



STARS OF THE WEEK

Reuben Ridley
Oakley Patterson
Luke Taylor
Zach Allan
Nellie Davison
Alice Dunn
Callum Berney

INTRODUCING OUR NEW Y5/Y6 TEACHER

From September we will be welcoming Mr Mark O'Malley to our team to teach our Y5 children and then move into Y6 with them. Mr O'Malley writes: I served in the Royal Navy for 24 years as a Physical Training Instructor where I met wife who was an Army physical training instructor. We are moving to Northumberland from Essex with our 3 daughters to be near to family who live in Newcastle and Sunderland. I enjoy sailing, CrossFit and travelling especially as a family. I have been a teacher for 12 years. My favourite subjects are Maths, Science and PE. I am looking forward to beginning a new adventure and excited at being part of the staff at Amble Links.



SCHOOL LOGO & UNIFORM

We're delighted to unveil our new 'Amble Links Primary School' logo in preparation for the change for us becoming a primary school in September 2024 as our Year 4 children stay with us to become Year 5s and then Year 6s in 2025.

Staff and governors carefully considered a number of possibilities, logos of other nearby schools and practicalities of what is possible to actually have embroidered. We hope you like the new design which we will now begin to be using more.

SCHOOL UNIFORM INCLUDING NEW SCHOOL LOGOS

As we become a primary school we do not intend to make changes to our school uniform other than a change of the logo. Governors decided that this will limit the financial burden of buying uniforms and ensure that it is practical for the day to day activities that primary school children take part in. Even after becoming a primary school in September we will be more than happy for children to continue wearing their Amble Links First School uniforms until those uniforms reach the end of their lives. Although polo shirts with the school logo are available from our uniform provider we are more than happy for children to be wearing sky blue polo shirts without a logo which are available from a range of supermarkets. We will let parents know as soon as the uniforms with the new logos are available from our online provider but, in the meantime you may wish to hold back on buying new uniform items.

CHANGES TO OUR EARLY YEARS PROVISION

With the upcoming changes to funding for 2 and 3 year old pupils we are anticipating an increased demand for places and increased hours for children in Seahorses and Little Pebbles. It is highly likely that we will not be able to accommodate children for all of the hours requested due to limitations around spaces in school and staffing. We will be doing our best to ensure that places are offered to as many children as possible whose parents would like them to be at Amble Links and will aim to gradually offer children in Little Pebbles more hours as they get closer to moving into nursery; this may include offering some afternoon sessions. To make this work we have taken the decision that from after Easter we will not be offering either a school meal or a packed lunch session for children who only attend a morning or afternoon session. These will need to be provided at home either before or after a child's session.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 96.2%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Seahorses)	90.2%	91.1%	3
YR (Turtles)	90.0%	95.2%	3
Y1 (Jellyfish)	98.0%	94.4%	4
Y2 (Puffins)	95.7%	94.4%	0
Y3 (Sharks)	92.0%	94.6	2
Y4 (Penguins)	97.5%	97.5%	3

2024 SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 7th February	Y3 Dance Festival (in school) - PE KITS NEEDED
Thursday 8th February	Y1 Multiskills Festival (in school)
Friday 16th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Friday 16th February	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term Break
Monday 26th February	School reopens for Spring 2 For RECEPTION to Y4
Tuesday 27th February	School reopens for Little Pebbles and Nursery
Thursday 7th March	Year 4 Bikeability Training
Friday 8th March	World Book Day
Mon 18th & Tues 19th March	Parent's Evenings

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE](#).

PARKING ON LINKS AVENUE

Parents are again urged to be considerate when parking around school, especially at the start and end of the school day and on Fridays if they are staying for assembly. We have received feedback from some local residents about being blocked in on their own drives and about larger vehicles not being able to get down Links Avenue at busy times. Parking considerately will help improve safety for children and also reduce the risk of vehicles being damaged. Please note that the council's Traffic Warden regularly patrols the area and can fine.

YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Our Y2 Puffins travelled to Ashington Leisure Centre yesterday to take part in a gymnastics festival. They experienced lots of gymnastics disciplines and equipment and learned new skills. As always behaviour was impeccable and the children had an amazing time. See our Facebook page for a few photos.