



# St. Ambrose Barlow

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year! It has been a busy day practising with Year Six and welcoming our new Reception children, and a busy end to the year. However, that said, being a teacher is one of the best jobs in the world and I cannot think of a better school to work in, with a more dedicated staff to work alongside.

Parents, thank you for all your support and feedback throughout the year. Enjoy this final week and we shall see you in September.

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Ayah Shah for her excellent efforts over this last term. Ayah has tried her best with all of her work and is beginning to develop her confidence and independence too. When sharing her ideas, Ayah always joins in so respectfully and eloquently. Keep up the hard work, Ayah!

**Year One:** Arlo Tranter has been a star all year! He has such an amazing work ethic and this has never faltered. Arlo approaches everything with a smile and is such a great friend to all the others in the class. He really is a fabulous role model to others. Well done, Arlo!

**Year Two:** Samuel Hajas is simply a star. It is not just the past week Samuel has impressed us; it has been the whole

year. Samuel is such a hardworking individual who is just so eager to learn. He listens well in every single lesson and always has his hands up to contribute. Samuel's confidence has grown so much since the beginning of Year Two and he has really matured. Well done, Samuel, on everything you have given this year. We are so proud of you!

**Year Three:** Henry Doran for being a wonderful member of our class. Henry is always doing the right thing both in the classroom and in the playground and never gives me any less than 100% in his lessons. Henry always stands out to other members of staff as he is constantly setting a good example and is a perfect role model to his peers.

**Year Four:** Caoimhe McAuley who has tried so hard the whole year. She puts in maximum effort and is so eloquent when explaining her ideas. What a fantastic way to celebrate your birthday week!

**Year Five:** Darron Mariampillai has worked steadily throughout the year and has really applied himself during this last term. He is a popular member of the class who is happy to work in a group and share his ideas with others. This pupil has shown he has a lot of potential so we cannot wait to see what he produces next year.

**Year Six:** Callan Kerr has worked with the same consistency on this final week as he has all year. He has been savouring his last few days at St.

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

Ambrose Barlow, practising for the Leavers Assembly, enjoying time with his friends and being 'wowed' by the space dome treat on Friday. He has done all this while managing to contain his understandable excitement, remaining a good role model to all. We hope the temperature drops this final week so he can enjoy some time playing football with his Year Six friends before he leaves - he has earned it! Well done, Callan! Enjoy your final week here!

### **Reports**

You will have received a paper copy of your child's report on Friday. They take staff an incredible amount of time to write but I think the general comment shows how well the teachers know the children. You also have an accurate idea of where your child is in relation to the National Curriculum and age-related expectations. Should you require another copy for an additional adult, please email the office and a pdf can be attached.

### **School Fund**

As we have reached the end of the year, you will see a charge on MCAS for school fund. We are asking for one £30 payment per family to cover the cost of additional purchases that ordinarily cannot be covered from the School Budget. These include any of the following:

- Food for Christmas and end of year parties
- Fuel for the minibus and general upkeep
- Food for DT curriculum and/or food tasting

- Additional resources for the classroom such as glue sticks and extra stationery
- Subsidising trips throughout the school year
- Altar cloths and candles for prayer tables and prayer services
- Refreshments for assemblies and parent meetings

School fund works out at less than £1 per week per child and all funds are used to benefit all children in the school. Please endeavour to pay via MCAS this coming week. Thank you.

### **Inflatables from the PTA**

On Wednesday, the PTA have provided inflatable as a thank you to the children for their hard work throughout the year. Now see below for a message from the PTA...

### **★SAB PTA - End of Year Summary ★**

*The committee would like to thank you all for your support in what has been another successful fundraising year for the PTA.*

*We will be going into full detail at our AGM in October (please come along), but here is a quick summary of our efforts this year.*

### **Fundraising:**

- My Child's Art
- ASDA cash-pot rewards
- 'Easy fundraising' (ongoing)
- Christmas raffle
- Christmas disco
- Tesco Stronger Starts Grant
- 'Wonderlicious' Chocolate
- School Lottery (ongoing)
- Summer Fete and Raffle

