



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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Dear Parents,

This afternoon, we have celebrated a beautiful Mass, led by Father Neil Bayliss (erstwhile of this parish) to give thanks to God for Mrs Thompson and her 37 (thirty seven!) years of service to St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School.

Mrs Thompson is still here for another week though, and I am sure that we will celebrate her all over again next Friday. Mrs Thompson has gifted to the school a lovely engraved wooden bench and, when the scaffolding for the roof is taken down, we will position it at the front of school. Just as we say to the leaving children, she will always be a part of St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School and she is welcome back whenever. She has already promised to help us out on all and any school trips, so she won't be gone for long!

School reports have been given out today. They have been checked and checked again, but if any minor typing errors remain, please forgive/ignore them! The staff have worked incredibly hard for the past number of weeks, writing personal comments for every child in the class, checking attendance, commenting on behaviour, providing targets to give a true and accurate reflection of each child. The paper copies will be given out today. If parents require an additional electronic copy, please contact the office.

Thanks, as ever, for your ongoing support that you give to the school.

### Golden Book

**Reception:** Ariella Farrell for being fantastic all of the time! She is always so happy, polite and well-mannered to everyone around the school. Ariella has worked so hard and independently over the term and has produced some wonderful pieces of work. This week, Ariella has written a lovely prayer asking Jesus to look after her family and friends. Well done, Ariella!

**Year One:** Caelum Clifton for his brilliant effort over the past few weeks. Caelum's attitude towards his learning has greatly improved recently and we are so pleased. He has written a great piece of writing independently this week showcasing his use of adjectives and use of phonics. Brilliant work, Caelum!

**Year Two:** Oscar Tranter has really impressed this week with his listening skills. He listens so carefully in all lessons and always follows instructions well. In Maths this week, he has been learning how to tell the time and has shown a brilliant understanding! Oscar does well at editing mistakes in his written work too and always acts on his feedback. Well done, Oscar!

**Year Three:** Ambrose Griffin for some excellent work on perimeter in Maths this week especially when solving word problems. He has shown a good attitude to this work, making an effort with his handwriting and presentation. We have been especially impressed with his effort in music and keyboard and everyone is in for a real treat in the Talent Show on Monday.

**Year Four:** Annabelle Spencer for her creativity and enthusiasm this week. She has added some fantastic ideas to class discussion and she has produced work that

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With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,  
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

she is really proud of. Keep this up, Annabelle, and really impress your teacher next year too!

**Year Five:** Tyler Richards for making an incredible amount of progress this year. Tyler has really applied himself in every subject, listening well and applying what he has learnt to his independent work. I am so proud of what Tyler has achieved! He was brilliant in Wednesday's Gaelic tournament too. Well done, Tyler!

**Year Six:** Freya Nixon for being reliable, consistent and absolutely wonderful with everything that she does. Freya can always be relied upon to do her very best and always produces beautifully presented, well-written work. She listens carefully at all times and is a role model with her impeccable behaviour. Every class needs someone just like Freya - she is a pleasure to teach!

#### House points

The winning house has been announced today and the results are as follows:

St Oscar Romero	4359
St Josephine Bakhita	3274
St Maximilian Kolbe	3070
St Teresa of Calcutta	2835

Children from St Oscar Romero house can wear their own clothes on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. And yes, extra break time too. And a little something extra.

However, due to a computing error (a discrepancy between the half-termly totals and the cumulative weekly total), a different result was read out in assembly, and St Teresa of Calcutta were announced as the winners. So they can also wear their own clothes. And, in fact, since we have the PTA treat on Wednesday too (more on that below), it has been decided that every child will be able to wear their own clothes!

Only St Oscar Romero get the extra break and chocolate treat though!

#### Talent Show

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm, we will be showcasing the many talents of the children at St Ambrose Barlow. Families of the children performing are invited to attend. The Mini-Vinnies, especially the chair, Rory, have worked tirelessly to put together this show and would like to use it as a last opportunity to add to their fundraising total for this year. They are requesting that monetary donations are given on entry. You are in for a treat as we have many talented children who are using their God given gifts.

#### Wednesday Word

### **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And he said to them, "If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them." So they set off to preach repentance, telling people to change their lives and turn back to God. And they cast out many unclean spirits, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

#### Christmas Trips

I know, I know! It is not even August yet and already I've mentioned the C-word. Please be aware that children in Reception and Key Stage One will visit the Mac in Cannon Hill Park to see *Finding Santa* on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Children in Key Stage Two will see *Beauty and the Beast* at the Crescent Theatre on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Payment can be made via our online payment system from September.

### **Payments via School Money**

As well as the payment above, please ensure that any moneys owed for school dinners, curriculum trips, upcoming Paris deadlines, historical Paris trips (!) are made by next Friday, or as soon as possible afterwards.

### **School Dinners Price Increase**

A reminder that the new price in September will be £2.70 per day per child. Key Stage One and Reception meals continue to be funded by the government and therefore meals for these children are free.

### **PTA**

As alluded to earlier, as thanks for all the wonderful generosity and fundraising efforts for the Summer Fete, the PTA have provided an inflatable disco for everyone to enjoy this Wednesday.

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Noel in Year Six who was eleven on Tuesday, and shared his day with Elliott in Reception who was five. On Thursday, Sam in Year Five was ten. Happy birthday to all!



### **Birthdays over summer...**

Any child with a birthday over summer can wear their own clothes on Thursday, including Year Six of course. See next week's newsletter for the famous list!

### **July dates for your diary**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July:** 2pm Talent Show

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 4, 5 and 6 flute concert 2:30pm - all welcome!

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Own clothes day for every house; extra break for St Oscar Romero!

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Own clothes for summer birthday; Leavers Assembly 9am

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Mass for Year Six Leavers 9:30am

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Break up at 2pm; no after-school club.

See you on Monday for the final week of term. Enjoy the football on Sunday evening. Me? I'm hoping for an Ollie Watkins and Ezri Konsa masterclass again!

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'J Clinton'.

Mr Clinton