



STARS OF THE WEEK

Emilia Dmytrenko
Aria Ramsay
Harper Collins
Zoe Lewis
Annabelle Stephenson
Lilly Brown
Lola Robertson

OUR BEACH TRIP

Thanks for everyone's prompt responses regarding 'chippy food' choices for our visit to the beach on Wednesday. So far, the weather forecast looks reasonable for us. Children should come to school in top half uniform and appropriate shorts for the beach. Once there, the children are likely to be able to go barefoot so sensible shoes for school are still expected. The children are invited to bring along a bucket and spade and may also bring a small blanket/mat to sit on. If the weather is poor we will still have our chippy lunch in school.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y4): 90.7%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Seahorses)	70.6%	89.8%	0
YR (Turtles)	80.7%	93.5%	0
Y1 (Jellyfish)	90.3%	94.5%	1
Y2 (Puffins)	97.8%	95.1%	0
Y3 (Sharks)	91.7%	94.0%	0
Y4 (Penguins)	91.3%	96.2%	2

TRANSITION DAY—YOUR CHILD'S NEW CLASS

After our usual assembly this morning the children came back into the hall to find that the Amble Links Fairy had visited again and left a poetic message for them telling them which class they will be in next year. We also sprinkled the magic dust the fairy left—this always makes the children feel ready to be in their next class. Although there are not really any changes of the year groups that teachers will be working with there will be a few changes to where teaching assistants are working—the children will now know who will be working with them. The biggest changes will be to some of our class names. In line with some funding that we have received through National Landscapes we have decided to align our class names with wildlife that can be found very close by on the Northumberland coast. During next year we will again be working with a local artist on a project about these creatures and create some class logos. Changing some class names has not been an easy decision and there are lots of factors to consider such as how does it sound when staff call out the name and where there may be misinterpretations. Having an 'Urchins' class for instance may not sound too good!

Our new class names will be as follows

2 Year Olds: Little Pebbles, Nursery: Starfish, Reception: Lobsters, Y1: Jellyfish, Y2: Puffins, Y3: Seals, Y4: Terns, Y5: Herons, Y6: Curlews.

In September our Year 4 and 5 classes will be taught in our new classrooms, staying in these classrooms for the following year too. Our Nursery and Reception classes will be swapping classrooms.

PICNIC, PEA HUNT & FAREWELL FESTIVAL

Following our annual Picnic and P-hunt on Thursday 18th July we are holding a Farewell Festival to mark the end of Amble Links First School before we become Amble Links Primary in September. The picnic and P-hunt will take place as usual with parents welcome to join us at 12pm for a picnic in the garden. Following the P-hunt the children will then perform a special song they have been rehearsing for the occasion. Parents are then welcome to take their children and hopefully stay and enjoy the farewell festival together. Children who do not have an adult to collect them will be supervised by school staff until the usual end of the school day. Our festival will consist of an outdoor disco with our resident DJ and live music). There will be the opportunity to purchase refreshments, special temporary tattoos, neon face painting and various other items. For this day we would like all children to come to school wearing neon or brightly coloured clothing in place of their school uniform.

2024 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 8th July	1.30pm—Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 10th July	Reception—Y4—Beach Visit with Fish & Chips
NEW	
Tuesday 16th July	1pm R-Y1 -Sports Day 2pm Y2-Y4—Sports Day
Thursday 18th July	12.00 Picnic, Pea Hunt and Farewell Festival
Friday 19th July	2pm—School closes for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 4th September	School Reopens to pupils for the Autumn Term

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

NEW DATE FOR SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately the weather on Monday let us down a little for Sports Day. A chilly wind, wet ground and forecast of heavier rain in the afternoon led us to the decision to cancel and let parents know in good time. We have added a new date for Sports Day to the diary: Tuesday 16th July at 1pm—all other arrangements will remain the same. Should inclement weather lead us to cancel again, we are unlikely to be able to provide another alternative that is open to parents. Fingers crossed the weather is good to us next time!

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Parents of all children from Nursery upwards who are moving to a new year group in September have been sent a link to their child's end of year report this week. Please let us know if you have not received this report and provide an alternative email address for us to resend to.



DOGS IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Parents are reminded that we do not allow dogs in our school grounds. Some of our children are scared of dogs and some may have allergies. Dogs can also be unpredictable around large groups of people. PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS INTO SCHOOL AT DROP-OFF OR PICK UP TIMES. We also ask that you avoid tying dogs up close to the school gates.