



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

*'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16*



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I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday. We have started the last half term of this academic year and I can't believe that I'm even saying this as the year seems to have flown by. We have been working hard on all our new topics. Some of the children have been showing how amazing they are at their phonological knowledge as well as testing the teachers on their speed and knowledge of timetables. As always, all children have shone brightly, and this has been evident in all classes and subjects across the curriculum.

### Thought of the Week



'We Seek Your Kingdom', is a whole-life worship song commissioned by [LICC](#) and Thy Kingdom Come. It is sung to the tune of the much-loved hymn 'Abide With Me' and has been written by Noel Robinson, Andy Flannagan, and Graham Hunter. It inspires us to see our daily tasks through God's eyes – and live out the prayer 'your kingdom come' in every part of life. It offers a prayer that through ordinary Christians like you and me, God would transform, revive, and heal our society. The song is an encouragement and a call to action – a declaration that each of us can join in God's kingdom work right where we are through the power of His Holy Spirit. It includes the line, 'selfless in service, loving constantly,' a perfect reflection of what our school does best!





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## Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess' Class** – Cian Murphy  
**Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class** – Phoebe Shrimpton  
**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** – Willow Bonell  
**Mr Davies' Class** – Fletcher Cronshey  
**Miss Morris' Class** – Jessica Martin  
**Mr Blenkiron's Class** – Esmee Durgan-Smith  
**Mrs Bird's Class** – Chloe Hallatt  
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:

**Resilience:** Arthur Hughes, Riley Critchley, Isla Ahmad

**Responsibility:** William New

**Readiness to Learn:** Thomas Martin, Clara Wellings, Esmee Fellows

## School

**Amethyst Class** This week in Amethyst Class, we have read the story 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra. We have rescued peas frozen in a block of ice, written instructions and made superhero capes. In maths, we have practised counting to 100, sung number songs, built a superhero city using Numicon pieces and shared strategies for counting larger amounts that can't be moved. We also had fun using our new mud kitchen in the outside area and enjoyed a science lesson making a rainbow.

**Sapphire Class** This week in Sapphire Class we have been writing our own versions of our class story 'Toys in Space.' The children loved thinking of their own toy characters and settings. In maths we have started focusing on place value within 100. In science, we carried out an experiment to see which materials were absorbent or not. Also, we have been learning about the invention of the wheel and we made our own wheels.

**Pearl Class** This week the children have made observations on their growing sunflowers. They learnt how to transplant their sunflowers from pots to the ground and we think they will look beautiful in our school grounds. In Maths we have counted in fractions up to a whole and continued our work on telling the time. We also enjoyed our special assembly about water safety from The Canal and River Trust.

**Amber Class** The first week of the half term has been incredibly exciting in Amber Class. On Wednesday, we welcomed Ian Morris to the school who ran the Ancient Egyptian workshop. A historian who has appeared on TV's Time Team and feature films including Ridley Scott's Gladiator, Ian brought life to the Ancient Egyptian world. Children were taught how to play Hounds & Jackals, an Egyptian boardgame, how to measure using the system of measure of the time as well as translating hieroglyphics and even how to play 'Chariot Football!'

**Emerald Class** In year 4 we have continued with our decimals topic in maths where we have learned how to divide by 10 and 100 using decimals. In English, the class have described the villagers leaving their island and how their mountain god sent a tidal wave to their new island. The children have been practising varying their nouns and pronouns to enhance cohesion. In History, the children studied Alexander the Great and in Science





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we looked at our new topic 'States of Matter.' Call and response styles of composition was looked at in Music and the children experimented with techniques and materials for their landscape paintings of Carding Mill Valley in Art. We practised phrases about the weather in French lessons.

**Ruby Class** This week, in Ruby Class, the children have begun to work on angles and understanding turns in degrees. Some children were able to use this knowledge to create directions towards "treasure". In English, we have begun to write children's stories about the legendary Monkey Man of the Shropshire Union Canal. Next week, those who have finished editing will be able to turn theirs into a booklet or a PowerPoint to read to a child in another class. We have been composing our own pieces of music on the ocarina by using ocarina tab and our knowledge of notated rhythms (made up of crotchets, quavers and semi-quavers). We have had the pleasure of outside experts speaking to the class about water safety and the repercussions of crime, and on Friday the children will be putting themselves forward for important Year 6 jobs - presenting and giving speeches to win the votes of their classmates and the class teacher.

**Diamond Class** This week, Year 6 have had a wonderful time learning how to ride their bikes safely on the roads, with Bikeability. The children have also been learning about the benefits of exercise, as part of their Science learning, and are enjoying designing posters to promote different sports which we will display around school. The class have also begun their rehearsals for their year-end show: Shakespeare Rocks!

### Attendance this week

In KS1 and Early Years, Sapphire has the best attendance and in KS2 the best attendance has been in Emerald class. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 92.24% which is even lower than last week. There is illness in several classes and some families have taken unauthorised holidays this week which have reduced the overall attendance.

### **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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