



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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



28 February 2025

## School

I just thought I would share with you my thoughts as we enter our first full week at school. It has been an absolute pleasure to have all the children back in school engaging in lessons. Watching them discuss reasoning in Maths and working through some of the exciting new class books in English has been lovely. The work that the children are already producing across school shows a real determination to succeed. It was good to see the children sharing their wonderful work with you at Parents' Evening as well over the week. I could see how proud they are of their books.

I believe in this quote below:

**"Our job at school is to support you and your children. We will endeavour to instil that anything is possible through the way that we nurture the whole child and that their dreams can come true."**

At Audlem 'Everyone Matters' and this is key as it's not just the children, staff and governors that matter to us but the whole community as we have recognised the strength of working together and supporting each other.

## Thought of the Week

Please remember this as anything is possible



## Praise Book Children this week

**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** Jan Okrutny

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Theo Wilcox

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Phoebe Fellows

**Miss Morris' class:** Madge Sumnell

**Mrs Bird's class:** Daisy Capper

**Mr Trude's class:** Toby Le Grice

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Lily Rose Satchithananda





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### 5 Rs Children this week

*(resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness & readiness to learn)*

**Resilience:** Theo Jones and Heidi Boyle

**Responsibility:** Annabel Smith, Ruby Dodd, Grace Bidewell and Billy Cornes

**Readiness to Learn:** Sam Bagnall

Everyone! - **You are all amazing shining stars.**

**Prayers to Share** this week – We pray for everyone at home, school, local community and the wider world at these uncertain times to be safe and well.

**Amethyst class:** In February, we continued our Transport topic and read 'The Hundred Decker Bus' by Mike Smith and 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane' by 'Katy Haworth.' We wrote a list of things we would pack to go travelling around the world, made passports and learnt about hot and cold countries. We designed and labelled vehicles and looked at some more at transport that was used in the past and vehicles that might be invented in the future. In maths, we focused on composition of numbers 6,7,8. We used double dice frames to begin to explore that 6, 7 and 8 are numbers that are composed of '5 and a bit. We also had fun learning all about Chinese New Year. We performed a Chinese dragon dance in PE and made loud music using percussion instruments. Mrs Kemp's mum came into school to talk to us all and made some Chinese food with us.

**Sapphire class:** This month we have had lots of excitement surrounding our writing. We came to the end of our learning using the book 'The Lion Inside', every child planned and wrote their own story with their own animals. They were all such excellent and individual stories, and the children should be so proud of themselves. We have now started our new book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth', so far, we have written predictions by looking at illustrations from the book and we have written our own prediction story by looking at the cover and title of the book. In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction up to 20. We have now moved onto our new unit on numbers up to 50. So far, we have been looking at how many tens and ones we have in the numbers 20, 30, 40 and 50. In RE we have been learning about lying, as a class we have explored what different religions think about lying. We have also read some bible stories like David and the Lions and parables like The Mustard Seed. In Computing we have been learning about direction and how to create algorithms of directions. In History and Geography, we have our topic of 'Farming' we have been learning about different types of farms, what urban and rural are and what chronology is. In Music we have been learning different nursery rhymes and putting our own words to them, We have also been singing various songs together and working in two parts to create an echo. In PE we have been doing dance and gymnastics, we have been focusing on coordination, balance and choreography.

**Pearl class:** Over the last few weeks the children have created a picture book in Art. We have been learning about Leonardo da Vinci's amazing inventions and created our very own parachutes. In English we wrote our own version of The Dragon Machine using all the skills and vocabulary we have learned so far this term. In Maths we have continued learning about shape. We have focussed on lines of symmetry as well as sorting and counting faces and edges on 3D shapes. In RE we have had some wonderful discussions surrounding the story of Moses and in PE we have continued developing our gymnastic skills, putting shapes and rolls into a short sequence. In Reading we have shared a non-fiction book about real dragons! We learned that magical dragons aren't real but many animals look like dragons.





