looking at the Holy Trinity and how it is mentioned in the creation story, the nativity and the Easter story. In PE they worked on their balance and some of the children took part in the athletics competition at Malbank School.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby class, the children have been working hard in English, writing a character description about the witch in the Lost Happy Endings. The children had to think carefully about the vocabulary they were using and making sure their writing was cohesive. We also wrote winter forest poems which included ENPs, similes and personification. During Maths, we focused on multiplies of 10, 100 and 1000, applying our knowledge to word problems. We practiced using a blanket stitch in DT to get prepared for making our stuffed toys. The children are working hard learning their Christmas song – Last Christmas by Wham, this will be performed to the whole school on the last week of term. The children continue to work hard in all other subjects.

**Diamond class:** This week in Diamond Class, we have been focusing on equivalent fractions and placing fractions on a number-line based on the number of intervals between 0 and 1. In English, we have written poems about tigers including Year 6 features such as cohesion, passive voice and parenthesis. The children then performed these to their classmates with a live, atmospheric guitar accompaniment... On Wednesday, we were treated to a Road Safety talk and we began to come up with actions for our performance of Mariah Carey's 'All I want for Christmas'. On Friday, in History/RE, we will be learning about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his selfless courageous advocacy around the time of WW2.





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**Attendance:** Whole school weekly attendance this week is 93.22%. This is a slight improvement on last week but is still well below our school aim of at least 97%. Most of this is due to ill-health, chesty coughs, a vomiting bug and high temperatures plus a resurgence of chicken-pox. We hope that next week everyone will be well as Christmas approaches. In EYFS/KS1, Pearl class has had full attendance, in KS2, Ruby class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

### **Carol Concert at St Mary's Church, Nantwich**

We have attached a poster with the newsletter concerning a concert performed by Nantwich Young Voices on Wednesday, 20 December.

### **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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