



STARS OF THE WEEK

Our Stars of the Week will be back in 2026 but this, week the award must go to every member of our school staff who has gone above and beyond to make the lead up to Christmas so special for the children.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): **96.4%**
This year: Target: 95.8% Actual: **95.4%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YN (Starfish)	97.2%	94.2%	3
YR (Lobsters)	99.6%	95.9%	3
Y1 (Jellyfish)	98.3%	95.5%	1
Y2 (Puffins)	96.0%	96.0%	3
Y3 (Seals)	93.8%	94.7%	4
Y4 (Terns)	91.9%	95.5%	0
Y5 (Heron)	99.0%	99.0%	1
Y6 (Curlews)	95.4%	95.4%	2

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It was the turn of our children in Years 2, 3 & 4 to perform earlier this week with their Christmas Production. With only a week for rehearsals, the children and staff did a brilliant job to pull together such a polished performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by two large audiences of parents. There was some impressive singing, dancing, acting and speaking on view. Well done to everyone involved and a big thank you to Fiona Clark who kindly lent us the bales of prickly hay that was an important prop!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Our Christmas Choir, led by Mrs Smith, have been very busy this week with performances at the Harbour Village on Sunday, in the church on Wednesday and again at St Oswald's Court on Thursday. We've been delighted to have a much larger choir this year which has really helped to boost how good they sound. A big well done to all of the children for their efforts and a special thank you to Mrs Smith who has given up her own time to make the choir happen.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Despite some last minute hiccups, the children were delighted to a delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday that went down very well indeed. The children were waited on by the staff who did a great job of getting the hall turned around ready for the second sitting of children—this was the first time we haven't been able to squeeze all of the children into the hall.



ELF UPDATE

The Amble Links Elves have made quite a name for themselves this year with numerous national and local television and radio appearances. They have again made Mr Heeley's life a misery but have thankfully been caught this morning by the brilliant traps that so many of the children brought in. We were again blown away by the efforts that had gone into the traps and the explanations that the children have given us about how they are designed to work.. Mr Heeley has sent the elves away with the Marine Policing Unit who agreed to take them to a place where they should not be able to return from. We will hopefully have a video update from them soon.

Moon Elf was also captured and has been placed into a very solid looking metal box kindly made for Mr Heeley by Ben Goodfellow. It certainly looks much stronger than the concrete that Moon Elf was able to break out from earlier in December. The elves have brought great pleasure to the children and a much wider audience but could not have done their work without help from our school staff, parents, local businesses and other friends of the school who so kindly offer their time to help. The elves' Justgiving page has been raising money for school during December and can be found here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/amblelinkselves>.

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Tuesday 6th January	Children return to school for Spring Term
NEW Wednesday 21st January	Year 5 visit to Hancock Museum
NEW Friday 6th February	Early Years and KS1 Parents to classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 13th February	KS2 Parents to classrooms after assembly
NEW Friday 13th February	3.15pm School closes for spring half term break
NEW 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](#).



WRAPAROUND PROVISION

Breakfast Club and our daily after school club will restart from the start of the new school term in January. Other after school clubs and Year 6 tutoring will resume in the second week back at school. Please look out for further details on newsletters and on our Facebook Page.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

In our rush during assembly today we miscalculated the attendance totals for last week and announced that the Jellyfish had the best attendance last week. Unfortunately this was incorrect and our winners were actually the Lobsters with 99.6% attendance. We have let the children know and corrected that on the board in the hall. We also achieved a star for the wall for having over 96% attendance. Apologies for the confusion!

And finally.....

We'd like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supports our school in any way at all and would like to thank every one who has been so kind and generous with the lovely cards and gifts that have been sent in for us during this festive period. It is a very busy time in school and our focus is always on the children so catching people individually to say thank you is not always easy. We hope you have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.