



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



14th July 2023

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This is the final full week of this academic year, and I can't believe that we only have 5 days of school left before the summer holidays. The year 6 have been to Primary College at South Cheshire College on Wednesday and then watched Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Palace Theatre in Manchester. All of them fully enjoyed themselves and got inspiration for their performance on Monday 17th July.

We have our Leavers Service at St James Church on Wednesday 19th July to which I think people will need to bring their tissues. At the beginning of the service there will be tea/coffee for parents to be able to have time to reflect on being part of Audlem St James community.

I just wanted to share with you also the Year 6 SAT's results for this year. I am extremely proud of what they have achieved and the hard work that they have put in as well as all the teachers who have supported them over their time at Audlem.

Current Primary Data – Summer term 23 KS2 outcomes unvalidated

Primary School	KS2 Reading	KS2 Writing	KS2 GPS	KS2 Maths	KS2 RWM
Audlem St James	EXS+	EXS+	EXS+	EXS+	EXS+
	94%	77%	90%	81%	65%
	GDS	GDS	GDS	GDS	GDS
	35%	10%	26%	23%	10%
National 2023 – EXS+	73%	71%	72%	73%	59%
Key					
GPS	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling				
RWM	Reading, Writing and Mathematics				
EXS+	Working at or above expected standard				
GDS	Working at greater depth				

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



- Mrs Burgess' Class** – Leo Smith
- Mrs Kemp and Miss Cooke's Class** – James Pritchard
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's Class** – George Shaw-Adams
- Mr Davies' Class** – Maddie Fell
- Miss Morris's Class** – Amelia Leslie
- Mr Blenkiron's Class** – Joe Hassall
- Mrs Bird's Class** – Freya Barnett and Charlotte Clark

You are all amazing Shining Stars!





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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: Archie McComb and Tilly Roberts

Responsibility: Rishee Brow, Cyrus McDonald and the whole of Year 6!

Readiness to Learn: Thomas Hassall and Megan Chesters

School

Amethyst Class: This week in Amethyst Class, we read 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton. We wrote about what we did in our Forest School session with Mr Hadfield, planted cress and wrote instructions. In maths, the children explored Cuisenaire rods, found rods that were the equal length and made staircase patterns using them. We also continued to look at addition. In science, we have been learning about plants and went on a hunt around school to see what we could find on the school grounds.

Sapphire Class: On Monday, the children had a fantastic time at Manchester Airport. This trip linked to our class topic 'transport.' We learnt about the different roles in airports and acted them out. The children got to see the Concorde and made comparisons between new and old aircrafts. In English, we have been designing our characters in preparation for writing our own stories. In maths, we have been learning to tell the time by the hour.

Pearl Class: This week in Pearl class we have been writing a diary entry using different sentence types and adding contractions e.g. don't, I'll, it's. We have been making predictions about stories based on what we have read so far and we have been using our retrieving skills to order past events from the story. We have been writing a secret diary for our favourite characters in the Fantastic Mr Fox. In Geography, we used a compass to find North, South, East and West. We have completed our unit on position and direction in Maths. In Science we have been looking at hygiene and exercise and why they are important for a healthy lifestyle. We have taken inspiration from Joe Wicks and written our own workouts with short, high-energy, repeating exercises. We discussed the feelings of being 'out of breath' and felt our heart rates increase. We discussed why these are signs of our bodies working hard. We loved decorating our wheeled vehicles.

Amber Class:

This week, children in Amber Class have been immersing themselves in the study of all things time! We have been looking at hours, half-hours, quarter-hours, 5-minute and 1-minute intervals and working out time-related problems. We have been looking at the Illustrated Atlas of Britain & Ireland and children have been planning a summer holiday for Mr Davies to take in the sights & sounds of our wonderful regions. We have also been indulging our artistic desires creating a variety of posters for 'Shakespeare Rocks'.

Emerald Class: This week Emerald Class have worked on solving word problems using money. They have also started their new maths topic about time. In English, the class focussed on using possessive apostrophes for both singular and plural nouns. The children painted their final pieces in art using painting techniques they have developed over this half term. The class created and wrote about their favourite ice cream sundae in French and they studied waterfalls in Geography. In Science, we looked at the water cycle and how water changes state throughout each stage of the cycle.

Ruby Class: Year 5 have been reading the story "The Hunter" in English this week and hot-seating various characters. We have focused on using different adverbs in our writing. In Maths, we have been converting





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units such as grams into kilograms and solving mathematical problems. We enjoyed tennis and ball skills in PE and learnt about reversible and irreversible change in Science.

Diamond Class: Year 6 have been busy attending Primary College at South Cheshire College. They have participated in workshops on cookery, hairdressing, sport, computing, bricklaying and so much more. Some even got to sit in a Bentley! It was such a great day. Year 6 are also looking forward to their trip to see Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in Manchester. We hope this will be a wonderful experience for everyone and will inspire the children to perform their best in our dress rehearsal for Shakespeare Rocks on Friday.

Walkers to Church – volunteers needed please

As mentioned above, our Y6 Leavers Service is to be held on the morning of **Wednesday 19 July** at St James' Church in the village. Can any of you, parents, carers or grandparents, help us by walking with one of the classes on the way down and the way back? We really appreciate your help and would ask that you contact your child's class teacher or email the school office (admin@stjamesaudlem.cheshire.sch.uk) to let us know. Thank you.

Attendance this week

This week, the best attendance in KS1 and Early Years was in Sapphire class. In KS2, Emerald class has had the best attendance. Congratulations to both year groups. This week the average attendance has been 93.23% which is still considerably below our target of 96% or above.

Friends of Audlem School

Please join us for our Summer Fair today from 5pm-7pm and thank you for the amazing response to our request for raffle tickets and cuddly toys! We are holding a non-uniform "Break the Rules" day on the last day of term, Friday 21 July and a poster is attached with full details.

BioBlitz – 16 and 17 August at Cholmondeley Castle

The University of Chester is holding two family fun days identifying wildlife and using field equipment. A poster is attached with all the details.

Spokes and Laces x Barn Cyclery

Spokes and Laces x Barn Cyclery are excited to be holding a Dr Bike session in the Public Hall (Youth Room) on Monday 24th July between 0900 and 1230. This is a completely free drop in session where an experienced mechanic will check everything on your bike and any minor adjustments will be done there and then. If you can't make it, get in touch (spokesandlaces@gmail.com) as we can offer a free inspection and safety check at our workshop at Barn Cyclery on Paddock Lane at a time that suits you. **Jon Clements (Spokes and Laces x Barn Cyclery)**

Fishing and Football Fun – 10 and 24 August

We have also attached two flyers from Cheshire Constabulary concerning a Football Funday on 10 August and a Fishing Competition on 24 August. Both events are for 9-16 year olds and the fishing is free.

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.

