



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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



13 October 2023

## Our School

It was a joy to see all the children back at St James Church to celebrate Harvest Festival with family and friends. The children as always excelled in Harvest worship and showed why we must keep on helping others. Thank you to everyone for your generosity towards our Harvest Festival collection this week. I can see that we are sowing the seeds of friendship within our community.

Harvest is a time for us to be together as a school, to be thankful for what we have and to share with others who may be in need. It is also a moment to take stock of how our communities are changing: no longer are harvest gifts of food and fresh produce being asked for but non-perishables and toiletries to support local food banks. As we gather today we celebrate and give thanks for what our earth can provide.

I also wanted to share with you my thoughts for this week. We have been looking at 'Peace' which is one of our Core Christian Values and asking the children for their ideas on how we can spread Peace within our school, community and the wider world. This was discussed in all classes and throughout the curriculum and the children came up with the sentence below:

**Peace is when people are able to resolve their conflicts without violence and can work together to improve the quality of their lives.**

## Thought of the Week

You should ALWAYS believe in yourself and remember the words below as this will ensure you can do anything you set your heart on.

YOU ARE  
**BRAVER**  
THAN YOU BELIEVE  
**STRONGER**  
THAN YOU SEEM  
**SMARTER**  
THAN YOU THINK  
**AND LOVED**  
MORE THAN YOU'LL EVER KNOW.

## Prayer of the Week

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





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### Praise Book Children



**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** C J Latham

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Arlo Allen

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Olivia New

**Miss Morris's class:** Joe Bennion

**Mrs Bird's class:** Emily Bourne-Withey

**Mr Trude class:** Caleb Bowen-Jones

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Barney Stockton

### 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:** Monty McGregor, Maddie Fell and Betsy Hockenhull-Campbell

**Reflectiveness:** Daisy Capper

**Responsibility:** Tommy Roberts

**Readiness to Learn:** Archie McComb and Erin Sanderson

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 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. We wrote invitations for a space party and wrote a list of all the food we would take for a picnic on the Moon. In maths, we investigated the shapes made by Numberblock Four and made similar arrangements. We saw that Numberblock Four can be arranged with 2 blocks on top of another 2 blocks or as a line of 3 with 1 on top, and





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connect both to 4. We also used 2d shapes to make space pictures and used solid 3d shapes to build space rockets.

**Sapphire class:** This week in Sapphire Class we have been continuing our learning on counting and representing numbers on Tens Frames in Maths. In English we have been writing lists of what Peter would take to the South Pole and writing sentences about how he was feeling throughout the story. The children have also enjoyed learning about North, East, South and West, some new PE games, looking at historical pictures of Audlem and learning new songs in Music. Sapphire class also enjoyed their walk to the church and singing their Harvest songs.

**Pearl class:** This week the children in Pearl Class performed 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' beautifully in the Harvest Festival at church on Tuesday. In Science we have been looking at seasonal changes and what we might see during different times of the year. We created beautiful finger paintings of trees in the four seasons. In Maths we have continued looking at number lines and we have compared objects and numbers using 'greater than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. In English we have written a letter in role as Tabitha's mum/dad asking her to come home. We focussed on using expanded noun phrases to describe and specify, subordination (because) and coordination (and). We are enjoying reading our class read 'Trolls Go Home' by Alan MacDonald. In P.E. we played a game which required the children to work together as a team using defenders to protect their tags and attackers to take tags from their opponents. In History, we learned about Samuel Pepys who is a significant figure in History.

**Amber class:** This week in Amber class, we have learned how to count in 50, how to compare numbers and how to order numbers. In English, the children have explored using paragraphs and the reasons for a new paragraph. The class studied Mary Anning in Science, made their cave animal painting on their textured background in art, continued work on their electrical posters in DT and had a fitness session in PE. The class loved performing in church and enjoyed their recorder session with Mrs Shackleton.

**Emerald class:** This week, Emerald Class wrote and performed their lovely autumn poems in church. They were very evocative of the sights, sounds and smells of autumn and have put us in the mood for bonfire night and roast dinners! The class have also been busy learning about Victorian inventions and have been constructing their own torches as part of their Design & Technology learning. We can't wait to test them out!

**Ruby class:** On Tuesday, the children demonstrated their outstanding singing during the Harvest Festival at St James Church. This week in Ruby class, we started looking at estimating addition and subtraction questions to help us confirm whether we have the correct answer. During English, we have written an extract from a newspaper report introducing 'The Fearless Miss Taylor' as she arrives at Niagara train station. The children have continued their 'doodler' project in DT, finishing their design, we should be starting this next week. The class have also been working hard on their PE, Art and French skills.

**Diamond class:** This week we have been focusing on learning rules of divisibility to check whether a number is a multiple of 2, 4, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12 or 15. We have also revisited Prime and Composite numbers. In English, we have been looking at the passive voice and how it can change the meaning or effect of a sentence. In History, we have learned about some of the innovative designs of WW2 tanks and how they changed to become less vulnerable and more cost effective. In Science, we have investigated how shadows can change depending on the position of the light source, and in D&T, we have begun to sew the seams on our waistcoats.





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### **Harvest – Donations for the Food Bank – Thank you**

We have once again had a marvellous response to our request for donations as the photograph below shows.



Thank you once again for your generosity at a time when everyone is struggling. We are sure the Foodbank will be very grateful.

**Attendance:** Whole school weekly attendance this week is 96.56%. This means that we have just have fallen below the school aim of at least 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst and Pearl classes have had full attendance and, in KS2, Ruby class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to all three classes.

### **Tea, Coffee + Cake!**

Please come and join us for a fundraising slice of homemade cake, a coffee or a cuppa + a refill

All for £3.50

We welcome you to **Audlem St James Church** this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, from 2.00pm until 4.00pm

See you there!

### **Friends of Audlem School - Spooky Disco – Friday 20 October**

Thank you to those parents who kindly donated spooky costumes, your donations are greatly appreciated. Tickets for our disco have been selling like hot cakes! There are only a few tickets remaining for the disco next week, so if you would like a ticket please don't leave it to the last minute.

You can purchase tickets using the link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool/index.cfm?event=Shop>

Tickets are £5. The children will receive a hotdog, cake and drink in the ticket price. The disco starts at 4.30pm, with collection at 6.00pm.

### **Half-term Club at Reaseheath**





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We've been sent a flyer, which we will attach with the newsletter, from Reaseheath College regarding sports activities for 6 to 12-year olds during half-term.

### **Pumpkin Carving Competition at Brambles Cookshop**

Once again, the cookshop is organising a free competition for children this half-term. Closing date is October 29th when you can bring your pumpkin to a Spooktacular Event. (Flyer attached)

### **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.

*A.Perry*

