

St Ambrose Preparatory School

Where Individual Attention Nurtures Academic Excellence



Weekly Update -14th March 2025

Message from Ms Heron

Well, what an eventful two weeks it has been between cake sales, services and assemblies but the piece de resistance has to be our many sporting achievements; most notably our gold in the Trafford School Sports Partnership swimming gala and our silver medal in the Under 11 National Football Finals! Absolutely fantastic achievements and I am delighted that I was able to be there to proudly support both events.

Fr John Rafferty kindly came in to deliver the Ash Wednesday service and it was really lovely to gather as a school family for the beginning of Lent. Prep 1 read eloquently and confidently for their first time with such a responsibility. All year groups attended and behaved beautifully which was commented on by Fr John as he was impressed by the respectful conduct of all the children.

Thank you to Mrs Fielding and Prep 4 who delivered a wonderful assembly on Creation. I was privileged to be their 'test' audience prior to the one for parents and I was bowled over not only by the emotive content but also the mature and articulate delivery. It was excellent on all levels and I know the boys enjoyed their parents' presence as it made it super special.

As usual today's Celebration assembly didn't disappoint as our little stars have excelled themselves in all areas of school life. This was followed by an extremely successful 'stay and play' in early years where new and existing pupils played happily together. Our EYFS children proudly showcased their work and reading skills and certainly wowed the newcomers with their knowledge and variety of work. A very successful end to a busy week.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 21st Mar - Infant 1, Knowsley Safari Park

Sat 22nd Mar - Cross Country, Wythenshawe Park

Wed 26th Mar - Rugby Tournament

Fri 28th Mar - EYFS Mother's Day Assembly, 9am

Sat 29th Mar - Open Day, 10am-12pm

w/c Mon 31st Mar - Parents' Evening Week

Wed 2nd Apr - PTFA Easter Disco and own clothes day (no football kits please)

Thurs 3rd Apr - KS1 Easter Play, 2pm

Fri 4th Apr - School Closes, 12pm

Tue 22nd Apr - School reopens

Stars of the Week

Here are this week's Stars of the Week enjoying a catch up chat and a hot chocolate with Ms Heron. ★

Zayna in Pre Prep was awarded for the fantastic progress she has made in phonics and reading, whilst Oliver D in Reception stood out for making good progress and learning to read new words ★

Infant 1's Akhil was congratulated for using amazing adjectives in his writing whilst Leo in Infant 2 was commended for his excellent improvements in his written work ★

In Prep 1, Voke received the award for her focus in all lessons and her growing confidence in Maths, and Stefan was Prep 2's Star for producing a superb piece of dialogue based around 'The Matchbox Diary' ★

Rithanya in Prep 3 received the award for her excellent attitude to work and for being a great team player. Whilst Charles P in Prep 4 was Star for his help during Science Week and for some excellent saves in the final stages of the Nationals! ★

Congratulations also to William and Melor in Prep 3 for receiving Edmund Rice Awards this week. William was nominated by Teddy for being a good friend and Melor was nominated by Bobby for being kind ★



Recent Highlights

We had great fun celebrating World Book Day on 6th March and were very impressed by the costumes and creativity of the children, staff and even parent's costumes! The day seeks to highlight the importance of reading and a joy of books and the children enjoyed various activities throughout the day to build on this.



Prep 3 focused on the wizarding world and having been sorted into their Hogwarts houses, completed an online illustration masterclass with Jonny Duddle, an illustrator of the Harry Potter Books and all the children created an illustration of Hogwarts.

Following this, they practised their spell casting choreography in a lesson with Paul Harris, who invented the spell casting movements in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.



Recent Highlights

Before the start of Lent, we marked both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday in school. Our Shrove Tuesday pancakes went down well and we were very grateful to Fr John for coming in to school for a service to mark Ash Wednesday. The children read, sang beautifully and received the symbolic cross of ashes on their forehead to complete the service.



Sport News

The children have continued to attend various local cross country events over the past few weeks and in addition to Jacob, from Prep 3, qualified to represent the North in the ISA National Cross Country Championships which took place in Leicestershire on the 9th March.

Competing against children from schools across the UK, Jacob finished a magnificent 14th in the Year 4 Boys Race, completing the course in a fantastic 6:03 seconds, and was only 14 seconds behind the overall winner! Well done, Jacob for your achievement!



There has also been recent success on the swimming front, with our team, consisting of Harrison, Teddy, Jude and Henry finishing a fantastic 1st in the Year4/5 Trafford School Sports Partnership Gala last week, which saw them competing with teams from schools across the borough. Great work boys!



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Under 11 National Football Finals 2025-St George's Park National Football Centre.

The Prep 4 football team put in a sterling performance on Wednesday as they won all their matches to get through to the final of the ISA under 11 National football finals. We knew they were great but their tenacity, positivity and skills took them through 9 matches to an exciting final where they were 'robbed' in the final minute.

We are so proud of the team who put in a valiant effort at every stage and although exhausted by the end of the day they kept us on the edge of our seats with nail biting football.

In our eyes they are all winners and the rest of the class showed true loyalty and support by attending the event and cheering their class mates on. It was a great day out in a great venue and was certainly a day of making memories!



Message from the PTFA

EASTER PARTY



*Ticket
£8*

Wednesday 2nd April

JOIN THE PTFA FOR AN EASTER DISCO WITH CRAFT & ENTERTAINMENT

Nursery and Infants 2-3pm

Juniors 3:15-4:15pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON PARENT MAIL

St Ambrose Prep PTFA