



STARS OF THE WEEK

Elena Stephenson
 Harry Henderson
 Reagan Chester
 Indie Watson
 Anton Barclay
 Shaun Shepherd
 Tommy Patterson
 Bobbie-Jo Handyside
 Robyn Common

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

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

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	91.5%	93.8%	1
YR (Lobsters)	97.3%	97.6%	1
Y1 (Jellyfish)	96.5%	94.0%	1
Y2 (Puffins)	97.2%	95.2%	4
Y3 (Seals)	93.0%	95.9%	7
Y4 (Terns)	98.6%	96.9%	0
Y5 (Hérons)	93.7%	96.9%	1
Y6 (Curlews)	95.4%	95.8%	1

2025 SCHOOL DIARY

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
NEW 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
NEW Tuesday 4th November	School Reopens for Autumn 2

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

PARENTS TO CLASSROOMS NURSERY/RECEPTION/KS1

Due to the increasing size of our school we are going to make some changes to how we run our half termly visit to classrooms for parents to look through books with the children. We are now going to need to stagger how this is done. After assembly next week, parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be invited back to classrooms after assembly whilst our older KS2 children will go back to their normal lessons. On the following week (Friday 24th), parents of KS2 children are invited back to classrooms to look through books. We appreciate that this is not ideal for parents with children in different key stages but this is necessary in order for us to be able to continue these visits safely.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

It's our harvest assembly next Thursday (16th October). We are delighted that Revd Carolynn will be joining us again to lead it. Parents are welcome to come along and join us for this assembly. As usual, we will be collecting donations for Amble Food Bank, which we know does such valuable work around the town helping people and families in need.

Every year we are amazed at the generosity of our families and can usually send off a very large donation. A list of recommended foodstuffs and toiletries is included in the email with this newsletter. We are happy for donations to start arriving on Monday.

UPPER KS2 ASSEMBLY

Something else new that we are going to try this half term is a special assembly for children in Year 5 and Year 6 to showcase some of their work for parents. A selection of children will volunteer to read out some of their work from this half term that they are particularly proud of (mainly writing) to an audience of parents. This will give the children a good opportunity to 'perform' their writing to an audience, helping them to develop in confidence. We understand that not all children will wish to do this initially but hope that over the course of the year they may. We will review how this works for future assemblies so will welcome any constructive feedback from parents.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

Despite Halloween falling right at the end of the half term break, we are still going to run our annual pumpkin competition as we know how much the children and families enjoy this event.

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.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION INFORMATION

This week we have sent out important information from the Department for Education to parents of children in particular year groups regarding the assessments that their children will be undertaking during this academic year. These include Reception Baseline, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 (KS2) SATS. We ask that parents read this information carefully and don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions. We have also included the documents with this week's newsletter email.

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

We have sent out an email to all parents today warning of a potential safeguarding risk linked to a series of 'Spy' books by Andrew Cope. It involves some printed web addresses at the end of some editions that may now lead to inappropriate adult content. Please be mindful of this if your child has any of these books at home.



WHATSAPP GROUPS

Despite the minimum age for using Whatsapp being 13, we know that many of our children in school are already allowed to use this platform by parents. We are also regularly made aware of some issues that are happening within WhatsApp groups that children are in. **We strongly recommend that parents regularly check children's chats.**

ALLERGIES/INTOLERANCES

If your child suffers from any allergies or intolerances it is vital that you keep us up to date with this information using the Arbor app. Please be very clear about what the allergy is and how it should be treated.