



STARS OF THE WEEK

Georgia Straker
Millie Beverley
Frankie Nicholls
Lyle Hanley
Annabelle Stephenson
Bobbie-Jo Handyside
Robyn Common

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 95.9%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-80.6%
Reception (Turtles)	- 96.7%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 91.9%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 93.7%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 99.2%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 98.1%

Well Done Sharks!

2023 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd October	PARENTS EVENINGS
Thursday 12th October	9am - Harvest Assembly
Friday 27th October	Parents invited to classrooms after assembly
Friday 27th October	3.15pm—School closes for half term break
Thursday 9th November	Bags2School Collection
ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2023-24 and 2024-25 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE .	



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thanks to every one who donated or came along to our Macmillan Coffee morning today. As usual, we had very good attendance and raised

over £550

that's over £200 more than last year!!

Thanks Everyone!

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our first Bag2School collection of this school year will take place on Thursday 9th November. This is an ideal opportunity to have a clear out of any unused or wanted clothes and help to raise some money for our PTA. Due to lack of storage space in school we would really appreciate it if you could keep bags at home until the week of our collection.



PARENTS EVENINGS

MONDAY 2nd & TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Thanks to all parents who have already booked an appointment to see their child's class teacher next week. This will be an ideal opportunity for parents to meet with teachers to find out how children have settled into their new classes, how they are doing with their learning, and what support can be given at home. We have already sent an email out about contacting Mrs Dellbridge to make an appointment. It is our aim to encourage **ALL** parents to attend these really important first meetings of the year with teachers.

NEW ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

This week we held our first 3 week review of attendance across the school with our Education Welfare Officer. Based on the [new procedures](#) that we have shared with parents, letters will be sent out to parents of children whose attendance was below 97% last year and now have attendance below 92% for this year. As it is so early in the year we appreciate that only a small number of absences can trigger these letters but, as the year goes on, good attendance will quickly improve attendance percentages. This week we have also started to make welfare visits to see children who have been ill for 5 days. As most children are usually only ill for short periods of time, these visits allow us to check in with families and offer any support if needed.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We recently completed a survey with our Y3 and Y4 children about online safety. The results show that nearly all of our children regularly use the internet at home on a variety of devices and some for many hours. We were surprised to hear about the number of children who say that they have social networking accounts including WhatsApp, Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok despite age guidelines for these sites. We regularly discuss online safety with the children and would recommend that parents also discuss this with the children.

EARLY REMINDER - HARVEST ASSEMBLY 12TH OCTOBER

This year our Harvest Assembly, led by Reverend John, will take place on Thursday 12th October at 9am. Parents are invited to join us for this. This will be a short assembly to remind us of the importance of harvest and to celebrate the kindness of our community by donating food to Amble Food Bank. Over the past few years we have been very pleased to be able to donate a huge amount of food and toiletries to the food bank at harvest and hope to be able to do the same again this year.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photos were taken this week. To benefit from the free postage available, photos should be ordered and paid for online by Thursday 5th October. Following this date parents will be required to pay for postage for any orders made. Ordered photos will be with us well before Christmas.

READING AT HOME WITH AN ADULT

Reading at home with your child on a regular basis is one of the best things that parents can do to support their child. Children who read regularly with adults improve the fluency of their reading which, in turn, helps them to be able to understand the texts they read more easily. Being a good reader includes both fluency and comprehension—our younger children will benefit from practising to read the same book a number of times. Some of our new Monster Phonics books also have additional text for parents to read for the children as well as some great question prompts to help support their understanding. Due to it's importance, if children do not have the opportunity to read with an adult at home we try our best to provide additional opportunities to do this in school; this is usually on a one to one basis throughout the school day or for a few minutes at a lunch time. We ask that parents speak with class teachers if they do not wish us to provide their children with this additional opportunity and support.