Amble Links Primary School LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Elena Stephenson
Kamila Nwachukwu
Jake Anderson
Henry Kendall
Frankie Nicholls
Ronnie Dodds
Benji Bell
Faith Douglas
Willow Nyberg

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): 92.7% This year: Target: 95.8% Actual: 95.2%

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	89.3%	93.3%	1
YR (Lobsters)	95.2%	95.3%	2
Y1 (Jellyfish)	93.3%	95.0%	2
Y2 (Puffins)	94.7%	95.8%	2
Y3 (Seals)	98.6%	95.9%	6
Y4 (Terns)	98.1%	96.0%	0
Y5 (Herons)	79.0%	94.4%	0
Y6 (Curlews)	90.0%	95.5%	0

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Our youngest children will be taking part in their Christmas Performances on Monday. The first one is at 9.15am and the second at 2.00pm. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO COME TO JUST ONE PERFORMANCE so that everyone gets a fair chance to see their child and help us avoid the need to use tickets in the future.

Our PTA will be selling refreshments and raffle tickets at both performances. To fit more people in we will also place some mats in front of the audience chairs that some people may wish to use—these actually offer one of the best views. Unfortunately we are not able to have prams/pushchairs in performances—these should be left in the pram shelter opposite the school office.

Our Year 2,3 & 4 children will be doing their performance on Tuesday 16th December at the same times. Again, we ask that parents choose to come to JUST ONE of the performances. We would really appreciate it if parents would help children practise any words that they may have to learn and provide any costume items if at all possible (we try to keep this to a minimum though).

CHRISTINGLE ASSEMBLY

We are delighted that Revd Rachael Dines from St Cuthbert's Church is coming along on Tuesday morning (9th December) to lead our Christingle Assembly. As usual, parents are welcome to go back to classrooms with the children to make their own Christingles afterwards. We expect this to be a very busy assembly so ask that parents are very patient in waiting to go along to classrooms after assembly.

We have also spoken with our Y5 & Y6 children who have told us that they're quite happy to make their own Christingles without their parents so please don't feel obliged to come along—this may also help reduce the number of people in the hall for assembly.

ELF UPDATE

The famous Amble Links Elves have been busy again this week. Pleasingly, they seem to have been very nice to everyone including Mr Heeley. Long may it last. For maximum impact, many of the things that the elves get up to seem to happen outside school so we would recommend that children and parents use the one way system (that we ask people to use anyway) in order not to miss out on anything that may be happening. Elf updates are published on our school Facebook page as soon as possible after incidents occur.

SCHOOL EMAILS

Much of the information that we send out to parents is sent out by email as this is the quickest and most cost effective way for us to communicate. Parents should also receive our weekly newsletter by email on a Friday. Please ensure that we have the correct email address for you to ensure that children always have what they need in school and you know what is happening. Parents' email addresses can be checked and updated on the Arbor App.

2025-26 SCHOOL DIARY		
Monday 8th December	9.15am OR 2.00pm Early Years/Y1 Performances	
Tuesday 9th December	8.45am Christingle Assembly	
Friday 12th December	Y3-Y6 parents to classrooms to look at books after assembly	
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	
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school for Spring Term	

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

Our Christmas Raffle will also be drawn after assembly next Friday (12th December) once the children are back in their classrooms. Parents are welcome to stay for the draw although we will be in touch with the winners shortly after the draw to let them know. Tickets can still be purchased at the office up until Friday morning before assembly. Please try to beat the rush and buy sooner rather than later.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair this year, this includes all of the staff, parent and governor volunteers who helped out in any way. Mrs Dellbridge's organisational skills shone again as she co-ordinated everything. We are delighted to announce that we raised over £1700-an amazing amount

PARENTS TO CLASSROOMS

Parents of children in Years 3-6 are invited to go back to classrooms with the children after assembly next Friday to look through children's work with them and find out more about what they are learning

CLASS REPS GRILL HEADTEACHER!

We welcomed Mr Andriot, headteacher of JCSC, to school on Thursday to respond to questions from our Upper KS2 class reps about life at JCSC. After answering some very tricky questions he showed the children some plans of the new building that our Y6 children will be moving into in September

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