

Newsletter: Week 19th October

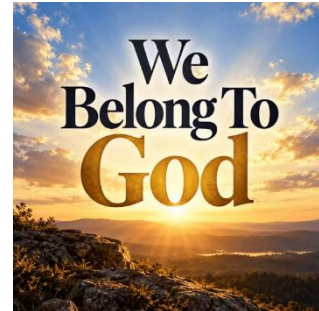
St Ambrose Catholic Primary School



Following in Jesus' footsteps, we learn and grow together.

Gospel message:

Today we will hear how some people tried to trick Jesus. However, he was too clever for them. Jesus stays calm and asks them to show him a coin. Jesus is saying that the coin can be given back to Caesar but that we belong to God as he made us and loves us.



October is a special month dedicated to Our Lady. Our October challenge in KS1 is to learn the Hail Mary and the Our Father. Ask your parents to help you?

Message from Mrs Knight:

What a term it has been! I would like to express my thanks for all your support in our amazing attendance figures for this term. I am very excited about the pumpkin competition and I have been working hard this weekend on my entry - after nearly supergluing my fingers to it, I am eventually done!



Our Termly mission: Courage

This term, our mission focused on **courage**. We challenged ourselves to try difficult things, take responsibility by saying sorry for our actions, and find the strength to live out our faith every single day, when things get tough. We have continued our spiritual journey with Mary to Jesus by praying the Holy Rosary. We explored these through listening to the Word of God, prayer and reflecting during our PHSE and RE lessons. **Well done to all our children** for stepping out of your comfort zones. Whether that was trying a new activity, learning a new skill, tackling a difficult math problem, speaking up to answer a question in class, we are **extremely proud** of the resilience and determination you have shown.

Thank you parents/carers for your continued support at home in encouraging the children to embrace these challenges with a big smile!

It was lovely to see so many of our children wearing clothes that enabled them to express themselves or just feel comfortable last Friday, to raise awareness of mental health. The children took part in a range of activities in their classrooms to help them think about the importance of looking after our own mental health and supporting others.

Well done to all our year 6 children for staying behind for booster classes - last week was the last one of the grammar sessions. We will resume again in the Spring term. Thank you for the teachers for giving up their time.

Our pupils had a brilliant, high-energy session with Freddy Fit! Through an exciting circuit challenge, the children put their stamina to the test while learning key habits for staying fit and healthy. Thank you to Freddy Fit for such an inspiring and action-packed visit—our little athletes were buzzing with energy!

Finally, to our wonderful Mrs. Farrow, thank you for 28 incredible years of service. It has been an absolute pleasure to work alongside you, and saying goodbye this Thursday will not be easy! Your kindness, support, and dedication have made our school a brighter place. You will be so sadly missed, but we hope your retirement is filled with all the joy and relaxation you deserve.

Have a brilliant break, enjoy some well-deserved relaxation - children that is! See you all back on Monday, 2nd November!

Coming soon!

Look out for **Our Splash of Brilliance** Gallery, showcasing our inclusive masterpieces, will it be you?

Music and PE: We will be celebrating expression through our small music trophy. Our PE award won't just be for the fastest or most skilled - it will celebrate fair play, making personal progress and/or being a brilliant team player.

And of course children don't forget the Big One - The Dojo prize! I can't wait to celebrate all your amazing talents with you! So keep up the hard work and remember **be**  **the best you can be!**

Let's be considerate when we are picking our children up from school please. Thank you to those parents who park considerately. **DO NOT park** over people's drive way at any point even if you are sitting in the car waiting.

Come and cheer on our football team!

Y5 & 6 are playing against Adswold Primary School here at St Ambrose on Tuesday 10th November, 3:30pm start. Look out for a slip coming home to say if your child has a place on the team. Mr Bansal and Mr Wilkinson will be working hard at training the team over the coming weeks, thanks.



On 11th November, we will be observing Remembrance Day.

Any children who belong to uniformed organizations—such as Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies or Guides—are invited to attend school in their uniform for the day to show their respect.

Enrolment mass Saturday 14th November 5pm at St Ambrose church

We welcome all those Year 3 children taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year for a short rite of Presentation and Commitment to the Programme.

Friday 13th November 9:15am

EYFS Takes the Stage for National Nursery Rhyme Week! Warm up those singing voices! To celebrate National Nursery Rhyme Week, our wonderfully talented EYFS superstars will be taking to the stage for a spectacular nursery rhyme performance. Get ready for a showcase filled with classic rhymes, lively actions, and plenty of big smiles as our youngest learners show off their hard work, confidence, and rhythm!



Online Parents evening is taking place **Wednesday 11th November**. First parents evening of the year is a wonderful way for you to celebrate a fantastic start to the academic year our children have made. You will receive an email with a link to an appointment this Tuesday. If you were unable to attend the SEND parents evening please book on.



School admissions

The deadline of 31 October for Year 6 parents/carers to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027 is fast approaching. Applications to enter Nursery, Reception and Year 7 in September 2027 are now open. To avoid disappointment please ensure that you apply by the online deadlines: 31 October 2026 for Year 7, 15 January 2027 for Reception, 31 March 2027 for Nursery. Please follow the below links for useful information which you should read before submitting your application: [Nursery and school admissions - Stockport Council and Admissions explained - Stockport Council.](#)



Happy birthday to you for the next 2 weeks ... Best wishes to Last Friday we celebrated Jaykai, Kai and Lily's, and this Friday we celebrated Hughie, Gracjan, Carter and Dexter's birthday. We sang very enthusiastically, as they made a wish blowing out their candles. Have a lovely time celebrating.



