



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

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



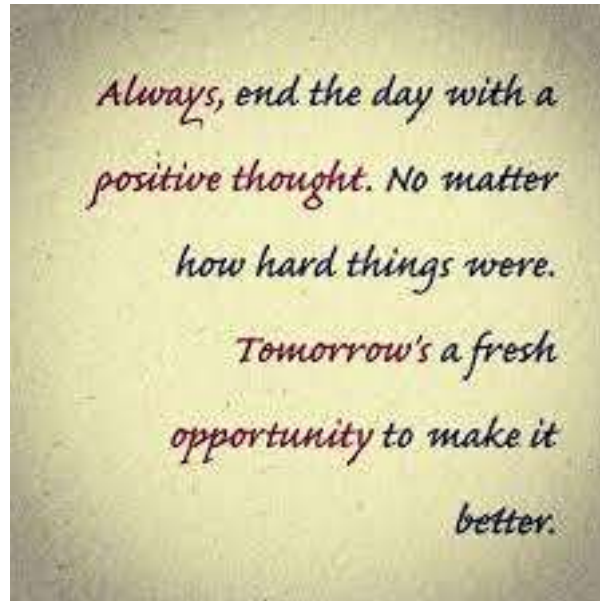
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### Our School

We have been working really hard on ensuring that our Curriculum is inspiring the children in every class. This has been evident in the work that they have been producing throughout the week. My normal day as a Headteacher is being able to have the opportunity to see the work and the improvement that all children are showing by their dedication and enthusiasm to learn. All I can say that this makes me so proud to be the Headteacher of Audlem St James CE Primary.

### Thought of the Week

In these difficult times more than ever it's important that we keep our faith and stay happy.



### Prayer of the Week





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### Praise Book Children



**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** George Tinsley  
**Mrs Proctor's class:** Ava Adair  
**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Niamh Watson  
**Miss Morris's class:** Alexander Hodson  
**Mrs Bird's class:** Caleb Vacara  
**Mr Trude's class:** Maisie Baker  
**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Freya Jones

### 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:** Seth Minshall

**Responsibility:** Ellie Grieves

**Readiness to Learn:** Lucas Parkinson; Ruby Dodd; Olivia New, Ralph Evans and William Rowe

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 read the story 'The Three Little Pigs,' by Mara Alperin. We made a collage and labelled it, used magnetic letters to make 3 and 4 letter words using our 'Fred fingers' to help us and made signs to put around the classroom to keep the wolf away. In maths, we continued to count objects to find out 'how many' objects there were altogether. We recapped our understanding of cardinality – that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether in a set of objects and practised our number formation. We also enjoyed looking at the finger print patterns we made in ink.

**Sapphire class:** This week in Sapphire Class we have been working on finishing our stories and creating some excellent front covers. In Maths we have been working so hard on counting forwards and backwards and working out one more and one less in problem solving questions. In the afternoons, we have been colour mixing and learning about primary and secondary colours, creating map symbols for our own maps of the United Kingdom, singing firework songs and playing some team building games.

**Pearl class:** In Pearl Class the children created timelines in History and they researched landmarks found in London in Geography. In Computing, the children are learning to code by creating simple algorithms to control aeroplanes on the runway. We have started to read two new books in English. We wrote descriptions of Plop, the Owl who was afraid of the dark using adventurous adjectives and we retrieved information from a non-fiction text 'Above and Below.' We have been learning about fact families in maths e.g  $14+3=17$   $3+14=17$   $17-3=14$   $17-14=3$ . In Reading we have been retrieving information from our new non-fiction book. In Science we have discussed the materials used to make every day items in our homes and we have used their properties to explain their suitability. We have also started learning the songs for our Christmas performance!





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**Amber class:** This week, year 3 have been learning to add 1 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers when a ten is crossed. In English, the children wrote letters from Grandad to Tom from the nursing home and also wrote a recount of the seal's life. The class learnt about Stonehenge in History and made a model out of biscuits! The children reflected on their art projects and wrote about their favourite art lesson so far this year. The class finished their electric posters in their DT lesson and explored the idea of fake websites in their Computing session.

**Emerald class:** This week, Emerald Class have been learning about the Industrial Revolution and how Manchester has changed over the centuries. They have thought about the types of jobs people used to do compared to those after the Industrial Revolution. The children have also been thinking about what spirituality means to them and how we can connect more to our world and to each other. The children have also begun to learn The Lord's Prayer.

**Ruby class:** This week in Ruby class, the children have started a new Maths unit – multiplication and division. Building on the children's knowledge of multiples, we have been finding sets of multiples of given numbers and making generalisations about them. During English, we have started looking at traditional tales. The children have written a 3-paragraph short story in the style of a traditional tale, including a range of different sentence types; simple, compound, and complex. On Friday, the children experienced what it was like being a recruit in The Great War as well as looking at a range of artefacts from the war. I want to thank Mr King for bringing in all the artefacts and running the day.

**Diamond class:** Diamond Class started off the week by having a fantastic time at the RAF Museum in Cosford. In maths, we have been focusing on division and have been learning the method for long division. In English, we continued with and edited our diary entries from the perspective of an elderly person who experienced persecution during the second World War. We have also written Remembrance poems, and have been looking at the types of questions which can come up in a SATs grammar test. In Science, the children have researched and taken notes about electricity. They then turned these notes into quiz questions using Purple Mash.

### Remembrance Day at school

As Remembrance Day is at the end of this week, the children have been reflecting on the lives and experiences of people who have been affected by war. In Years 5 and 6, there has been a particular focus on the first and second World Wars due to our History topics covering these tragic periods.

On Monday, Year 6 visited the RAF Museum in Cosford, where they learned about the stories of several flying aces from World War 2, and what life was like for children during the Blitz. Through our English sessions, the children also wrote Remembrance poems, inspired by the facts and tales from books in our class library. We particularly focused on the conciseness of our language choice and carefully considered the position of our line breaks to affect the rhythm and meaning within the poem. Many of these poignant pieces will be read out during our special Remembrance Worship on Friday morning.

Year 5 are currently looking forward to an immersive WW1 experience throughout the remainder of Friday. History expert, Jason King, will be delivering a full-day's workshop in the school hall, filled with artefacts, drama and intrigue.

We will be observing a two-minute silence as a whole school at 11 o'clock to remember those who gave their lives with us in mind, and Diamond Class will continue to sell the remaining poppy-themed items at break times to raise money for the Royal British Legion.





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Next week, Year 6 will also be treated to a visit from a special guest speaker, who will talk about their immediate family's experience of the war whilst stationed in Japan.

### **Children in Need – non-uniform day and special meal next Friday 17 November**

We have already sent out a letter with full details of arrangements for next Friday. Don't forget to send in your donation. Thank you.

**Attendance:** Whole school weekly attendance this week is 95.36%. This is a slight improvement on last week but is still below the school aim of at least 97%.

In EYFS/KS1, the highest attendance has been in Amethyst class and, in KS2, Ruby and Diamond classes have jointly had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to all three classes.

### **Friends of Audlem School**

Friends are excited to announce plans for two events that will get you in the festive spirit.

- On Friday 1 December we will be holding our annual **Christmas Fair** between 5 and 6.30pm. Family and friends are all welcome to enjoy Christmas games, decorate baubles and enjoy some festive food and beverages.
- Also, on Sunday 3 December we are thrilled for the return of our **Santa Dash** which will take place at 11am from the school grounds. It involves a mile run, walk or amble on quiet country lanes, followed by hot drinks and food to replenish your energy levels. Santa hats essential!

**We can't wait to see you there!**

### **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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