

Federation of Antrobus St Mark's and Great Budworth Primary Schools  
Autumn B Newsletter



'Love one another, as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to our second half of this Autumn Term.

Before I share all the new and exciting things that are happening this half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the first half term. What a busy and successful first half term we had with all of our pupils working extremely hard not only on their academic work but also on their behaviour and well-being. Our new Nursery and Reception pupils have settled into school life and are very much a part of our school family and community. Our pupils have taken part in church services, bikeright training, class worships and we have been busy electing our new school council and junior road safety officers.

We have celebrated Young minds charity through our non-uniform wear yellow day and cake sale and we brought our term to a close celebrating Harvest together.

Thank you to our wonderful pupils, staff, parents and community for your continued support in making Antrobus such a wonderful and special school to attend and work in.



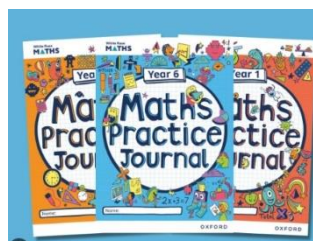
**PTA**

Our PTA will be supporting us a lot throughout the next half term ensuring that as we moving into the festive period that our pupils have a memorable and special time from heavily subsidising our pantomime to funding our Christmas parties. Fundraising events like wreath making, elf dash and movie night all raise those much-needed funds to give back to the children to support their learning and enrichment experiences.

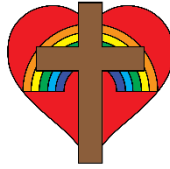
During the last week of half term the PTA funded for school to install new WIFI internet points so that all children can access the internet when using iPad and laptops within their classes. This has already made an impact on accessibility for our pupils and we would like to thank the PTA for making this happen so quickly.

As you have now all seen our wonderful new maths homework journals, I would like to thank again our PTA for purchasing these. These books cost £5 per pupil and will be their homework book for the year.

If you would like to support the PTA in covering the costs for these books by donating £5 then please do so by scanning the QR code below. Thank you to those who have already contributed.



Faith, Hope and Love



"Love one another; as I have loved you."  
John 13:34

Our Christian Value this half term is **TRUST**.



We will be discussing this in our daily collective worship slot at 9am. We will share examples from the Bible and daily life as a means of teaching our Christian values, and we will celebrate successes on Fridays where 'Good Samaritan' awards will be presented.

At the end of each half term we award our special Christian Value of the half term trophy.

Last half term it was awarded to Maddie based on the value of Thankfulness. All of the staff were thankful to Maddie for various different reasons ranging from being thankful for her helping out during break and lunchtimes or being thankful for her positivity and daily check ins with all the staff.

We are now looking to award another member of our school family the Trust trophy.

On Wednesdays we will have a class-based worship with the focus of No Outsiders. This will then be followed up in our Thursday whole school worships where we unpick key themes from recent news headlines based around diversity, race, equality, gender, disability etc.

### School Prayer

This is our school.  
Let Peace dwell here  
Let there be love  
Love of one another  
And love of life itself  
And let us remember  
that as many hands build a home  
many hearts make a school  
Amen





I am pleased to announce that Forest School sessions will be returning for this half term on Tuesdays with Mr Alastair Holland and Mrs Bedford.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed ready in their clothing. Ensure it is appropriate for all weathers and they have waterproof footwear. Children need to have a school cardigan or jumper to wear over the top.

### Key Diary dates

As a staff we can't quite believe that we are now planning our Christmas events and festivities. Please find below some key diary dates for events during the second of the Autumn Term. We endeavour to give you as much prior warning as possible but please to be mindful that these may change and more may be added as the weeks go on. We will try to send reminders out but please do save these dates to your diaries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's happening</u>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>School Opens for Autumn B</b>  After school clubs start back this week.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Art Day</b>  All pupils from Reception – Year 6 will spend the morning moving between the classes exploring three different concepts- Textiles and design, artists through pastel and paints and sculpture.  Our Nursery children will remain in class and focus on nature art within the familiar setting of their classroom.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>BTales Anti-Bullying week pantomime.</b> <b>'Make a noise'</b>  Our wonderful PTA is heavily subsidising the cost of the panto but we are please asking for a £3 donation per pupil which will be on parent pay.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Open Day</b>  Please help us to spread the word about our upcoming Open Day. We have lots of exciting activities planned during the morning as you can see on our wonderful poster created by Mrs Hathaway.  If you are able to drop any leaflets at local play groups, churches, shops etc then please speak to the office.  If you are able to help serve refreshments and speak to prospective parents to give a 'parents view' then please let the office know.  
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Individual photographs</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Odd Socks Day</b>  Children are invited to wear odd socks to school to celebrate Anti-bullying week.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Escape to safety</b>   Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service 75 YEARS OF SAVING LIVES  Year 5 and 6 pupils will be spending some time with Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	<b>Class 3 sharing worship</b>  Parents are invited to join us for a special Class 3 worship.

