



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Angelica Clarke  
Remy Lofthouse  
Eva Murray  
Minnie Henderson  
Amelia Lamb  
Rory Willis  
Annabelle Stephenson  
Callan Thorburn  
Hildi Wehr

### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): **96.7%**  
This year: Target: 95.8% Actual: **95.6%**

	Last Week	This Year	Lates this week
YR (Lobsters)	98.8%	96.0%	4
Y1 (Jellyfish)	100.0%	96.0%	0
Y2 (Puffins)	95.2%	96.0%	4
Y3 (Seals)	95.2%	95.1%	6
Y4 (Terns)	95.2%	95.2%	0
Y5 (Heron)	97.6%	95.3%	1
Y6 (Curlews)	94.0%	95.7%	4

### MOBILE PHONES AND SMART DEVICES

Following recent government guidance we have strengthened our mobile phone policy to ensure that children do not have access to mobile phones during the school day. Currently, only

Y5 and Y6 children are allowed to bring phones to school and these must be turned off and away on bags or pockets as soon as they are on the school site. These are then handed to staff as children come into school and are only returned at the end of the school day. This policy also extends to other smart devices such as smart watches that are able to connect to the internet and have the ability to send messages, take photographs or record audio or video.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN DO NOT WEAR SMART WATCHES TO SCHOOL.** These are a distraction and a safety risk.

### EY/KS1 PARENTS TO CLASSROOMS

Next Friday (6th February), parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to go back to classrooms with the children to look through their work with them and 'stay and play' in nursery. This is always a very busy time in school so parents are asked to be patient in getting to classrooms after assembly.

There is plenty of time to be with the children! Parents of our older children will be able to visit classrooms on the following Friday.

### FIDGETS & TOYS FROM HOME

We have noticed a huge increase in the number of 'fidget toys' and other toys that are being brought in from home. In many cases these are causing more distraction to the children and also leading to conflict. Following recent staff training on sensory needs, we have invested in a number of sensory/movement resources to support children who we deem to need these and will provide these from school ensuring that we have made reasonable adjustments for the children that need them without causing distraction to others. Moving forward, the use of fidgets will be in agreement with your child's class teacher who is best placed to assess what works best for your child in school. Please do not allow your child to bring toys in from home unless this is specifically agreed.

### Y1 MOVEMENT FESTIVAL

On Wednesday the Jellyfish had great fun taking part in a movement festival. They practised their gymnastics skills by performing bridges and forward rolls. Next up was dancing. Check out our Facebook page to see their fantastic whole class performance. Their smiles and enthusiasm say it all. Carina, their dance teacher, was so impressed she said that they were the best Year 1 class she has ever had the pleasure of teaching.



There is a fabulous video of the class performing what they learnt on our Facebook page..

### 2026 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 2nd February	5pm Y6 London Trip Meeting for Parents
Friday 6th February	EY & KS1 Parents to classrooms after assembly
Monday 9th February	Y3 Dance Festival—PE Kits needed
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
***NEW*** Friday 6th March	World Book Day Celebration
***NEW*** Monday 9th March	Y3 & Y5 to St Cuthbert's Church—Easter Experience
***NEW*** Week Beg. 16th March	SEND Parents' Evenings
***NEW*** Mon 23rd & Tues 24th March	Parents Evenings
Mon 11th -Thurs 14th May	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
Monday 8th—Friday 12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week

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

### ROTARY CLUB YOUNG ARTIST AND WRITER AWARDS

We were delighted to welcome members of the Amble & Warkworth Rotary Club to school this week to announce the winners of the Young Writer and Young Artist Competitions that some of our Y6 children entered. The entries of our winners, Archie W (Writing) and Georgia C (Art) will be going forward into a regional competition.

### NAMED UNIFORM ITEMS

On a regular basis we have parents reporting to school that their children have lost school jumpers. On most occasions when we ask whether it is named the answer is 'no'. Yesterday we collected together quite a number of unclaimed jumpers of which around 90% were unnamed. We can very easily pair jumpers back up with their owners when a few seconds have been spent writing a name or initials onto labels!!