



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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



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As I am writing this the Sun is shining and we all hope that Summer is now here with lots of things to look forward to as a family. After a long week I can say how proud I am of all the children in school. Year 6 have completed all the SAT's tests and they showed their 5R's throughout the whole week- **resilience, reflectiveness, responsibility, resourcefulness and readiness to learn.** Well done Year 6 and all staff involved.

### Thought of the Week

This week's reflection is an extract from 'One Life' by Steve Uppal.

#### **'The Kairos moment**

In the New Testament, the Bible uses two main Greek words when speaking about "time". The first is Chronos, from which we get the word chronological, referring to "the passage of time". This is time that we can measure. The second word is Kairos, meaning time in the sense of a right time for something to happen, an "opportunity" or a "favourable occasion". A kairos moment, in spiritual terms, is a window of opportunity, an appointed time in the purposes of God. It is a time when the conditions are exactly right for the accomplishment of critical action. The famous Latin motto *Carpe Diem* or "Seize the day", captures the essence of Kairos. Kairos moments are times when we need to make the most of a God-given opportunity and seize it with both hands. The birth of Christ was a Kairos moment in history. God had waited for the most opportune moment and had acted when that time came.....

.....Just as God has intervened in history at various points like this, he works in our lives as individuals in exactly the same way. God intervenes in our life and gives us Kairos moments – key opportunities for us to accomplish something for him. All we need is courage to reach out and take hold of them. Who knows, this week may present such a moment for you.'



### Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



**Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** George Tinsley

**Mrs Proctor's class:** Ruby Dodd

**Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Felix Tighe

**Miss Morris's class:** Tilly Roberts

**Mrs Bird's class:** Ellie Grieves

**Mr Trude's class:** Maddie Wood

**Mr Blenkiron's class:** Larnah Murfin

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.**

**Resilience:** Emilia New and Barney Stockton

**Responsibility:** Molly Tremblay

**Resourcefulness:** Isla Lewis

**Readiness to Learn:** Tiana Moses and Rose Carter

### School

**Amethyst Class** In Amethyst Class this week, we continued to read 'Let's all Creep Through the Crocodile Creek' by Jonny Lambert. We retold the story with puppets, added sound effects and looked at alliteration. In maths, we 'tagged' objects in a group of up to 20 objects, counted up to 20 things that couldn't be seen or tagged, such as jumps, hops, sounds and developed strategies to keep track of what had and had not been counted, for example, rearranging objects into a line/moving objects as they were counted. We recognised the pattern of the counting system, counting out loud beyond 20. We also enjoyed making clay animals and playing tennis in PE.

**Sapphire Class** This week in Sapphire Class we have been enjoying writing about our book 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. We have been writing descriptive sentences and writing our own poems about the different animals and things the characters come across in the museum. In Maths we have been learning about measurement. We have been using the words taller, shorter, longer, length and height. We have been measuring with items and measuring with cms. This week we have particularly enjoyed playing cricket, tasting fruit, learning about George Stephenson and making our own paper sculptures.

**Pearl Class** In English, the children have written descriptions of the wolf in the story 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. In Maths we have recognised one third of shapes and found one third of a number of objects. In Design and Technology, they have designed a fairground Ferris wheel with a wheel, an axle, and axle holder, frame and pods. In Music the children created their own weather songs, accompanying with percussion instruments. In Science we have looked at a variety of seeds. We discussed 'Why are seeds different?' and 'What do you think grows from these seeds?' The children classified seeds in different ways using a Venn Diagram.

**Amber Class** This week, Amber class have been calculating how to add and subtract money and how to find change. They have worked on using speech marks correctly and using conjunctions in English. The children have learned about the journey of a river in Geography and made their own Papyrus paper in Art. The class have recapped running stitch and learned how to cross stitch in DT. The children have worked on using cell names in their computing lessons in spreadsheets. We have also been rehearsing our group and solo performances for the musical showcase after half term.

**Emerald Class** This week, Emerald Class have been working on their stamina in PE: they have been learning how to pace themselves so that they can run for a full five minutes and we are seeing some great improvements. We have also begun to learn about what makes something 'alive', in Science, and have been organising animals into our own groups. In History, we have started our new topic on the Ancient Greeks, so we are excited to get this great topic going. We have also been finishing off our fabric pencil cases for DT and we look forward to showing them to our parents at the class assembly next week.





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**Ruby Class** We are at the end of another superb week in Ruby class. On Monday and Tuesday morning the children presented their projects to the rest of the class, and it was obvious how much work all the children had put in. The children have been working incredibly hard in Maths looking at tenths, being able to describe, compare and order them. During English, Ruby class have written a diary entry in role as the old man (from the text 'The Paper Bag Prince') focusing on his daily routine, the moments of peace before the lorries came and the animals who lived at the rubbish dump. During Science, the children have been looking at describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Year 5 class show continued hard work in all other foundation subjects.

**Diamond Class** Well, it's been SATs week this week. The children have been amazing and really put their all into completing the gruelling tests. In between scribbling away in the hall, the class have been engaged in some laid-back revision on key concepts and methods in the classroom, and have also been taking some well-earned time to relax outside and make the most out of the decent weather we have been experiencing this week. On Friday morning, the children will be receiving a stand-alone cricket lesson with Mr Parish, watching a film with Mr Blenkiron, and then enjoying an afternoon of games and guitars with Mr Perry and Mr Stannard.

### Art – open afternoon for parents – Thursday 23 May 2024

We would like to remind everyone that the Art session for parents to view will be happening next week in every classroom. You are all welcome to attend from 2.00 to 3.00pm. Our previous open sessions have been very popular so we are hoping for a good attendance.

### Attendance this week

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 95.68% which is below our aim of 97%. In EYFS/KS1, Sapphire class has the best attendance and In KS2, it is Diamond class. Congratulations to both classes.

### Advance notice - Scholastic Book Fair in school from 14 to 19 June 2024

We are looking forward to hosting a Book Fair after the half-term holiday. Posters and information will be sent out shortly. Children will be viewing the books in school time and making wish lists and we are hoping that parents/carers will visit the Fair and buy many books after school on Friday 14 and Tuesday 18 June. The more books we sell, the more books the school will be awarded. There will be an incentive of 3 for 2 where you can pay for the two most expensive books and the third will be free. We hope this will be a great success.

### Englesea Brook Museum – printing event on Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2024

For full details of this half-term event, please read the flyer sent out with the newsletter.

### 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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