



Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



28 March 2025

School

This week I have been very aware of the lighter nights and the longer, warmer days. I wanted to remind everyone to ensure that children are safe out and about and on the roads. Bikes will be being used more frequently, the Easter holiday is approaching and accidents can happen so easily. We do what we can in school with road safety talks and Bikeability training but please encourage your children to take care on the roads. Thank you. You can read below about the many and varied activities the children have been involved in during March.

Praise Book Children this week

Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class: Isabella Jones

Mrs Proctor's class: George Tinsley

Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class: Harriet Walley

Mr Trude's class: Isaac Carter

Mr Blenkiron's class: Maisie Baker



5 Rs Children this week

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

Resilience: Rami Chester and Thea Waddington

Responsibility: Rowan Clarkson, Thomas Martin, Hugo Higgins and Anya Miah

Readiness to Learn: Tiggi Nixon

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.

Class Activities in March

Amethyst class: In Amethyst Class, we have read 'Let's all Creep Through the Crocodile Creek' by Jonny Lambert. We have retold the story with puppets, added sound effects and looked at alliteration. We also made Beware of the Crocodile posters. In maths, we have continued practising the counting sequence to 20 and beyond and have sorted and classified objects by colour, size or function, describing what we noticed. We have also enjoyed a PE session with Northwest Coaching and had a great time on our trip to Xplore! Discovery Science Centre in Wrexham.

Sapphire class: In Sapphire Class we have been enjoying our story The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth and have been planning and writing our own story based on it. The children have enjoyed being creative and using lots of new words in their writing. In Maths we have been learning about length, mass and capacity. The children have also enjoyed going on a minibeast hunt, creating their own maps, making their own loom boxes, singing Easter songs and choreographing their own dances in PE.

Pearl class: In English we have looked at using the possessive apostrophe and we described what it was like for the toys under the floorboards using 'so that' and 'because'. We have also been thinking about our heroes. We thought of adjectives to describe our hero and then wrote letters to thank them. In RE we completed our Easter story spinners and we enjoyed our dance-off to celebrate Comic Relief today. In PE we worked on team-building skills during a range of communication activities and worked on our ball skills in netball. In DT, the





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children have enjoyed experimenting with clay, trying out textures, making faces and a pot and then choosing colour combinations to paint them. In Maths we have continued our work on money. We made the same amount using different coins and compared different amounts of money. We celebrated British Science Week and we carried out an investigation to find out which British coins are magnetic. We wrote our own hypothesis, tested the coins using a method and drew conclusions from our results.

Amber class: Amber class have been learning about measuring and using perimeter in maths. They have now started to learn about fractions and how the denominator tells you how many equal parts there are in a whole. In English, the children have been improving their descriptive writing by using similes. They have added these to imaginative adjectives, prepositions and conjunctions to make some wonderful setting descriptions in their writing. We enjoyed a fantastic trip to Chester Zoo for our geography topic of rainforests. The class have been looking at wearable technology in DT and are working to design a wearable product that would help children be visible walking to and from school in low light conditions. In RE, we have looked at how Islam started and how Mohammad met Jesus and Moses on The Night Journey. The children loved learning about this story. In PE we have been improving running skills and awareness of different paces. The class have also looked at outdoor adventures and teamwork. In Science we have learned about eating a healthy, balanced diet.

Emerald class: Emerald Class have been working hard on learning their songs for Singfest and did themselves proud with a wonderful performance at Congleton Town Hall. There were many enthusiastic performances and proud parents, too! Well done, Year 4. As well as singing, the children have been making great progress on their clarinets and are looking forward to showing off their skills next term.

Ruby class: It's been an incredibly successful term for all our students! The children have worked exceptionally hard across all subjects, particularly in English, where they've crafted imaginative stories, detailed character and setting descriptions, and thoughtful recounts. In Maths, they have shown great progress, especially with fractions and decimals, and have excelled in their understanding. In our foundation subjects, the children have engaged enthusiastically, particularly in PE, where they've enjoyed outdoor adventure activities such as orienteering and Catch the Flag. A highlight of the term was our residential trip to Whitehall, where the children represented the school with pride. They bravely completed activities like stream scrambling, rock scrambling, and a night hike, showing teamwork, resilience, and great spirit. Well done to everyone for a fantastic term!

Diamond class: March has been an eventful month for Diamond Class! On the 12th, the class went for our residential trip to White Hall in Buxton, where we spent three days engaged in adventurous activities including abseiling off an eighty-foot bridge, two-hour long hikes at night, leaps of faith, zip wires and delving deep into the caves of the Peak District. Maths has been just as exciting, with a geometry and statistics focus... The children have analysed line graphs, identified and calculated angles, and learned how to translate shapes on a four-quadrant grid – impressing our visitors from Brine Leas and Malbank who came to watch. In English, the class completed and performed their Big Ambition speeches, with four children passing through the quarter finals and being narrowed down to three by Mr Perry. These three competitors will be delivering their speeches on the subjects of Oncology, Olympic Swimming and Diverse Fashion Design at Brine Leas Sixth Form in early April. Wish them luck! As part of STEM week, the class have created scientific posters on the theme of 'Change and Adaptation'. The children interpreted this theme in a variety of ways and have produced some beautiful and informative posters about the evolution of dogs, human survival on other planets, the chemicals





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used in cosmetics through history, seasonal changes of trees, climate change and the development of communication.

Red Nose Day – amount raised last Friday was £255

The costumes were fantastic – both the children's and the staff's



and we raised the magnificent sum of **£255** which will be sent off to Comic Relief. Well done everyone!

Class and Group Photographs 3 April 2025 – taken by Academy Photography

The photographers will be in school next Thursday for class and group photographs which will include Y6 leavers photos. If your child is in Y1 or Y2 and usually attends in PE kit on this day, can they please bring their kit and come in uniform? Thank you.

Attendance this week

Whole school weekly attendance is 94.22% which is largely due to a sickness bug and is considerably lower than our aim of 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Sapphire class has had the highest attendance and In KS2, Amber class has had the best attendance this week. Congratulations to both classes.

School Dinner Menu – Week 1 – next week beginning 31 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>

Colour Run Event in one week – Friday 4 April – organised by Friends of Audlem School



Our first colour run is approaching. Don't forget to sign your child up – the last day to do this is **Wednesday 2 April**. There is a £5 option which includes a snack or a £7.50 option which also includes wristbands. A massive thank you to our sponsors and to all those who have already signed up 🙏. To sign-up, follow this link.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofaudlemschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=95132>

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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