

STARS OF THE WEEK

Bexley Mather
Tommy Patterson
Ethan Roberts
Hildi Wehr
John McPeake
Imogen Douglas-Matthewson
Leyla Smith

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%
LAST WEEK: 95.0%

Nursery (Seahorses) - 89.9%
 Reception (Turtles) - 91.8%
 Year 1 (Jellyfish) - 99.0%
 Year 2 (Puffins) - 92.4%
 Year 3 (Sharks) - 95.4%
 Year 4 (Penguins) - 98.2%

Well Done Again Jellyfish!

2021 SCHOOL DIARY

Friday 28th May	School Closes for Half Term Break (normal time)
Monday 7th June	School Reopens for Summer Half Term 2
Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd June	Year 3 Parents Evenings
Mon 28th, Tues 29th, Weds 30th June	Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4 Parents Evenings
NEW Monday 12th July & Tuesday 13th July	5pm—Year 4 Leavers' Performances
NEW Wednesday 14th July	3.45pm—Year 4 Leaver's Awards
Friday 16th July	School closes for Summer Holiday

YEAR 4 ROBINWOOD VISIT

We were really pleased last week to finally be able to take our Year 4 Penguins class to Robinwood Activity Centre at Alston for a 3 day residential visit. The visit was originally planned for November and then for April but Covid restrictions meant that we were unable to go at these times, casting serious doubt on whether the visit would be able to go ahead at all. Having pulled out all the stops we managed to make the trip go ahead much to the excitement of the children who even invented 'Robinwood Eve'!

We were blessed with fabulous blue sky weather on our arrival on Wednesday followed by wetter weather on

Thursday and Friday. This did not deter the children who took part in a range of activities including zip wire, giant swing, canoeing, raft building, caving, climbing, archery and the dreaded Piranha Pool! This year saw some Amble Links Robinwood records broken including: the tidiest ever boys' dormitories, absolutely no homesickness and one of our groups of children in which every single child took part in and got to the top of every activity!

We were hugely impressed with the children, many of whom were away from home overnight for the very first time. They were supportive of their friends and worked well together to solve problems and overcome fears. All children returned very tired and dirty but with a wealth of tales to tell their families.

We look forward to visiting Robinwood again in less than 6 months time with our current Y3 children, who have all signed up for the adventure! Look out for photos of our visit on our [school Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/linksfs).

We have now run this visit for 11 years and continue to be really pleased with the impact it has on the children whilst there and on their return to school.

We'd like to say a big 'thank-you' to Mrs Oliver and Mrs Angus for giving up their own time to accompany the children on this once in a lifetime adventure.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Y1 -conspirators (Georgia)
Y2 - fusing (Jack T)
Y3-notify (Erin)
Y4- buoyant (Jonah)

Our words of the week really support the children in developing their vocabulary!

DOODLE MATHS BADGES

With their bright and colourful designs, badges are awarded for achieving key goals in Doodle, such as earning a spectacular streak or a high score in a game.

Children can view the badges they've earned and their progress towards new ones at any point, helping to boost their confidence and encouraging them to Doodle daily.



END OF YEAR EVENTS

There is still uncertainty as to how restrictions for schools may change as we head towards the end of the school year. As we have mentioned in earlier newsletters though, we will be taking a very cautious approach until the end of the year at Amble Links. This means that some of our usual events will not be able to take place or may need to change in format. We will not be hosting large gatherings of parents or mixing our class bubbles wherever possible. We are doing our best to provide our Year 4 leavers and their parents with as much normality as possible for the end of the year but even these events will not be the same. We have provisionally added diary dates (above) for a Y4 Leavers' performance—we expect that for the performance we will offer 2 separate evening performances for limited numbers of parents.

We hope that the Leavers' Awards will take place outdoors with the children being seated in a large gazebo with parents looking in—the worst case scenario is that parents may need umbrellas!

We will also be looking at arranging small Sports Day type events for each class separately; dates will be published soon.

We ask that parents carefully read information about any upcoming events in order for them to run smoothly. We hope that our usual busy events will be able to return as we move into next year.

ATTENDANCE/HOLIDAYS

After a great few weeks of attendance following lockdown we've noticed that our figures have dropped slightly in the last couple of weeks. Some of this is due to chickenpox and other illness but there are also an increasing number of holidays being taken. Although we appreciate that you may not have been able to get away on holiday in recent months, parents are reminded that we do not authorise holidays during term time due to the negative impact that absences have on children's learning.