



Amble First School

April/May 2024 Newsletter

Statutory assessments

The summer term is when some of our children will be undertaking statutory assessments. Year 1 will be completing the Phonics Screening Check in June and Year 4 will be undertaking the Multiplication Check, also in June. The Year 2 SATs are no longer a statutory requirement, however staff will continue to use the papers to support their teacher assessments. National tests are an important milestone in school life. They give useful information to your child's teachers and to the government. But it's important to get them in proportion. They are just one of the ways the school works out how well your child is doing. As a school, we want the children to do the best that they can without making it a stressful time for them. However, please can we request that holidays are not taken during this period in order to avoid children missing the tests or having to take them at different times to their peers.

PE Days Summer 1

Nursery	Friday	
Reception	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Monday	Friday (swimming)
Year 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. This comprises their school jumper/cardigan, a white/navy t-shirt and dark coloured shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Shoes should be trainers or sandshoes. Earrings must not be worn on PE days. Staff are unable to remove children's earrings or cover them. If the child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should be sent to school with them suitably covered.

Jewellery

A reminder that jewellery should not be worn in school. A single pair of stud earrings are permitted and children are allowed to wear a simple watch should they wish.

Curriculum

A reminder that information about what each class is learning each term can be found on the class pages on our school website.

http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/curriculum_intent/410252

Teachers will also aim to share as much learning as they can on the school Facebook page. These pictures can be seen on the school website even if you don't have a Facebook account.

Should you require any further information about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Beach Days

Weather permitting, we have planned the following mornings for our beach trips this half term.

KS1 (Y1&2) Mon 29th April

KS2 (Y3&4) Wed 1st May

Children should come to school suitably dressed for the weather. They may also bring a labelled bucket and spade to use.

Reading Breakfasts

Children really enjoyed our reading breakfasts last term and we hope that you did too. We would like to offer some more sessions this term. Please come through the main entrance at drop off time and join us for a snack and a story.

Year 1 May 14th

Year 3&4 May 15th

Year 2 May 16th

Reception May 17th

After school clubs

A reminder that the following clubs are on offer next half term. All clubs will start the first week back and will run for 6 weeks.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year groups</u>
Tuesday	Bench Ball	2,3,4
Thursday	Multiskills	Rec, 1

Friday Gymnastics 3,4

Clubs finish at 4:15pm and children must be collected from the main yard by an adult at the end of the club.

Bookings for Trident Soccer should be made through Ryan Jobson (details recently shared via email).

Careers Day

Our careers days have always been a huge success and we are looking forward to hosting another one this term. Although this will not take place until **Wednesday 19th June** we wanted to give you as much notice as possible. As always, we are looking for as many parents/carers/ grandparents to come into school to talk to the children. If you are available, please get in touch with us. We would love for the children to learn about as many different jobs as possible.

Attendance

A reminder that parents must make contact with school on the first day of absence. If no one is available to answer the phone, please leave a message or send an email stating the reason for absence. School starts at 8:45am and any arrivals after this time are recorded as being late. It is very important that children arrive in school on time each day. There are many activities that the children take part in as soon as school starts such as reading with an adult, writing activities and times tables practice. Children who are frequently late miss out on these opportunities. Being just 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning over the year!

Attendance so far for each class at the end of March:

<u>Rec</u>	94.05%
<u>Year 1</u>	95.22%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.60%
<u>Year 3</u>	95.98%
<u>Year 4</u>	94.82%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

School overall March: 94.95%

Our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at:

<http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Key Dates

April

- 1st - 12th School closed for Easter holidays
- 15th School reopens for all pupils
- 19th Year 2 start swimming lessons
- 29th KS1 (Y1&2) Beach morning

May

- 1st KS2 (Y3&4) Beach morning
- 6th School closed for bank holiday
- 14th Year 1 Reading breakfast
- 15th Year 3&4 Reading breakfast
- 16th Year 2 Reading breakfast
- 17th Reception Reading breakfast
- WB 20th Parents' meetings
- 24th Last day of half term
- 27th - 3rd School closed for half term holidays

June

- 3rd Teacher Training Day (school closed for pupils)
- 4th School reopens for pupils