



STARS OF THE WEEK

Kamila Nwachukwu
Ada McMonagle
Harriet Davison
Darcie Barclay
Jaxon Morrison
Jonas Taylor-Smith
Kabe Ramsay
Olivia Million
Georgia Crisp

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y5): **95.8%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	86.9%	92.7%	1
YR (Lobsters)	95.4%	97.0%	3
Y1 (Jellyfish)	100.0%	94.5%	1
Y2 (Puffins)	90.7%	95.0%	2
Y3 (Seals)	92.7%	96.0%	12
Y4 (Terns)	93.3%	97.2%	0
Y5 (Heron)	90.6%	96.7%	7
Y6 (Curlews)	97.1%	95.7%	0

2025 SCHOOL DIARY

Thursday 23rd October	8.45am Upper Key Stage 2 Assembly for parents
Thursday 23rd October	Pumpkin Competition entries due in
Friday 24th October	KS2 Parents to classrooms after assembly
Friday 24th October	3.15pm School Closes for Half Term
Tuesday 4th November	School Reopens for Autumn 2
Mon 24th - Weds 26th November	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood
NEW Weds 3rd December	3.15pm Christmas Fair
NEW Tuesday 9th December	8.45am Christingle Assembly

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 and 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE](#).

PUNCTUALITY CHALLENGE—NEXT WEEK

This week has not been good for the number of late marks we've had in school. Although most of the lates are only by a few minutes it means that children are not getting the same start to the school day as their peers, often leading to an unsettled start for them. We regularly talk with the children about getting to school on time as a part of being responsible—something that becomes more and more important as they grow up and have to be more responsible for themselves.



BONUS DOJO POINTS ON OFFER!

Next week, we are giving the children in Reception to Y6 a chance to earn some extra Dojo points which lead to a range of rewards that they can work towards. All children who arrive to school on time **EVERY DAY** next week will earn a bonus 5 Dojo points. Through the rest of the year we may also put on some surprise punctuality challenge weeks that the children will only find out about at the end of the week when bonus Dojos are awarded. We hope that this will encourage children who are slow in getting ready for school in the mornings to get ready more quickly and hope that parents will support them to gain their bonus points.

UPPER KS2 ASSEMBLY THURSDAY 8.45am

On Thursday, we're holding our very first upper KS2 assembly at which our Year 5 and Year 6 children will have the opportunity to showcase/present/perform some of the great work that they have done this half term for parents. If this is successful we hope to hold these on more regular basis. We also hope that some of the children who have chosen not to stand up this time will choose to in the future.

SCHOOL DINNERS

We're soon going to be moving onto our Winter Menus. In response to some parental feedback, we are going to be trialling a soup and sandwich option on a couple days each week. Depending on how popular this is, we may then build it into our menus on a more regular basis. Look out for these menus in the Arbor app and on your email soon.

PARENTS VISITS TO KS2 CLASSROOMS

After assembly next Friday, parents of children in KS2 (Y3-Y6) are invited back to classrooms to look through the children's books with them.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

Yesterday, we welcomed Rev Carolyn to lead our Harvest assembly. We were again overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and have been able to send nearly 30 large bags of groceries and hygiene items to Amble Food Bank today.

MOBILE PHONES

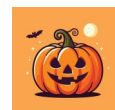
Only children in Y4, Y5 & Y6 may bring mobile phones to school. These must be switched off and out of sight once in the school grounds and handed to a teacher on entry to school.

CHRISTMAS DATES COMING SOON

Unbelievably it's only 69 days until Christmas. Staff have already started to plan events and just have a few things to finalise. As we have increased in size it will be necessary to make some changes from previous years so please keep a close eye on the calendar.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

We'll be holding our annual Pumpkin Competition next Friday! As usual, we will be offering a small prize for every entry as well as a prize for our favourite pumpkin from each class.



Judging will take place on **Thursday 23rd October** so all entries must be brought to school on that morning (NOT BEFORE!) and should have children's names and year group clearly marked on the back of it. **Please provide some kind of battery light** with the pumpkin as we have a very limited supply in school. We will have the pumpkins on display in the hall for our final assembly of the half term on Friday 24th October.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR Y6 CHILDREN

Closes 31st October

Parents should apply now via the portal: <http://bit.ly/3VPNsxn>. More information at Northumberland County Council Admissions: <http://bit.ly/4n6HHYw>

Places will be allocated in-line with national offers day (2nd March 2026) and parents will be contacted by schools shortly after that. Parents should note that late applications may limit the ability to get a place at the desired school.