



Amble First School

July 2024 Newsletter

Staffing - King Edwin Primary School

We are delighted to welcome some new members of the team who will be starting with us in September 2024. Miss Emma Kiernan will be working alongside Mrs Graham in Year 3 and Miss Rachel Boe will be teaching our Year 5 class. We hope you will join us in making them feel welcome. We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Miss Slattery who has been working with Year 3 this year. We are very grateful for everything she has done for Amble First School and we wish her lots of luck in her next role.

Reception	Mrs Sharon Donaldson
Year 1	Mrs Dawn Hunter
Year 2	Mrs Laura Balding
Year 3	Mrs Kelly Graham and Miss Emma Kiernan
Year 4	Mrs Caroline Metcalfe
Year 5	Miss Rachel Boe

Sports Day

Weather permitting, we will be hosting our sports day at school on the dates below.

Nursery & Rec	Wed 10th July 9:15am
Year 1 & 2	Wed 10th July 2pm
Year 3 & 4	Tues 9th July 2pm

Reminder: PE Days Summer 2

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

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 should 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.

A polite reminder that trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Beach Days

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

KS1 (Y1&2)	Monday 1st July
KS2 (Y3&4)	Wednesday 3rd July

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

Summer Fair

Our summer fair will take place on **Saturday 6th July, 10am - 12pm**. Should you be available to help before or on the day, please get in touch as all support would be greatly appreciated. Please invite friends, families and anyone you know to come along and support us for the last time on the Amble First site.

Summer Celebration

On **Wednesday 17th July** we will be having a celebration in school for the children to help them celebrate Amble First School. We have organised a special surprise for them in the afternoon and will be having a picnic lunch that day.

If your child normally has a school dinner but you would prefer to send in a packed lunch on this day, please could you inform the office before 12th July. School lunch on that day will be a picnic lunch.

Reading Books

Please can all school library books be returned to school before the end of term. We have a number of books missing from our library so please can you look carefully at home for any that you have.

School Dinners

From September 2024, the cost of school dinners will increase to £2.50.

Attendance

The DfE has released new attendance regulations for schools and families. These come into effect from August 2024. Please see the attached letter from NCC that summarises the changes.

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 June:

<u>Rec</u>	94.12%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.82%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.88%
<u>Year 3</u>	96.16%
<u>Year 4</u>	94.56%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

School overall June :94.91%

Key Dates

July

1st	KS1 (Y1&2) Beach morning Year 1 drop in 2-3pm
3rd	KS2 (Y3&4) Beach morning
6th	Summer Fair/Amble First Farewell
9th	Year 3,4 Sports Day 2pm
10th	Nursery & Reception Sports Day 9:15am Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 2pm
18th	Nursery Leavers' Event
19th	Last day of term

September

6th	Visits to new school (further details to follow)
9th	School opens for all pupils