



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Dear Parents,

We ended another great week with collective worship lead by Year 3. What a fabulous assembly it was! Thank you to all parents and carers who attended, we are truly grateful to welcome you back into school.

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### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Elena Earp – Elena has shown great interest in phonics and numeracy this week. She has also tried really hard with learning the lyrics for the nativity songs. Keep up the hard work Elena!

**Year One:** Helena Ridgeway consistently working hard in each subject and challenging herself to always improve her work as best she can. Helena is a very kind and helpful member of Year 1 and is always willing to help others both inside the classroom and outside on the playground. Well done Helena!

**Year Two:** Nevaeh Osbourne for giving 100% effort in Maths when solving word problems involving the 2, 5 and 10s times tables. Nevaeh has been really working hard to be independent, giving things a go before asking for support!

**Year Three:** Ailish Kingston because of her heart felt prayer to our class patron saint and her continuing determination to improve her math skills week after week. Keep up the hard work, Ailish!

**Year Four:** Helena Nadolna for being a fantastic KiVa champion, an excellent role model for others and following the values and virtues of the half term.

**Year Five:** Ayaz Unalmfor always giving his all and for participating openly and sensibly in class discussions. Ayaz is a fantastic member of Year 5 and I'm looking forward to continuing our discussions and delving deeper into topics through this! Well done, Ayaz!

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**Year Six:** Year 6 - Mia Cerolini - For being a fantastic role model in all aspects of school life. Her work is always beautifully presented, she demonstrates our school values and virtues at all times, and she is always full of enthusiasm.

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### **School Council Children's Charter**

We have met again this week and will continue to do so each week, working on our Children's Charter which details what every child who attends St Ambrose Barlow should have the opportunity to do. Below is a small selection of what we've already agreed:

- To have their work published in a book
- To display their art work in a St Ambrose Barlow art gallery for parents
- To write for the school newspaper
- To be able to ride a bike to school
- To learn how to altar serve
- To learn an instrument
- To grow our own vegetables
- To hold an animal
- To be confident in the water
- To sleepover in school (while raising money for the homeless)

Obviously, I have my own ideas (and I am sure you do too) but these have all come from the children so far!

My thanks to our representatives: Helena and Ethan (Year One), Francis and Poppy (Year Two), Aaron and Sonny (Year Three), Noah and Freya (Year Four), Naomi and Daniel (Year Five) and Teuta and Jacob (Year Six).

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### Year Six South Birmingham Girl's 5-a-side Football Tournament

Well done to the Year 6 girls who participated in the South Birmingham Girl's 5-a-side Football Tournament. They gave their all, showing great team spirit and resilience. Everyone had lots of fun while learning new skills. Well done all, you made all of the staff and parents very proud!

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### Open Day

Our FOURTH and FINAL Open Day will take place on **Wednesday 8th December at 2pm**, should any parents want another look around our very special school. Feel free to come again, even if you've been before. The afternoon will involve a talk about our Catholic ethos and vision for curriculum, a short tour of our school led by the prefects and time for Q&As. Booking link to follow.

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### Christmas Dinner

On the 7th December we will be celebrating Christmas here in school by wearing our festive jumpers and enjoying a delicious freshly cooked Christmas Dinner for our lunch. Prepared on site by our wonderful catering Manager Mrs Hardiman and her team.

All children are invited to enjoy this beautiful meal and it will be charged at £2.40 via School Money.

For those who normally have packed lunches but would like to enjoy the festive meal then please let the office know in advance. It would be lovely to get as many children as possible to enjoy our Christmas Meal and we may even have a few Christmas songs playing throughout.

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### Christmas Hampers

As mentioned last week, we will be holding a Christmas coloured hamper raffle, tickets are £1 a strip and will be available from next week. Below is the colour each class has been given and any donations towards the hamper would be gratefully received. Please think outside of the box and try and allow for various types of items. Which class can be the most creative?

Please start donating your coloured gifts (or gifts wrapped in that particular paper) as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Reception:	Purple
Year 1:	Red
Year 2:	Green
Year 3:	Blue
Year 4:	Yellow/Gold
Year 5:	Orange
Year 6:	Pink

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### Reminders from previous letters

- Every Tuesday, from 16:30 until 17:30, there is an online drop-in service for the School Nurse Service: <https://nhs.vc/BCHC/c-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>
  - we are raising money for Edward's Trust, Migrant Help UK and Tabor House this Advent
  - On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November, at **2:45**, Mrs Morson is hosting a concert with our Year Four and Five flute and fife players
  - School will close on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 14:00**
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### November dates for your diary

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November:** Carol singing at the Dementia Café (11:30), followed by lunch

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:** Year Four and Year Five Flute concert at **2:45 pm** for KS2

### December dates for your diary

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Parish Church Year 3

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** KS1 @ One Snowy Night 1pm (MAC Theatre trip)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Jumper Day and Children's Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (am):** Whole School Mass (Immaculate Conception) at 9:30 in church

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (pm):** Reception Open Day 14:00

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 @ James and the Giant Peach (Theatre trip)

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Nativity 10:00

**\*\*Deadline for Christmas Shoebox Appeal\*\***

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity 14:00

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity 14:00

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas parties (pm)

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Carol Concert at 7pm in the church

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole School mass at 9:30 in the parish church

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** School closes at 14:00

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### January dates for your diary

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January:** School re-opens at 8:45

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** Whole School Mass at 9:30 (Epiphany)

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Year Six St Chad's cathedral visit

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January:** Year Five class assembly 9:00

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January:** Year One Class Mass 14:00

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### Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Tommy in Reception who was five on Monday; happy birthday to Alex in Year Four who was nine on Wednesday and happy birthday to Odhran in Reception who is five on Sunday.

May God bless all the children and their families and keep you safe, returning ready to learn on Monday morning!

Mr Clinton  
Head of School