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**Amber class:** The children have been learning about division in maths and different mental and written strategies. They have also started working with a topic about measurement involving cm, m and mm. The children wrote lovely diary entries about Stone Age Boy and have started working with our new book 'Winter's Child.' They have been learning to use a and an correctly and have been working with the past progressive and simple past tense in their writing. The class have looked at how the story of Zaccheus can help you become a good friend in RE. The class have created and performed gymnastics routines in PE. We have been looking at the theme of friendship in PSHE and learning how to become a good friend. In Science, we have investigated how muscles help us move and the importance of a healthy diet. The children put on a wonderful play about the rainforest for their class assembly. They showcased information they had learned about the forest itself and the animals that live there. They also shared ways in which we can all help the rainforest to survive.

**Emerald class:** This month, Year 4 have been learning more about the Roman invasion of Britain. They have explored which resources in Britain drew the Romans to expand their empire and discovered that the Romans sought the gold, iron, tin and lead as well as the cattle and fertile land. The children have also learned about how many Celts learned to live alongside the Romans, but that Queen Boudicca led an uprising. The children then wrote their own rallying cry in the role of Boudicca. We are now looking forward to our trip to Chester to bring the invasion to life!

**Ruby class:** This month, Year 5 have truly excelled across all subjects, showing great commitment and enthusiasm. In English, we have been focusing on developing our writing skills, with particular attention to relative clauses, cohesion within paragraphs, and using effective sentence starters to make our writing flow smoothly. The children have also been working hard on their spelling and punctuation, ensuring that their work is accurate and well-presented. In Maths, we have been diving deep into formal methods for multiplication and division. The children have shown excellent perseverance in mastering these written methods, tackling increasingly challenging problems with confidence. In PE, we've been enhancing our gymnastics skills, particularly focusing on balance and fluid movements. The children have worked diligently to improve their core strength and coordination, and it's been fantastic to see their progress. In Design and Technology (DT), the class has been exploring the fascinating world of electrical circuits. They've used their understanding of circuits to create Doodlers—machines that move across a piece of paper and draw! This hands-on project has sparked creativity and problem-solving skills. Despite a few challenges this term, Year 5 have really knuckled down and produced some superb pieces of work. Their dedication and effort are truly commendable, and I couldn't be prouder of all they have achieved! Keep up the fantastic work, Year 5!

**Diamond class:** Another great month in Diamond Class this February! Our focus in maths has been the relationship between decimals, fractions and percentages as well as calculating the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes. In English, we have finished reading the various tales of Oscar Wilde and have been writing Big Ambition speeches for an upcoming Oracy competition. We have created our own (fake) blood in science and discussed the roles of red and white blood cells, platelets, and plasma. In D&T, we have been researching Mexican chefs and their recipes, and tracking the journey of crucial ingredients, such as tomatoes, from farm to fork. In RE, we have considered different beliefs about the afterlife and learned about the origins of Valentine's Day. We have continued with our weekly guitar lessons and have been practising songs by Imagine Dragons and The Clash. Very recently, the children have been creating blog pages, using PurpleMash, on a subject of their choosing (these have included breeds of horses, brownie recipes, famous boxers, actors/characters from the Epic musical, and many more).





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### **Attendance this week**

Whole school weekly attendance is 96.92% which is almost at our aim of 97% and is higher than it has been for many weeks. In EYFS/KS1, Amethyst class has had the highest attendance and In KS2, Amber class has had full attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

### **School Dinner Menu – Week 1 – next week beginning 3 March 2025**

The menu for both weeks is available on the school website if you wish to check.

<https://www.audlemstjames.org.uk/parents/parent-information/school-dinners.html>

### **World Book Day – Thursday 6 March 2025**

A letter was sent home on Tuesday to let everyone know that, rather than wear costumes this year, we are arranging a "Read and Bake" event for the day. Children can bring a favourite book and also themed cakes etc. and any money raised by the sale of them will be used to buy books for school.

### **Advance notice – Colour Run – organised by Friends of Audlem School**

This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 4 April, the last day of term. All details were sent home yesterday but we have attached the poster to this newsletter too.

### **Nantwich Library – second-hand book sale**

Parents may be interested to know that Nantwich Library has a good selection of ex-library Children's Fiction (age 3-12 years) ready for sale. Just call in to the library and ask a member of staff.

Opening hours are:

Mon 10.00 – 5.00; Tues 10.00 – 7.00; Weds 10.00 – 5.00; Thurs 10.00 – 5.00; Fri 10.00 – 5.00 and Sat 9.00 – 1.00.

### **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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