



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ada McMonagle
Aoife Armstrong
Hunter Sykes
Rylie Melvin
Marcel Stephenson
Zach Allan
Scarlet Wilson
Sam Whitfield
Cora Cooper

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): **96.2%**
This year: Target: 95.8% Actual: **95.4%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	94.2%	93.2%	5
YR (Lobsters)	98.8%	96.0%	2
Y1 (Jellyfish)	99.6%	95.6%	4
Y2 (Puffins)	98.0%	96.0%	1
Y3 (Seals)	91.0%	94.7%	9
Y4 (Terns)	94.2%	95.3%	1
Y5 (Heron)	96.2%	94.8%	3
Y6 (Curlews)	97.5%	95.6%	2

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Wednesday 21st January	Year 5 visit to Hancock Museum
NEW Monday 2nd February	5pm Y6 London Trip Meeting for Parents
Friday 6th February	EY & KS1 Parents to classrooms after assembly
Friday 13th February	KS2 Parents to classrooms after assembly
Friday 13th February	3.15pm School closes for spring half term break
Monday 23rd February	School reopens for Spring Half Term 2

ALL HOLIDAY DATES FOR 2025-26 and 2026-27 CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE [HERE](http://www.ambleschools.co.uk).

PUNCTUALITY

On our first day back of a new term, we unfortunately had 16 children recorded as being late for school. For comparison, we often have a lower total than that for a whole week. We appreciate that poor weather conditions may be accountable for a few of these latenesses but it is important that ALL children get to school on time on a daily basis.

School starts at **8.30am** for children in Year 3 to Year 6 and at **8.40am** for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Doors close 5 minutes after these times. Children arriving after these times are marked as late. Schools are very much based on the children working to routines in order for them to have a predictable schedule.

When they are late for school, it means that they are out of routine from the outset and this can lead to an unsettled day. Please note that we offer a FREE Breakfast Club for children in Reception to Y6 with entry from 8am and last entry at 8.20am. Children who attend Breakfast Club are never late for school!

We will continue to reward children with our half termly 'In to Win' Challenge, but children with any more than one late mark are not entered into the draw, even if children have 100% attendance. I hope that this email will help many more of our children arrive at school on time during the coming weeks and months.

SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

We'd like to thank parents for their support with providing packed lunches to help alleviate pressure in the school kitchen while Mrs Christie, our Kitchen Manager, is unwell. It is likely that she will be absent from work for some time. We plan to have more cooked meal options available from Tuesday 20th January and are just finalising that menu. Next week we will again be providing a choice of jacket potatoes or packed lunches. We ask that ALL parents complete the online form that has been sent out again by email. This helps us know exactly how many meals to prepare.

HALF TERMLY REPORTS

Half termly reports for Autumn 2 for children in Years 1-6 have been sent out to parents this week by email. We can see that most have already been downloaded but please let us know if it needs to be resent.

GOVERNOR UPDATE

We are delighted to welcome two new governors to our team in 2026. Sarah Dunne has rejoined as a co-opted governor having previously been a governor when her children attended Amble Links. Siobhan Rich (mum of Nell in Y2) has joined as a parent governor following our recent appeal for a parent governor.

HALF TERMLY CLASS NEWSLETTERS

Half termly class newsletters for each class are now available in the curriculum section of the [SCHOOL WEBSITE](http://www.ambleschools.co.uk). These provide lots of information and helpful links that allow parents to see what the children are learning this half term and provide support at home.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs restart next week on their usual days and times. Children who were previously members of clubs remain enrolled. We will let parents of children on waiting lists know if space become available on any club but some of these are very oversubscribed.

YEAR 6 TUITION SESSIONS

Weekly tuition sessions for Year 6 pupils also restart next week on the same days the children previously attended.

IN TO WIN DRAW

Earlier in the week we held our 'In To Win Draw' for the Autumn 2 Half Term. All children in Reception to Y6 with 100% attendance and no more than 1 late mark for the whole half term had a chance of winning an ice cream treat at Spurreli. A much smaller than usual number of children were in the draw, All of those who were entered in the draw will also receive an ice cream treat at school. The lucky winners from each class were: Jake A (Reception), Minnie H (Y1), Bay M (Y2), Zoe T (Y3), Grace H (Y4), Ellis P (Y5) and Henry S (Y6). Hopefully we'll have more children in the next draw.

LITTLE PEBBLES PARENTS INVITATION TO JOIN CHILDREN

From next week, we are delighted to invite parents of Little Pebbles children into their classroom for the last 20 minutes of every Friday session. During that time they will share stories and songs followed by joining the children's calm going home routine. We hope that these sessions will help build strong relationships between home and school, share quality interactions with the children and show how stories, songs and routines support learning and wellbeing. We hope that parents will be able to attend these sessions as often as possible.