Amble Links Primary School

LINKS NEWS

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Lexi Richardson
Colby Lofthouse
Thora Sweeney
Harriet Davison
Ernie Evans
Arthur Anderson
Zach Allan
Scarlet Wilson
Kacey Crook

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

OVERALL LAST WEEK (R-Y6): 95.7%
This year- Target: 95.8% Actual: 96.3%

*up until last week	Last Week	This Year*	Lates this week
YR (Lobsters)	93.0%	96.0%	0
Y1 (Jellyfish)	92.6%	97.9%	3
Y2 (Puffins)	95.8%	96.4%	1
Y3 (Seals)	97.3%	95.5%	4
Y4 (Terns)	97.9%	97.2%	2
Y5 (Herons)	94.5%	92.5%	0
Y6 (Curlews)	97.9%	98.0%	0

2026 SCHOOL DIARY

NEW Wednesday 21st October	Y5 visiting Morrisons and Barndale for cookery lesson
Friday 23rd October	KS2 parents visit classrooms after assembly
Thursday 22nd October	Pumpkin Competition
NEW Friday 23rd October	Halloween Raffle Draw
Friday 23rd October	3.15pm School Closes for half term
Monday 2nd November	School Reopens for Autumn half term 2.
NEW Tuesday 10th November	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 Thursday 3rd December	8.50am—Christingle Assembly
NEW Wednesday 16th December	9.30am- Church Nativity Service (Y1-Y6)

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

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We'd like to say a great big thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Assembly yesterday. Reverend Rachael came along and talked to the children about the small things that make our lives beautiful before hearing about the good work of the Amble Food Bank.. We were also able to send the volunteers off with a huge donation of 100's of items that will be put to good use in the local community.

ALNWICK DOLPHINS TASTER SESSIONS

On this week's newsletter email, we have also included a flyer from Alnwick Dolphins who are offering a taster session in December for children between the ages of 7 and 9. More information can also be found by following this LINK.

HEADLICE

We have had a case of headlice reported to us. Although this is not uncommon in schools, it is important that parents are vigilant and take appropriate actions to treat them when they are spotted. This helps prevent the spread of them amongst the children who are often quite close together in classrooms. Further advice can be found HERE.

The NHS also provide some useful information that supports parents in deciding if there child is too ill for school. This advice can be found HERE and is well worth bookmarking for times when you may be uncertain.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION

We'll be holding our annual Pumpkin competition next week. There will be a small prize for every entry and a prize for our favourite pumpkin from each class. Judging will take place on **Thursday 22nd October**. All entries must be brought to school on that morning (NOT BEFORE!) and should have children's names and year group clearly marked on the back of it. Please provide some kind of battery light with the pumpkin as we have a very limited supply in school. We will have the pumpkins on display in the hall for our final assembly of the half term on Friday 23rd October.



KS2 PARENTS TO CLASSROOMS

Parents of the children in KS2 are welcome to go back to classrooms to look through books with the children after next Friday's assembly. This is a great opportunity to get a first look at how they are getting on with their work in their new year groups.

KS2 CENTRE FOR LIFE VISIT

Yesterday, Y4 & 5 enjoyed a visit to the Centre for Life to develop their learning from the classroom. Y4 participated in the workshop 'Disgusting Digestion', furthering their learning about how the body extracts nutrients from food, and how it disposes of waste. Y5 participated in 'Destination Space' to discover how scientists and engineers help astronauts live and work on the International Space Station.

PARENTAL PAYMENTS AND CONTRIBUITONS

As we touched upon in last week's newsletter and in an email to parents this week, we have recently been reviewing payments and contributions made to school for the activities that we provide. We have recently seen significant increases in costs of arranging trips and for purchases of food items for school dinners and Breakfast Club. Although we try to keep our costs down and subsidise these, we rely on parents paying promptly for meals and clubs that children attend. Current debts total thousand of pounds; these amounts significantly impact other services that we are able to provide for the children.

We believe that it is important for all children to learn to swim and therefore provide very low cost swimming lessons for the children. We ask for a small weekly contribution towards these that we add to the Arbor app. Currently, there is a total of over £500 that has not been paid. Again, this impacts our budget and may lead to fewer lessons being provided. We politely ask that parents try their very best to support us with this.