



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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



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After a long week I can say how proud I am of all the children in school. The Year 6 have completed all the SAT's tests and they showed their 5R's throughout the whole week- **Resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn.** I am always amazed by how they shine through everything, and they have all **Let their Light Shine this week.** Well done Year 6 and all staff involved.

### Thought of the Week

#### Let the sun in!



When you open the windows, do you have to beg the fresh air to come in? Or when you open the curtains in the morning, do you have to argue with the sun to make it shine into your room? How silly! You just open the windows and the air flows in. You open the curtains and the sun shines in.

The Bible says it's like that with God's peace. It will flow into our hearts, if we let it.

Are you worried? Are you anxious?  
Is anything troubling you today?

Don't try to work it all out by yourself.  
Let God.





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## Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess' Class** – Mary Durning

**Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class** – James Pritchard

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** – Howie Goldrick

**Mr Davies' Class** – Anna Hyncica

**Miss Morris's Class** – Arabella Hughes

**Mr Blenkiron's Class** – Elsie Latham

**Mrs Bird's Class** – All of Year 6

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:** Thea Waddington and Riley Critchley

**Reflectiveness:** Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell

**Responsibility:** Felix Tighe and Will Rowe

**Resourcefulness:** George Winter

**Readiness, resilience and responsibility:** All Year 6 have shown these qualities this week.

## School

**Amethyst Class** This week in Amethyst Class, we read *That Pesky Rat* by Lauren Child and matched animals to their correct homes. We also added labels to our own pet Lego homes that we had built. In maths, we used perceptual subitising skills (seeing the quantity without counting), using the rekenreks and looked at repeating patterns. On Tuesday, we enjoyed having a visitor from Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre come and to talk to us about how we care for animals and we learnt about habitats.

**Sapphire Class** This week in Sapphire Class we have been learning fractions. In history we have learning about the explorer Christopher Columbus and we went on our own expedition around school. The children used directional language, such as left and right, to guide their group to their hidden flags. In art we have been learning about the artist Jackson Pollock who uses his artwork to demonstrate his feelings, such as happiness or sadness.

**Pearl Class** In Pearl class this week we have been practising finding a third, finding the whole and unit fractions. We have also looked at the equivalence of a half and two quarters as well as recognising three quarters. We have begun our measurement unit and practised measuring in cm and m. In English we wrote poems about 'when I grow up' using the song from *Matilda* as a stimulus. We have been working hard on finding evidence in the text to support our answers in reading comprehension. We have also planted our own sunflower seed, following instructions. We are excited to watch them grow over the coming weeks.

**Amber Class** This week has been exciting in Amber Class as we have been reading all about Howard Carter and his sensational discovery in the Valley of the Kings. In our maths sessions we have been looking into measurement of mass, comparing g and kg and looking at equivalence. English has seen us writing about the





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next steps of the journey the girl has embarked on in our book. We have been learning to count to 10 in French as well as experiencing some disco classics in our recorder sessions.

**Emerald Class** This week, Emerald class have worked on mixed numbers and improper fractions in maths. They have learned how to add fractions and use bar models to illustrate their understanding. In English, the children have practised using alternative nouns and pronouns, making fronted adverbials and have planned and written a diary entry as a Polynesian villager. The children studied food chains in science and labelled them with scientific vocabulary. In History, the class looked at when The Ancient Greek period was on a timeline and looked at the ages within that period. The children learned about and wrote a series of 3 beat rhythms using crotchets and quavers in Music. The children also enjoyed a session exploring Ancient Greece with the school's new VR headsets.

**Ruby Class** This week, Ruby Class have been focusing on calculating the area of rectangles and compound shapes made from rectangles. In English, they have been learning how to format a letter and have written a letter of complaint about the poison pool that has formed in the village of the Paperbag Prince. In Geography, the class were taught by Miss Abell about the journey of a river, and compared various religions' creation stories in RE.

**Diamond Class** Year 6 have continued to shine in our school, this week. They have tackled all of their SATs tests with a calm and diligent approach and we are very proud of them. They have enjoyed their early breakfasts together, as well as extra breaktimes; in fact, we think they will miss SATs week! Well done, Year 6.

### Attendance this week

In KS1 and Early Years Amethyst have had full attendance and in KS2 the best attendance has been in Amber class. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 97.44% which is excellent.

### Acacia Training – Funded Courses

Acacia Training offers a wide range of fully funded online Level 2 short courses across a wide variety of sectors. Courses have been designed to support adults to upskill and to assist their professional development and we have agreed to send out details alongside this week's newsletter.

### Reaseheath Family Festival on Sunday 14 May 2023 - 10am – 5pm

There will be a wide variety of hands-on activities taking place right across campus, showcasing the many courses they offer at Reaseheath College, as well as a number of external acts and exhibitors.

Access all areas of the campus where you can take part in activities including den building, brick laying, tree climbing, stock judging, flower arranging and lots more. With a Farmers Market, food stalls, main lawn attractions, a zoo and farm to explore, be sure to arrive early! Advance tickets only!

[Reaseheath Family Festival | Sunday 14 May 2023](#)

### 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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