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Audlem St James CE Primary School

This is the final full week of this academic year, and I can't believe that we only have 4 days of school left before the summer holidays. The year 6 have performed in front of the school, parents and local community for the first time in 3 years and what a performance as there wasn't a dry eye in the hall. We have our Leavers Service at St James Church on Monday 18th July which again people will need to bring their tissues. At the end 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.

Today was a special day as Year 6 had their fun day which was amazing as I have never been so soaked!!!! The water guns and inflatables made a good impression on not just the children, but the staff who seemed to enjoy themselves as well!!!!

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.

Combined (%)	Unvalidated KS2 Results 2022				
National 2022 in (red)	65% Combined RWM 2019		72%(59%) Combined RWM 2022		
21/22	Writing	Reading	Maths	GPS	Science
EXS (100 or above)	66%	59%	66%	38%	72%
GD (110 or above)	10%	34%	17%	41%	21%
Total EXS+%	76% (69%)	93% (74%)	83% (74%)	79% (72%)	93% (79%)

Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:

Mrs Maughan and Mrs Burgess' Class - Theo Jones

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Hayward's Class - Lucy Rogers

Mrs Richardson/Miss Ratcliffe and Mrs Smith's Class - George Winters

Mr Davies' Class - Matty Jones

Miss Morris's Class - Charlie Stretch

Mr Blenkiron's Class - William New

Mrs Bird's Class - the whole 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:



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Resilience: Erin Wynne, Brodie Cowden, Sebastian McComb, Louie Elliott, Maddie Wood, Barney Stockton, Barney Goldrick and Violet Springett

Resourcefulness: Riley Critchley.

Governors' Report for 2021-22

One of the findings of our recent parent voice is that school governors need to be more visible, and keep you better informed about what we do for school. One of the ways in which we have done this in the past is by providing an annual report, and I am pleased to say that the report for 2021/22 is now available for you to view on the school website <https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/school/governors.html>

It includes information on who the governors are, what our committees do, the curriculum and finances of the school.

We also plan to introduce some other changes from September, including short monthly updates in the school newsletter, consultation with the community about our five-year plan for the school and the reintroduction of parent forum.

Finally, we wanted to let you know that we will be seeking a new parent governor to join our team in the Autumn term. More information about the election process will reach you in early September. Perhaps you know the perfect person for the job?

Many thanks for your tremendous support of the school this year.

Best wishes,
Sonia Kay
Chair of Governors

School

Amethyst Class This week in Amethyst Class, we read the book Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt. We made our own rhyming books, wrote a list of all the places we spotted the shark and played I spy. In maths, we made staircase patterns using the Cuisenaire rods and practised our number formation. We also enjoyed our transition time in the Year 1 classroom on Tuesday.

Sapphire Class This week in Sapphire class we have been measuring centimetres using rulers and recognising coins and money. In RE we have been practising for our wedding next week. Everyone enjoyed watching the Y6 class performing their Leavers' Assembly to the school. In English this week we retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood and used traditional tale features of writing to make the story exciting. In Mathematics, we have ordered two-digit numbers to 100 and explored recognising coins. In Topic we explored the book 'Rosie's Walk' to understand mapping a route with landmarks and then we drew a map of the route we take from home to school. In Science we investigated how materials change through heating and cooling by melting some chocolate!

Pearl Class This week, Pearl Class have been taking part in the Visyon 'Moving On' Project to support transition from KS1 into KS2. They looked back on their favourite parts of Year 2, thought about the things they are looking forward to in Year 3 and next, they will share any worries they have. In English, they have used the opening verse of 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' focussing on the line 'If you go down to the woods today...' They have used adjectives to write a description of the woods and what can be seen and heard e.g. red toadstools, windy branches, spooky shadows and prickly bracken. They then picked out the adjectives used and changed them by adding the suffixes -er and -est. They discussed the effect this has on their descriptions e.g. the reddest toadstools, the spookiest shadows. In Maths, they explored volume using problems that could be solved using four operations. In Art, they created images of the Fantastic Mr Fox using watercolours.

Amber Class Amber have been busy developing their acting skills this week! After reading about how 'Giraffe-mania' gripped France in the 1800s, pupils have been busy creating sketches where street-sellers were trying to sell their products to the masses.....with various levels of success experienced and profits made! In maths we have been looking at measurement and we have also looked at the inner-workings of a PC. We have taken a PC apart and children have looked at the various components and even re-seated RAM modules, handled the CPU and wired in power & data cables!

Emerald Class This week, Emerald class have been rounding money to the nearest pound. We did some role plays to practise this skill which the children really enjoyed. The children have finished writing their 5-part narratives in



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English and are really proud of their stories! Work has begun in DT on construction of 3D volcano models. The class have built their structures and papier-maché the mountain form. The class learned about estuaries and the wildlife they support in Geography. We had a fantastic Geography/Art trip to Carding Mill Valley to study the rivers, hike and make some sketches of the landscape.

Ruby Class This week, in Ruby Class we have been continuing our work on measuring angles, this time using protractors for accuracy. We have also completed some maths work in our Geography books using the data we collected on our river study. On Tuesday, we enjoyed watching Year 6's Leavers' Assembly rehearsal - and the children were treated to a choice of football or rounders during PE to avoid the heat of the hall.

On Wednesday, Ruby Class accompanied Emerald Class to Carding Mill Valley in the Shropshire Hills. We had a beautiful day for it and the children really enjoyed their hike, their picturesque lunch and our river study - where we got into the river to measure it at different points as well as its speed.

On Thursday, we will be having our talent show and I am really looking forward to being able to hear some of the pieces the children have put their effort in to learning (as well as what the non-musicians have come up with)!

Diamond Class Year 6 have been real stars this week. They have been working hard to refine their sketches, learn their lines, make props, learn dance moves and then perform their Leavers' Assembly to the school and then to parents. We had a few tears (not from the children!), but the children have loved working together to produce their own show. Their prayers and poems were delightful. We are very proud of them. Well done, Year 6! Our shining stars!

Attendance this week

In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst class have the best attendance and in KS2, Amber and Emerald have the best attendance. Congratulations to all three classes.

Hot Weather expected over the weekend and early next week

Please take care to be sun safe over the next few days. We have received clear government guidance on looking after children during heatwaves which we are passing on to you as parents. This includes the use of ventilation, keeping children hydrated, avoiding vigorous physical activity, encouraging children to wear loose, light coloured clothing and sunhats with wide brims, using sunscreen, and providing them with plenty of water.

Friends of Audlem School - Breaking the Rules Day - next Wednesday 20 July

We have sent home a poster advertising this event and inviting all children who are wearing modified uniform next Wednesday to bring in 50p as requested.

Could you be an ADCA volunteer?

Audlem and District Community Action (ADCA) is looking to boost its team of volunteers - could you help?

We are looking for people of all ages and backgrounds who are friendly and enjoy talking to and helping people. Our lunch and coffee clubs run during school hours, as do our Carers Support Group and new Thursday Club, so your volunteering can be fitted around school runs.

We also would like to strengthen our team of volunteer drivers, who help driving ADCA members to and from our clubs and/or to medical appointments.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering with ADCA, please contact our Community Services Manager, Tracey Humphries, on 07557 102108 or by email to tlhumphries@outlook.com

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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Let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16