



# Audlem St. James' C of E Primary School

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



24 May 2024

What a half term it has been with lots going on over the past 6 weeks for the whole school. The Year 6 showed great resilience, resourcefulness and a readiness to learn throughout SAT's week and just shone brightly.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and the weather is good for us all. Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and school will re-open on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

### Golden Ticket for our new entrants

We will be welcoming our new Reception children into school after the half-term holiday with a **golden ticket**.



They will be taking part in a number of introductory sessions as they prepare to join us in September. More golden tickets are available if there are any other children who will be five during the next academic year and would like to join us. The invitation is also offered to older children too. Please get in touch using the email at the top of the newsletter if you would like to know more. You will be made very welcome.

### Thought of the Week



### Praise Book Children

This week's Praise Book children are:



- Mrs Burgess and Mrs Kemp's class:** Louis Pritchard
- Mrs Proctor's class:** Arthur-Jensen Fryer-Smith
- Mrs Richardson and Mrs Smith's class:** Niamh Watson
- Miss Morris's class:** Leah Hallatt
- Mrs Bird's class:** Ashden Malkin
- Mr Trude's class:** Arabella Hughes
- Mr Blenkiron's class:** Elliott Weaver

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:** Erin Norman, Amor Miah and Brodie Cowden

**Responsibility:** Archie McComb

**Readiness to Learn:** Mia Sargeant, Tommy Roberts and Esmee Durgan-Smith

### School

**Amethyst Class** In Amethyst Class this week, we finished reading *Lets all Creep Through Crocodile Creek* by Jonny Lambert, designed and labelled a plan to cross the river, made Beware posters and wrote speech bubbles for the characters. In maths, we assembled a whole object from different parts, made a whole number from 2 parts and split some numbers into 2 groups that each had an equal amount. We recognised that 2 equal groups can make a double, e.g. double 3 is 6 altogether. We noticed that double patterns are even; they have 'flat tops' *because* they are made of 2 equal groups and understand that odd numbers cannot be split into 2 equal groups; they're not doubles, they have an 'odd block'/'odd one out.' We also enjoyed painting our clay animal models and playing Rounders in PE.

**Sapphire Class** This week in Sapphire Class we have been writing our own stories using our plans. We have been focusing on using words to describe and keeping our letter formation beautiful and neat. In Maths we have been learning about Mass. We have been comparing mass using the key words heavier and lighter and greater than and less than. We have also enjoyed making smoothies in D&T, planning a journey for the snail and the whale in geography and practising our running in PE.

**Pearl Class** In Pearl Class, we explored expression when reading dialogue in *Fantastic Mr Fox*. In Writing, the children developed instructions to reach the Wolf's house using comparative language to enhance description. In Maths, the children learned about unit and non- unit fractions and they learned to find three quarters of a shape and numbers. In Computing, the children used pattern and slice tools to create artwork in the style of William Morris.

**Amber Class** This week, Amber class have worked on adding and subtracting fractions and partitioning wholes into fractions. They have planned information paragraphs about blue whales in English. The children have also looked at Ancient Egyptians' Gods and History and started to learn how to touch type in computing. The children worked on their Ancient Egyptian scrolls in art and they practiced the long jump in PE. Year 3 also worked in using the cross stitch and running stitch in DT lessons.

**Emerald Class** This week, Year 4 have enjoyed a visit from The Dogs Trust when they learned about how to treat dogs respectfully and how to play with them kindly. They also learned how to keep themselves safe around unfamiliar or unsupervised dogs. The class also enjoyed a lovely afternoon of art with their parents and have been practising their parts for their class assembly on Friday.

**Ruby Class** Just like that, another 6 weeks have disappeared. Year 5 have had an incredibly busy half term and have worked extremely hard. This week, they are finishing off their persuasive letter in English, trying to get people to consider other options to landfill sites. In Maths, we have been looking at ordering and comparing decimals with up to three decimal places. During Science, we have been investigating the difference between pollination and fertilisation. The children then researched how different plants pollinate writing about them and adding diagrams with captions. The class have also been working hard on their PE, Art, and music skills.





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**Diamond Class** This week, Year 6 have been creating newspaper reports based on a fantastical version of their recent SATs experience (for example, falcon's stealing papers; foxes stealing waffles; vampires stealing pupils and giant insects taking over the school...). As well as this, the class have been writing sets of instructions based on their interests or fantasies (How to perform football tricks; How to become a mermaid; How to find and slay a demon; How to take care of a dog etc.) In Computing, Diamond Class began to plan and create their own text-based adventure game using 2CreateAStory on PurpleMash. On Wednesday, the children were visited by the Dog's Trust and learned all about a dog's senses, how this affects their behaviour and how we ought to interact with them knowing this. We've also started to take our first look at the play we are hoping to perform at the end of the year...

### **Attendance this week**

Whole school weekly attendance this week is 93.84% which is well below our aim of 97%. This is largely due to holiday absence.

In EYFS/KS1, Pearl class has full attendance this week and In KS2, Ruby class has the best attendance. 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.

### **Nantwich Museum**

We've attached a flyer concerning free workshops at the museum on 29 and 30 May next week.

### **Bioblitz – Science Event at Cholmondeley Castle**

We have attached another flyer advertising a science event on 29 May

### **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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