Next week: we are celebrating Birthdays of Halley, James L, Jeslin. We will also celebrate the Birthdays of Lexie, Paul, Stion and Amelia who have their Birthday during the half-term holiday.



The children received their treat after our celebration assembly and I loved hearing more about why they had been chosen. This is for last week and this week:

EYFS Alora-Rose, Arvin Y1 Lacey-Lou, Meadow Y2 Ivy-Rose, Daniel

Y3 Matilda, Jianna Y4 Brooklyn, Charlie Y5 Kai, Ellie Y6 Gracjan, Irene

Rec Tami, Liora Y1 Reggie, Lion Y2 Sayanthika, Oliwia

Y3 Filip, Robyn Y4 Samuel, Oliver Y5 Kailan, Joshua Y6 Hannah, Sahela



Mrs Knight's last week went to Tommy in Year 1 for being ever so helpful at lunchtimes!



This week's Golden ticket has been given to Harlow for being wonderful!

The Golden ticket could be yours next week. I wonder who the spotlight will shine upon... all you have to do is be a good friend and let me see you having fun.

Shout outs for this week:

Thanks to: **Miss Khan** for being flexible and working in so many classes and **Mrs Garratt** for answering all Mrs Knight's requests and there are many!!

Thanks to: **Miss Seddon** for speedy learning of year 6 grammar! and **Ms Bunn-Close** for ensuring the children have so much fun and organising all the games at lunchtime.

Attendance: Prize draw for 100% and any child who has 97% will be drawn Thursday 22nd October in our assembly.



This year's attendance is

96.7%

146 children have had 100% attendance w/e 9th October!

146 children have had 100% attendance w/e 16th October!

This is great, keep it up !

Well done children!

Parish newsletter link: www.st-ambrose.stockport.sch.uk/page/our-parish

Children's Rosary is at Our Lady's every Wednesday in October in the evening at 7pm. Come along!

School Dinners We are currently on Week 2 (week commencing 19th October). We will start back after the half term holiday on Week 1 (week commencing 2nd November). [Click here](#) for more details.

Toast money

Years 1 – 6 - Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Toast money for the next half term is **£5.25**. Toast money for the whole of the school year will be **£22.95**. Please pay by **Wednesday 21st October**.

Receipts will be sent by text as proof of payment.

If you wish to pay online, please contact the school office for details.

Instagram



We are now on Instagram!

Visit our profile at

st.ambrose.stockport to see what is going on around school.

Dates/Events

Wed 21st Oct	Halloween Disco 4-5:30pm tickets will be on sale from the office two weeks before. <i>Don't forget your spooktacular costumes!</i>
Week 19th Oct	Dress a pumpkin competition and bring into school Judging will take place Thursday 22nd October
Fri 6th Nov	Coffee n Connect 9:10am – drop in session if you have concerns or want more SEND information with Mrs Knight
Fri 13th Nov	'Twinkle Twinkle, little star, come and see how bright we are!' - 9:15 am the EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performance for parents – this is limited two adult per child
Wed 11th Nov	Online parents evening – if you have attended the SEND parents meeting please do not make an appointment for this one Remembrance Day – scouts, cubs, beavers, brownies, rainbows – children can wear their uniforms
Wed 17th Nov	Flu vaccinations in school
Wed 9th Dec 10:30 & Thurs 10th 2:00pm	Nativity play performances for EYFS, Y1 & Y2 - due to low numbers in the classes we are combining the Nativity production but offering 2 performances for you choose a convenient performance. Tickets will go on sale nearer the time.
Tues 15th Dec	KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) to attend pantomime at the Plaza
Wed 16th Dec	Christmas Disco 4-5:30pm
Thurs 17th Dec	'Christmas Around the world' parents welcome to join their child/ren in class 2-3pm
Fri 18th Dec	9:30 – 10:30 am Carol concert & café All parents welcome to sing along!

Family Hub Information:

Inclusion and SEND Information:

Stockport's SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Local Offer

This week we would like to highlight the SEND Local Offer Website. The SEND Local Offer brings together information about local services, support and advice for parents, carers, and young people aged up to 25 with, or who may have, SEND. The link below will take you to the SEND Local Offer.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/landing/send-local-offer>

At this time of year, it's normal for children and young people to feel nervous or anxious about going to school. The council has brought together a range of advice and support to help families manage these worries, including practical tips on rebuilding routines, keeping mornings calm, talking openly about concerns, and helping children focus on the positive aspects of returning to school

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/news/support-for-families-as-children-head-back-to-school>

For children and young people with SEND, who may find changes in routine and transitions particularly challenging, planning ahead and providing extra reassurance can make a real difference. Families can access support and resources to help ensure a smoother and more positive return to school. Download the One Stockport Family Hubs app today

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The Children's Bed Charity

**We're on a mission to
end child bed poverty.**

Did you know that Zarach is a charity working in **Stockport** and other parts of **Greater Manchester** to provide brand new beds, pyjamas, and bedding for children where families can no longer afford to buy them? To date **we have delivered over 500 beds in Stockport** and the great news is, **your school is already registered** with us. If you identify a child that may be in need of a bed then please speak to a member of the school pastoral team and they will be able to make a referral to Zarach. You can read more about the process on our website.

Zarach can help to provide:



After the referral has been made:

- Zarach will visit the family's home
- Assess which beds would be best for the children
- Make a delivery within a couple of weeks



For more information visit
www.zarach.org



Charity number: 1179539

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