



STARS OF THE WEEK

Georgia Straker
Rowan Aitchtracey
Laylah Griffiths
Amelia Hewitson
Rosie Gair
Harlow Bowlt
Jennie Tuff

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK : 95.3%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-95.5%
Reception (Turtles)	- 98.0%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	- 87.7%
Year 2 (Puffins)	- 95.7%
Year 3 (Sharks)	- 95.3%
Year 4 (Penguins)	- 100.0%

**Well Done
Penguins**

2024 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 23rd January	Swimming Lessons restart for Year 2 and Year 4
NEW Wednesday 31st January	2.30pm—Meeting for Y4 parents about Year 5
Thursday 1st February	Y2 Gymnastics Festival at Ashington Leisure Centre
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
NEW 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](#).

STARTING AS WE MEAN TO GO ON

We've had a good first week back to school in 2024 with generally very good attendance and excellent behaviour in school. Today, the children will receive their weekly homework which we hope will be completed by all of them. We really try to keep our homework as straightforward as possible and it is designed to be completed in short bursts on a regular basis. Once logged in, most of the children should be able to complete their online homework unsupported. The most important thing that parents can do is support and encourage children to read very regularly with the children and support them with using appropriate tone and expression—this will really make a difference!

MORRISON'S GIVING TREE—BREAKFAST CLUB

We were very grateful to hear that the final total raised by the Amble branch of Morrison's through their Christmas Giving Tree was £668. The vouchers that we will receive from this will support our Breakfast Club for many months allowing us to keep the costs as low as they are.

All children from Reception age upward are welcome to come along to Breakfast Club each morning in the hall. There is no need to book in. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am until the start of the school day and costs just £1.50 per child per day or £2.00 per child for those arriving before 8.00am. The children are provided with cereal, toast and juice as well as a chance to play with their friends.

Breakfast Club is ideal to bring children along to if children are persistently late to school and supports a lovely, calm start to the day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Football, Gardening, and Netball Clubs restart after school on their usual days next week. We will be sending an email out to parents about Conservation Club. Our clubs are very popular but also limited by access to the hall and maximum numbers. Please see Mrs Dellbridge if your child wishes to join a club. This may mean going onto a waiting list though.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS

This half term's class online newsletters are now available on the school website. [HERE](#). These give parents lots of information about what the children will be learning in their class during this half term and provide some useful links and guidance as to how you can help at home. We hope that you find these useful.

DIARY DATE FOR NURSERY AND LITTLE PEBBLES

Due to important first aid training, for staff, Nursery and Little Pebbles will be closed on Monday 26th February. The children from these two classes will not return to school after the half term break until Tuesday 27th February. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but it is the safest, most practical and most cost-effective way for us to run this training for a large number of staff.

PE DAYS

PE day is Wednesday for KS2 children and Thursdays for KS1 children. Please ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing on these days.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND JEWELLERY

Our [school uniform policy](#) states very clearly that children may only wear simple stud earrings to school. This is to minimise the risk of them being inadvertently caught and torn around a busy school. We are increasingly seeing children coming to school with larger and shaped earrings. Children should not wear earrings on PE days or be able to remove them themselves. Children should not wear other jewellery to school including necklaces. For obvious reasons we also do not allow children to wear watches that are able to take photographs.

SEPTEMBER 2024 RECEPTION APPLICATIONS PORTAL CLOSING SOON

Parents of children in nursery **MUST** apply to the local authority to get a place for their child in Reception. **PLACES ARE NOT AUTOMATICALLY ALLOCATED.** Applications can be made [HERE](#). Please hurry, as these close on January 15th.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Many children have new bikes and scooters after Christmas. Please note that these are left at school at your own risk. We also strongly advise the use of helmets.