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Thanks to
everyone who

supported our Coffee Morning today over £660 was raised!

ENGLISH HERITAGE FREE FAMILY DAY PASSES

We've been kindly donated a few vouchers for family day passes for English Heritage allowing FREE access to some local historical sites. We believe that these will allow access to places such as Warkworth Castle and Dunstanburgh Castle amongst any other places. We are happy to give these to families requesting them at the office on a first come first served basis.

PLEASE HELP US! APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Pupil Premium brings valuable extra funding to schools. Pupils become eligible for this funding when they become eligible for benefits based free school meals (this is not the same as the free meals that all children in R-Y2 receive. If you think you may be entitled, please try to apply HERE.

The worst that can happen is that they say you're not eligible! This funding is used to support children across the school.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y5): 94.4%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	93.7%	90.7%	1
YR (Lobsters)	98.9%	98.1%	1
Y1 (Jellyfish)	90.8%	92.1%	2
Y2 (Puffins)	93.8%	95.7%	2
Y3 (Seals)	95.7%	97.7%	3
Y4 (Terns)	90.5%	97.1%	0
Y5 (Herons)	93.7%	98.2%	0
Y6 (Curlews)	97.1%	96.0%	1

AUTUMN PARENTS' EVENINGS

We are delighted that over 170 appointments have now been made for our Parents' Evenings that are taking place over the next couple weeks. It is important that parents book a timeslot with class teachers to find out how the children have settled into their new class and how you can support with their learning during this year. We have sent reminders out to parents who have not yet booked as we would like all parents to work with us to do the very best for your child.

Once a booking has been made through Arbor you will be able to see it clearly on the app as a reminder. This will also help fewer missed appointments. Self-scheduling bookings through the app close at 12 noon on Monday 6th October.

START AND FINISH TIMES

Recently we have had higher numbers of late marks in school than we would expect. Arriving on time means that children follow the same routines as their friends and get a settled start to the day.

School starts at 8.30am for children in Y3-Y6. Children arriving after 8.35am are marked as late. School starts at 8.40am for Nursery to Y2 children and the gates close at 8.45am. Children arriving after 8.45am are marked as late.. Children with more than one late mark in a half term do not get included in our In to Win draw as we are very keen to promote good punctuality.

CLUBS AND DINNER BILLS

All Breakfast Club, After School Club and dinner bills should now be populated on the Arbor app . We appreciate your patience with this matter.

2025 SCHOOL DIARY			
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th October	Parents' Evenings		
Thursday 16th October	9am Harvest Assembly (Parents welcome)		
Friday 17th October	Nursery/Reception/KS1 parents to classrooms after assembly		
Thursday 23rd October	9am Upper Key Stage 2 Assembly for parents		
Friday 24th October	KS2 Parents to classrooms after assembly		
Friday 24th October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term		

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 and 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE HERE.

FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday the photographer was in school for a very busy morning of individual and family group photographs. It takes a great deal of organisation to make sure that all of the correct photographs are taken. Please ensure that orders for photographs are made as soon as possible to ensure that they are eligible for free delivery to school. Photos are usually with us to distribute just after half term.

DON'T FORGET THAT YOU CAN SEE WHAT THE CHILDREN ARE LEARNING THIS HALF TERM BY CHECKING OUR HALF TERMLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

NEW EVENT! UPPER KS2 ASSEMBLY Thursday 24th October

We are continually looking at ways that we can reflect the increased age range of pupils in our school as we are now a full primary school. At the end of last year we spoke with the Y5 (now Y6) children about Friday assemblies and the general consensus was that they still want to be involved in Friday assemblies, still wish to be 'Stars of the Week' and still would like to come to 'Star Tea'. They also suggested a couple of changes for us to consider. In response to this we have removed Homework Hero awards from Friday assembly and will instead use Dojo Points in class to reward engagement with homework.

Something we will be trialling is a half termly upper KS2 assembly (Y5 and Y6) that parents will be invited to attend. At this assembly, the children will have an opportunity to read/perform some of their most recent writing along with showing examples of other work that they have created during the half term. We hope that many of the children will have the confidence to stand up and do this over the course of the year.

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