

# St. Ambrose Barlow

Catholic Primary School

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# Dear Parents,

There is no better end to the week than starting the day with a Gifts from God assembly and then ending the day with a class Mass. Thank you to Year Five for today's class leading Mass so prayerfully and thoughtfully. Thank you, as ever, to Father Paul, for all the support he gives to the school. As well as this Friday's Mass, and last week's Mass for Noah, he also said a special Mass for the staff this week during CPD on Wednesday, which was a lovely way to explore all the small ways in which our Catholic faith is so special. We are so lucky to have him!

# <u>Golden Book</u>

**Reception:** Mylah Tapper for always showing such excellent behaviour and fantastic manners in school! Mylah likes to make sure that she is making good choices and is so kind to her peers. She has also worked very hard in lessons and has started to independently apply her phonic knowledge in her writing. Keep up the hard work, Mylah!

**Year One:** Alyza Arsalan for having an amazing week in Year One. She wrote a brilliant description about Peter Rabbit thinking carefully about using her phonics sounds. She has shown a good understanding while completing her

maths work on shape and has worked extremely hard to produce neat cursive handwriting. As always, she has listened well and contributed to all class discussions. Keep on working hard, Alyza!

**Year Two:** Iva Brose for being a perfect example of what we want from a pupil at St Ambrose Barlow. Iva always tries her best in everything she does. In addition to that, she listens carefully to all instructions given and is really helpful around the classroom. We have been especially impressed with Iva's writing this week. We have written our own traditional tales with a twist this week and it is clear Iva has listened so well in lessons. She has included the sentence types she knows and her work is also beautifully presented. Well done, Iva!

**Year Three:** Tayla-Mae Fieldhouse - For settling in to St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School and having a wonderful couple of weeks. Tayla-Mae has been working really hard to learn all of our school prayers by heart and she has also impressed her teachers this week with her Maths work on measuring in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

**Year Four:** Kieron Bradley-Slater has had a wonderful week this week and has produced some wonderful work. He has shown great focus working especially with his handwriting and his

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performance of 'Macavity' impressed his group. Well done, Kieron!

Year Five: New week, another new pupil in Year Five. Our newest recruit, Hollie Stone has settled in really well to her new class and new school. Hollie has made lots of new friends and has enjoyed learning new topics in her lessons this week. We welcome Hollie into our school family and hope she enjoys all that St Ambrose Barlow has to offer. We look forward to getting to know Hollie better in the next few weeks.

**Year Six:** Violetta Johnson-Szemla is a delight to teach and her work is a delight to read. She is always well-mannered and happy to help wherever she can. Violet takes immense pride in her work across the curriculum and is always keen to increase her knowledge by asking questions and building on prior learning. With this attitude, she will doubtless do well in the rest of Year Six and beyond.

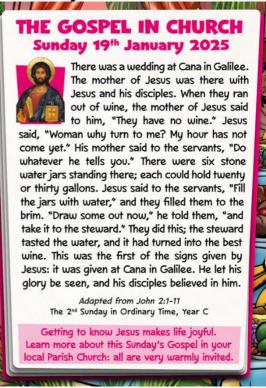
# Young Voices

Yesterday, our choir performed at Young Voices. It was a brilliant evening (though a late one) but well worth all the hard work. The choir sounded fantastic and they literally sang in front of an audience of thousands of paying spectators! What an incredible experience. If you are interested in your child attending next year, why not enquire about them joining the choir in September? You will be amazed at what your child can do! My thanks to Madam Grange and Mrs Robinson for accompanying the children.

#### <u>Uniform</u>

A reminder that our uniform policy can be found on our website >>here<<. Shoes should be suitable for negotiating stairs and for the games played in the playground. They should be black in colour and have a Velcro strap/buckle or laces. Trainers or boots should not be worn. Any ties can be bought from the office, as well as Monkhouse or Concept Schoolwear.

#### Wednesday Word



#### Library visits

Please ensure that your child has their library card on the day of their visit. Also, if any books are due back, please bring them into school each week on Thursday and the class that are attending will drop them on your behalf. You do not necessarily have to wait for the class' turn to visit to return any books.

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# Birthdays this week...

*Bon anniversaire* to Nicolas in Year Six who is eleven today! Another quiet week with regards to birthdays.

#### January dates for your diary

**Thurs 23rd Jan:** Year Five to visit Hall Green Library

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Four Class Assembly **Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Four to visit Hall Green Library

#### February dates for your diary

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six to visit Hall Green Library; Year Six parents Confirmation meeting 6pm in Church hall

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year Three Class Assembly 9am

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six children Confirmation workshop

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six to lead 10am Sunday Mass

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Two to visit Hall Green Library

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six Class Mass; break up for half-term.

**Thurs 27th Feb:** Year Three to visit Hall Green Library

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb: Children return to school

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Sponsor workshop, 2pm; Year Six Confirmation 7pm

# March dates for your diary

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March: Year Three children at FHC workshop, 10am in Parish hall Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March: Year Three children lead Sunday Mass 10am Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March: Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday, 9:30 at church **Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – theme to be announced; Year Four to visit Hall Green Library

**Thurs 13th March:** Year Five to visit Hall Green Library

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Key Stage Two Reconciliation service 1:30pm; Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

**Thurs 20th March:** Year Six to visit Hall Green Library

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March: Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March:** INSPIRE workshop for Year Three children and parents **Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Two to visit Hall

Green Library

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

# April dates for your diary

**Thurs 3rd April:** Year Three to visit Hall Green Library

**Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April:** Year Three at parish hall for First Communion workshop 10am

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday morning. God bless you.

Mr Clinton

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