### ***Projects supported:***

- Advent calendars and Christmas chocolate for all children
- Refreshments at Confirmation and First Holy Communion
- Year Six leavers' gifts
- Inflatables for end of year fun day
- Ice lollies for all children
- Bike and scooter racks
- Glockenspiels
- Subscription to platform needed for Choir and French
- Main hall piano tuning
- 'WonderDome' Mobile Planetarium visit to school
- Playground renovations in discussion
- Bibles for Year Three (this will be yearly)

*Thank you all again for your support, donations, volunteering of time, attendance at events, it all helps! The aim of our PTA is to raise funds to enrich the lives of all our school children, so if you have any ideas at any point, please get in touch either in person or via our email [sab.pta@outlook.com](mailto:sab.pta@outlook.com)*

*✿ Hope you all have a fantastic summer ✿*

### **Bikeability**

This was a huge success. Thanks to all those who participated – it was great to see so many bikes in school and, if children now feel confident to ride them to school, they should!

### **Key Stage Two Sports Day**

Key Stage Two Sports Day will take place on tomorrow Moseley Cricket Club on Streetsbrook Road. Children

can attend on the day in a t-shirt which is the same colour as their house:

**St Oscar Romero - Red**

**St Maximilian Kolbe - Blue**

**St Josephine Bakhita - Green**

**St Teresa of Calcutta – Yellow**

Parents are welcome to attend. There is parking on site and you are welcome to make a day of it and bring a packed lunch.

### **Assessment outcomes**

#### **KS2 SPAG**

Working below age-related expectation: 10%

Working at or above 90% (**national average 73%**)

Working at Greater Depth: 37%

#### **KS2 Reading**

Working below age-related expectation: 7%

Working at or above 93% (**national average 75%**)

Working at Greater Depth: 50%

#### **KS2 Maths**

Working below age-related expectation: 10%

Working at or above 90% (**national average 74%**)

Working at Greater Depth: 27%

#### **KS2 Writing**

Working below age-related expectation: 20%

Working at or above 80% (**national average 74%**)

Working at Greater Depth: 16%

#### **Reading, Writing, and Maths**

Children reaching age-related expectation in reading, Writing and Maths: 80% (**national average 62%**)

Children working at Greater Depth for Reading, Writing and Maths: 10%

**Key Stage One Phonics:** 92%

achieving standard

**Early Years GLD:** 73% (**national average 68%**)

**Average score in Year Four**

**Multiplication Tables check:** 23/25

**Children achieving full marks in the MTC:** 16/30

### **Ten:Ten Parent workshops**

Thanks to all who attended our parent workshop on Monday. I encourage you all to check the content that is taught in each year band and so ably co-ordinated by Mrs Bresnen using the login details below:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

**Username:** st-ambrose-b28

**Password:** white-cloud

On Wednesday, following their session that we had last week with Miss Newman, Year Six will have a bespoke lesson led by Mr Clinton and Mrs Bresnen with boys and girls split into two groups.

### **Birthdays this week**

Happy birthday to Caoimhe in Year Four who celebrates her ninth birthday and to Henry in Year Six who turns eleven on the same day. Happy birthday to Tashyon in Year Six who is six on Wednesday and to Dylan who turns eleven on Thursday.

Happy birthday to all who celebrate over the summer too! Happy birthday to Oliver Healy, Max Griffiths and Jude Goddard in Year Six.



Many happy returns to Katie Deeley, Cynthia Cunnachie, Emily Lin, Thea Dawson, Chloe Partridge, Zach Lloyd and Darcie Bucknall in Year Five.

Joyeux anniversaire to Sophia Davies, Enda McGillicuddy, Lola Hardiman, Ariella Treshani, Oliver Ellard and Ethan Valesquez in Year Four.

Guten Geburtstag to Ethan Hughes and Arlo Williams in Year Three. Happy birthday to Caelum Clifton, Kimberley O'Loughlin and Freya Bucknall in Year Two. Many happy returns also to Roisin McAuley, Áine Markey and Caiden Lee in Year One.

Finally, happy birthday to Theo Anderson-Rennalls, Patrick O'Loughlin in Reception and to our current youngest child in the school, Maisie Fullbrook.

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

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Key Stage Two Sports Day

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July:** PTA inflatables / own clothes

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Year Six Leavers' Assembly 9am

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole School Mass at 9:30am; Break up for summer at 2pm

Have a good week!

God bless,

Mr Clinton