

Weekly Update - 17th January 2025

Message from the Head

Thank you for your support over the last week regarding the challenging weather and I am so glad that we have returned to school and things are back to normal and as they should be.

January is not the best weather wise but the children have returned to school as little beacons of light with a positive attitude to all aspects of school life.

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church and so 2025 is a Year of Jubilee!

In the Old Testament, the Jubilee Year was a time of renewal, freedom and celebration: Debts were cancelled, people and the land could rest, prisoners and slaves were freed, and land was given to those who didn't have any. It was known as the year of the Lord's favour.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. Pope Francis asks us to be signs of hope for others by caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

We can truly make a better world by joining together in the Jubilee Year to bring the light of hope and the message of God's love to every part of the world.

Throughout the year, our children and families will celebrate the Jubilee year, journeying together as pilgrims of hope and agents of change. Prep 2 parents are invited to the launch assembly delivered by their children on the 27th February.

Dates for your Diary

Sat 18th Jan - Cross Country, Wythenshawe Park, 9.30am meet

Fri 24th Jan - Prep 4 - Stockport Air Raid Shelter

Wed 29th Jan - U11's Cross Country at Scarisbrick Hall - tbc

Fri 31st Jan - ISA North 5-a-side, Trafford Centre, more to follow

Sat 1st Feb - Cross Country, Longford Park

Thurs 13th Feb - School closed for half term

Mon 24th Feb - School reopens

Stars of the Week

Here are this week's Stars of the Week enjoying their catch up with Ms Heron.★

Leon in Pre Prep was awarded for being confident enough to put his hand up to answer questions and for completing independent writing challenges whilst Alfie in Reception stood out for starting to use finger spaces in his independent writing about Jack and the Beanstalk.★

Infant 1's Akhil was congratulated for his fantastic writing in PSHE and super addition of sums in maths whilst Gerardo in Infant 2 was commended for working extremely hard to complete all his work, and improving his reading.★

In Prep 1 Seb received the award for his effort during lessons, especially in maths when calculating equivalent fractions and Harry was Prep 2's Star for his fantastic use of prepositional phrases and use of possessive apostrophes!.★

William in Prep 3 received the award for his focus and application in class, always trying to be positive and helpful and Will was Prep 4's Star for his excellent comprehension responses in his Goodnight Mister Tom work. ★

And well done to Stamford, who were the leaders in this week's House Points competition, with a total of 218 house points awarded across the junior classes. ★



Highlights of the Week

On Monday, Prep 4 visited Crucial Crew (a multi-agency safety event organised by Trafford). They learnt about: community police officers, road safety, keeping safe when travelling on trams and trains, scamming and the dangers of vaping. There were role play activities and quizzes to answer. The day was enjoyed by many and lots of safety lessons were learnt.



Staff News

Please join me in welcoming Susannah Platt to St Ambrose.

Susannah joins us from the Trust and has a strong background in commercial and school business management. Susannah will be at St Ambrose for part of each week and will work alongside Jen Langley (who some of you may know already), to deliver the School Business function for our school. Jean Hilton has moved on to new opportunities, and we wish her well.

Susannah & Jen look forward to getting to know you all. They can be contacted on the existing email: bursar@stambroseprep.co.uk