Amble Links Primary School LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ava-Mae Thornton Mason Dodds Damon Stephenson Rowan Aitchtracey Nell Kemp Reign Bowlt Eva Mather Zakk Anderson Luna Vernon

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): 93.8%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	93.8%	93.2%	0
YR (Lobsters)	88.5%	95.9%	0
Y1 (Jellyfish)	91.3%	94.4%	0
Y2 (Puffins)	97.9%	95.4%	4
Y3 (Seals)	92.3%	95.4%	3
Y4 (Terns)	92.4%	96.3%	0
Y5 (Herons)	96.6%	96.2%	0
Y6 (Curlews)	97.9%	96.2%	1

2025 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Tuesday 11th November	9am-PEEPS session in hall for Little Pebbles and Nursery children & parents
Tuesday 11th November	3.15pm Final Robinwood Meeting for Y4 Parents
NEW Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day (non-uniform day)
Mon 24th -Weds 26th November	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood
Weds 3rd December	3.15pm Christmas Fair
NEW Monday 8th December	9.15am OR 2.00pm Early Years/Y1 Performances
Tuesday 9th December	8.45am Christingle Assembly
NEW Tuesday 16th December	9.15am OR 2.00pm Y2, Y3. Y4 Performances
Weds 17th December	1.30pm Church Nativity for Y1-Y6 children
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 19th December	2pm School closes for Christmas Holiday

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

HALF TERMLY REPORTS

Half termly reports were sent out to parents of children in Years 1-6 by email on Wednesday. The Autumn 1 reports contain limited information. These will build up during the year to contain useful ongoing assessment and engagement about your child.

CHRISTMAS DATES

We have added some further Christmas dates to the calendar. Please note that only children from Year 1-6 will be attending our church nativity service at which mainly the Y5 & Y6 children will be taking a lead. We ask that parents of children in Nursery to Y4 plan to come to ONLY ONE of the planned Christmas Performance in order for everyone to have a fair chance to see without us needing to use a ticketing system.

AUTHORISING ABSENCES

Parents should note that pupil absences may not immediately show as authorised on the Arbor app. The final decision to authorise any absence is made by the Headteacher. We carefully monitor patterns of absence and also may liaise with other schools before making the decision to authorise an absence. It is only in very exceptional circumstances that we will authorise holiday absences and we will also not authorise absences of pupils who have been persistently absent in the previous year or received a letter from us to say we will not authorised further absences. . Our attendance policy can be found HERE.

NEW ATTENDANCE REPORTS

In recent years we have sent out regular attendance status update emails to parents, highlighting when their child's attendance status has changed. We have recently designed a more efficient system that will allow us to easily send more comprehensive attendance report to parents every 3 weeks by email. These reports will include quite a lot of detail about your child's current attendance and some useful graphics showing cumulative attendance and a breakdown of absences that may allow patterns to be identified. Absences early in a school year have a bigger impact on overall percentages but the charts will show that these can improve quite quickly again with subsequent good attendance. We hope that you find these report useful.

LITTLE PEBBLES AND NURSERY PEEP SESSIONS WITH PARENTS

On Tuesday 11th November, between 10am and 11am all of our Little Pebbles and Nursery children will be taking part in a PEEP Group that will be focusing on communication and language. Parents will have chance to hear about the best ways to support their children before joining in a play activity session with the children. More details have been sent to relevant parents. We hope that as many parents as possible will join us.

IN TO WIN DRAW

This week we drew our Autumn 1 100% Attendance 'In to Win' draw winners who will enjoy an ice cream treat at Spurreli in the coming weeks. Our winners are: Y6: Robyn C, Y5: Lucas M, Y4: Grace H, Y3: Heidi R, Y2: Remi S, Y1: Jesse T-S, YR: Damon S

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

It's Children in Need Day next Friday (14th November), As usual, we'll be sending the children home with a small, labelled bag of sweets. We hope that they will enjoy the sweets and then refill the bag with coins and return that to school as part of our fundraising. We will also have Friday 14th as a non-uniform day in return for a £1 donation to Children in Need. During the day at school each class will be taking part in a short 'Challenge 25' activity that they have decided on.

IMPORTANT: RECEPTION PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

The online portal for Reception places opened on 1 November and closes on 15 January 2026. It is important that parents of all current nursery children apply for a place in Reception next year. HAVING A PLACE IN NURSERY NOW DOES NOT GUARANTEE A PLACE IN RECEPTION! Late applications also have less chance of getting a place should we become oversubscribed. Please access the portal HERE to apply for a place.

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