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Class 1 and Class 2's Nativity</b> There will be two performances on this date. 1:30pm and also 5pm.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner &amp; Christmas Jumper Day</b> Please bring in £1 for 'Save the children' charity.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Elf Dash</b> Children are invited to come to school dressed as elves for a day of crafting as well as our annual PTA sponsored Elf Dash in the afternoon. (More information to follow)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>BTales Christmas Pantomime</b> <b>'Starry Night'</b> Our wonderful PTA is heavily subsidising the cost of the panto but we are please asking for a £3 donation per pupil which will be on parent pay.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church Great Budworth</b> All are welcome to join us at 5pm for the KS2 Federation Carol Concert. All pupils in Class 3 are please asked to be at St Mary's by 4:50 ready for the 5pm start.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party Day</b> Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in their Christmas party clothes. PTA have kindly offered to supply the party refreshments and prizes.
	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December- School closes for half term at 2pm. No wrap around care available on this date.</b>

#### Gentle reminders

Nail varnish is not to be worn in school and all earrings must be a simple stud which can be removed in PE lessons or covered with tape.

Please ensure that all long hair of shoulder length and below is tied up at all times. We have recently had head lice in school and ensuring hair is tied up reduces the risk of spread and also runs in line with our uniform expectations.

#### Parking

Please note that the disabled parking spaces are for blue badge holders only.

We have noticed an increased number of people are parking in these spaces when dropping pupils at school. The PSCOs and Junior Road Safety Officers will be monitoring this moving forward.

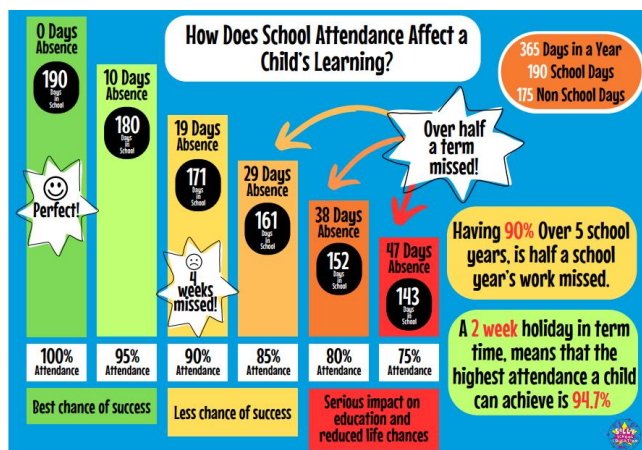
We are very fortunate to have a large amount of parking for all parents in the front and back of the village hall. We also stagger the start of the day to enable time to safely park and arrive at school.

Please be mindful of where you are parking moving forward.

Thank you.



## Attendance Matters



Please note that the school gate opens at 8:45am. This gives a 15minute window until the register is closed and late marks allocated.

**From 9:15am the school registers will be marked as an unauthorised absence.**

Please endeavour to be on time to school each day. If you need any support please contact the school office or speak to me.

Staff will close the gate promptly as we will be having daily collective worship at 9am in the school hall.

## After School Clubs

Our enrichment curriculum for this half term is as follows:

**Monday** School newspaper club

**Tuesday** Mindful colouring and art

**Wednesday**  
Lunchtime Basketball

**Thursday**  
Lunchtime Hockey

After School Fencing Club

**\*Please note these clubs will only run if a minimum number is reached to make them viable. If we do not reach that number clubs will unfortunately be cancelled.**

## Wrap around care

Please note that you will need to book your children into breakfast club if you will need to drop them off prior to the gate opening at 8:45am. Any children seen to be left will be taken into school and placed in breakfast club and parents will be charged. This is due to safeguarding and ensuring pupils are not at risk.

**Parents of Year 6 pupils are able to let school know via letter/email if they give permission for their child to walk or cycle to school alone.**

It is wonderful to see our numbers growing for wrap around care and this is why Miss King will have Florrie helping her each day, and will stay on site until 6pm when after school club closes.

Please make sure you contact school if you are needing our wrap around care on our new mobile number which is;

**07752503158**

**If you are running late or the children are playing on the field and staff cant hear the door bell in breakfast or afterschool club then please ring the mobile number above and it will connect you directly to Miss King or Jane depending on the time.**