Amble Links Primary School

LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Angelica Clarke
Xander Pratt
Brodie Cheape
Finley Hayton
Amiyah Barclay
Anton Barclay
Oscar Stone
Parker Hall
Thomas Handyside

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): 96.0%
This year- Target: 95.8% Actual: 96.3%

*up until last week	Last Week	This Year*	Lates this week
YR (Lobsters)	97.0%	96.1%	6
Y1 (Jellyfish)	94.6%	97.4%	0
Y2 (Puffins)	93.9%	96.1%	1
Y3 (Seals)	95.3%	95.5%	3
Y4 (Terns)	98.6%	97.4%	4
Y5 (Herons)	94.1%	92.8%	0
Y6 (Curlews)	97.9%	98.0%	1

2026-2027 SCHOOL DIARY

Monday 2nd November	School Reopens for Autumn half term 2.
Tuesday 10th November	3.30pm Final Robinwood Meeting for Y4 Parents
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day (info to follow)
Mon 23rd—Weds 25th November	Y4 Residential to Robinwood
NEW Tuesday 1st December	3.15pm-CHRISTMAS FAIR
Thursday 3rd December	8.50am—Christingle Assembly
NEW Friday 4th December	EY/KS1 Parents to classrooms to see books
NEW Monday 7th December	9.15am OR 2pm EY/Y1 Christmas Play
NEW Friday 11th December	KS2 Parents to classrooms to see books
NEW Tuesday 15th December	9.15am OR 2pm Y2,Y3, Y4 Christmas Play
Wednesday 16th December	9.30am- Church Nativity Service (Y1-Y6)
NEW Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
NEW Friday 18th December	PARTY DAY!
NEW Friday 18th December	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2PM FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
NEW Tuesday 5th January 2027	Children return to school for Spring Term

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

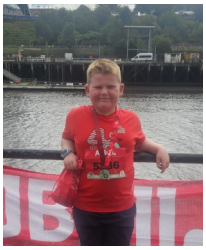
PUMPKIN COMPETITION



We had over 160 entries to our Pumpkin Competition and were again blown away by the quality and variety of entries. All children who entered received a small treat. Our judge had a very difficult job do to but decided that their favourites are: Little Pebbles: Valentina E-R, Nursery: Angelica C, Reception: Remy L, Y1: Bobby G, Y2: Ernie E, Y3: Zane R, & Freya H, Y4: Amara M, Y5: Eliza S, Y6: Lilly B. Well done everybody!

THANKS ALFIE!

A big thank you and well done to Alfie in Y4 who recently completed the Junior Great North Run, raising £465 for school and £205 for MIND! What a great effort!



HALLOWEEN RAFFLE

A brilliant Halloween run by our head witch and her helpers raised £407. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets!



CHRISTMAS DATES

We've now added most of our Christmas dates to the calendar so that parents are able to plan ahead. Please note that we ask parents to only attend ONE of their child's Christmas performances - this allows everyone a fair chance to see the performance. Please also note that the church nativity will now be held in the morning rather than an afternoon. School staff will walk the children to and from the church allowing us to ensure a calm exit from the church after the service.



CASH FREE PAYMENTS ONLY

From after half term, we will no longer be accepting cash payments for school services such as swimming, school dinners, clubs or trips. Ideally, ALL payments must be made through the Arbor app (which allows the use of simple transactions through ApplePay and GooglePay). We may be able to offer some help with card payments at the office should you be having difficulty with using the Arbor App. We hope that this will reduce our cash courier costs.

ARBOR DEBTS

Thanks to all of the parents who have brought their Arbor accounts for school meals and after school/ Breakfast Clubs up to date. Moving forward, we will send weekly reminders out via email and Arbor app messages to parents whose accounts are showing as owing money. Ideally, school services should be paid for in advance or as soon as possible after they have been received. There are currently some significant debt totals that may ultimately impact on what we are able to provide for all of the children in school.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH TIME CHANGE

Due to very limited uptake and cost effectiveness, from after half term, we will only be offering after school clubs until 5.15pm rather than the 6pm finish that we have previously offered. We will continue to provide a very good value childcare after school each day for children in Reception to Year 6. Costs are £3.50 until 4.15pm, £4.50 until 4.45pm and £6.00 until 5.15pm. Charges are added to parents' Arbor accounts and we ask that regular payments are made to keep these up to date. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause but unfortunately it has not been sustainable.