



STARS OF THE WEEK

Jesse Taylor-Smith
Henry Kendall
Harper Collins
Heidi Robertson
Kabe Ramsay
Olivia Million
Georgia Crisp

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 97.9%

Nursery (Seahorses) -91.8%
 Reception (Turtles) - 98.0%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 96.7%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 97.4%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 100.0%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 97.1%

Well Done Sharks!

2024 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 9th January 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR SPRING TERM
NEW Tuesday 23rd January	Swimming Lessons restart for Year 2 and Year 4
NEW Thursday 1st February	Y2 Gymnastics Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
NEW Friday 16th February	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
NEW Friday 16th February	School Closes for Half Term Break
NEW Monday 26th February	School reopens for Spring 2
NEW Thursday 7th March	Year 4 Bikeability Training
NEW Friday 8th March	World Book Day
NEW 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](#).

SPRING TERM SWIMMING

A reminder to parents that swimming lessons will be for Y2 and Y4 children next term but these lessons will not be starting until Tuesday 23rd January due to essential maintenance taking place at the pool.

KEEPING UP WITH CHILDREN'S LEARNING DURING THE HOLIDAY

It's a very exciting time of year for the children and getting back into the swing of things at school in January is always a bit tricky for the children. It would be really helpful if parents could encourage the children to read and complete a few Doodlemaths questions during the holiday—this will help the children when returning to school.

ELF UPDATE

We know that the children (along with many parents and other members of the school community) have thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas antics of the Amble Links elves again. The elves have been very grateful to everyone that they have roped in to support them in their quest to ruin Christmas for Mr Heeley.

Thanks to everyone who helped the children make elf traps. We had over 70 traps arrive; these were placed all around school last night. The children were very excited this morning to find that the traps had worked and the elves had finally been captured, much to Mr Heeley's relief!

After a call to Northumberland County Council, a rapid reaction team came out and the high vis heroes whisked the elves out of assembly in blue bins. Mr Heeley wanted to make sure that the elves were correctly disposed of so asked if he could throw them into the bin wagon himself. With the press of a button and a few crunches and creaks the elves were whisked away....hopefully forever!

Moon Elf had to be tied up a little more carefully and was suspended over a bowl of Mrs Christie's custard in the hall. One child suggested cutting the string, which Mr Heeley promptly agreed to and soon got his revenge for the elf custard last week. Mr Heeley had one last trick up his sleeve and spent the morning melting wax in the kitchen before turning Moon Elf into a candle! Surely there is no way back for the elves from here.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thanks to everybody who made a donation for our Christmas Jumper day yesterday. We'll be sending a donation of £100 off to EdUKaid as our Christmas gift for the children of Mgao Pre-Primary School in Tanzania.

OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR

A big well done to our Christmas Choir who have worked really hard this half term with Mrs Smith to practise their songs. This week they have performed at the Harbour Village, St Oswald's Court and in church before a final performance of Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer in assembly.

CHURCH NATIVITY

It was lovely to see so many people at St Cuthbert's church on Wednesday for our Nativity service. Our choir and readers did a wonderful job and it was great to hear so much positive feedback about the service from many who attended.



THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

Everybody at Amble Links would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year. We'd like to thank you for all of the very kind gifts that have been brought into school for us; they are very much appreciated.

We hope you have a really enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you ready for 2024.