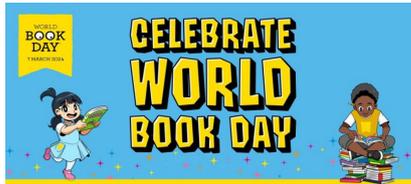


WORLD BOOK DAY Friday 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March which is the first Friday back after half term. As we know the children love a dressing up day, we won't be doing anything differently this year. The children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their favourite books as well as bringing the book that their character is from to show their friends. Nearer the time the children will receive a World Book Day book voucher that they will be able to use in a variety of shops to get a special World Book Day book or towards a book of a higher value.



SMART WATCHES IN SCHOOL

Recently we have noticed that a few children have been coming to school wearing smartwatches that can connect to mobile phones and also some that have the facility to take photographs on them. For safeguarding reasons, **children are not permitted to wear watches with cameras on them in school.** We also ask that Bluetooth connections from these watches are disabled. By far the simplest thing to do is to send your child to school with a cheap watch that they can use to tell the time on. We have also reminded the older children this week that if they bring phones to school they must not be used within the school grounds.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Dixon Weldon
Polly Cuthbertson
Lara Anderson
Daisy McCartney
Lyle Hanley
Emmie Rowell
Lilly Brown
Amelia-Rose M-C

YEAR 2 GYMNASTICS FESTIVAL

Due to the bus not turning up, our Y2 children unfortunately couldn't attend the gymnastics festival at Ashington on Monday as planned. Despite the disappointment, the children still enjoyed a fun morning exploring and using the large apparatus in the hall.

WHICH TEXTS ARE THE CHILDREN READING IN SCHOOL?

The children are really enjoying reading a wide range of texts in school at the moment. From Y3 onwards, the children are learning about 2 different texts in their reading and writing lessons whilst in Year 1 and 2 they are focusing mainly on just one text. The texts that we have chosen to use are proving very popular with the children. To find out more about the texts that the children are currently studying visit the English pages of our [SCHOOL WEBSITE](#).

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Our School Target is 97%
OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y5): 95.9%

	Last Week	This Year to date	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	97.4%	92.9%	5
YR (Lobsters)	96.6%	91.4%	4
Y1 (Jellyfish)	96.3%	94.8%	3
Y2 (Puffins)	96.6%	95.4%	7
Y3 (Seals)	99.5%	97.2%	3
Y4 (Terns)	95.9%	95.7%	1
Y5 (Heron)	90.4%	96.5%	0

2025 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 3rd March	School reopens for Spring 2
Monday 3rd March	Year 3 Dance Festival (In school) PE KITS NEEDED
Thursday 6th March	Y5 Trip to the Life Science Centre
Friday 7th March	World Book Day
Mon 24th, Tues 25th, Weds 26th March	SEND Parents Evenings
Monday 31st March & Tuesday 1 April	Parents' Evenings
Friday 4th April	Non Uniform Day (in return for Easter Raffle Prizes)
Friday 11th April	Easter Raffle Draw after assembly
Friday 11th April	2pm—School closes for Easter holiday
Monday 28th April	School opens for Summer Term
Monday 5th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY BANK HOLIDAY

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2024-25 and 2025-26 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE](#).

STAFFING NEWS

This week, we emailed parents with the news that Louise Cuthbertson, who has been our Deputy Headteacher at Amble Links for nearly 11 years will be leaving us at the end of this school year to take up the position of Headteacher at Barley Mow Primary School in Birtley. Although she'll be a huge miss here we know that she will do a great job in her new school. Governors are already working on the process to recruit a replacement for Mrs Cuthbertson. We'll keep you updated. Today, we have said goodbye to Mrs Louise Farmer, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant in Little Pebbles and Nursery. She is leaving to focus more time on the family business. We're glad we'll still see her about as a parent though. Last week we appointed Miss Sarah Kelly as class teacher for Year 5 next year. The children will hopefully get some chances to meet her before next year.

ROAD RESURFACING WORK

We have received notification that some resurfacing work is due to be taking place on Links Avenue and Philip Drive between 22nd February and 14th March and that access might be severely restricted between 9am and 3pm between those dates. It appears as though the disruption on Links Avenue will be mainly during our first week back at school. Parents collecting and dropping children off around lunchtimes should allow plenty of extra time.