



Amble First School

June 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 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.

Harbour Lights Choir

We are delighted to announce that Years 1 - 4 have been invited to perform alongside the Harbour Lights Choir at St. Cuthbert's Church. Children will be performing on **Wednesday 12th June at 1:30pm** and we would love for you to join us. The choir are currently fundraising for the RNLI and there will hopefully be a representative there on the day who will talk about the fantastic work they do.

Maths Sessions

Following the success of our reading breakfasts, we would like to offer some sessions for you to join us in playing some maths games. As with the reading breakfasts, please come to the hall at drop off time.

Year 1	June 10th
Year 3&4	June 11th
Year 2	June 12th
Reception	June 13th

Drop in sessions

Our termly drop in sessions will take place towards the end of the month. Please come and join us in the school hall from 2pm on the following dates.

Year 4	Monday 24th June
Year 3	Tuesday 25th June
Year 1	Wednesday 26th June
Year 2	Thursday 27th June
Reception	Friday 28th June

After school clubs

A reminder that the following clubs are on offer free of charge 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	Multiskills	Rec, 1
Wednesday	Little Movers	Rec, 1
Thursday	Athletics	2,3,4
Friday	Gymnastics	2,3,4

Clubs finish at 4:15pm (Little Movers finishes at 4pm) 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 found on email letter).

Sports Day

Despite repeated efforts, we have been unsuccessful in securing a suitable venue for our sports day this year. However, we do not want the children to miss out, nor do we want families to miss seeing them. Therefore, we will be hosting our sports day on the school yard. Due to the limited space available, we will be running them in smaller groups than normal to allow families to come and watch.

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

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**. Should you be available to help before or on the day, please get in touch as all support would be greatly received. We will be sending out some raffle tickets after the holidays and would appreciate your help in selling these for us. If you know of any businesses who would be willing to donate prizes, we would be very grateful for these. As usual, we will be having some non-uniform days to collect donations for the fair.

Friday 14th June	Bottles
Friday 28th June	Chocolate/sweets

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 May:

<u>Rec</u>	94.10%
<u>Year 1</u>	94.89%
<u>Year 2</u>	94.93%
<u>Year 3</u>	96.04%
<u>Year 4</u>	94.77%

Our school target for attendance is 97%.
School overall May: 94.95%

A reminder that our attendance policy and attendance letters can be found on the website at: <http://www.ablefirst.northumberland.sch.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Key Dates

June

- 3rd School closed for Teacher Training Day
- 4th School reopens for all pupils
- WB 3rd Year 4 Multiplication check
- WB 10th Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
- 10th Year 1 Maths session
- 11th Year 3&4 Maths session
- 12th Year 2 Maths session
- 12th Year 1-4 Singing at St. Cuthbert's Church
- 13th Reception Maths session
- 14th Non-uniform day - bottles
- 19th Careers Day
- 24th Year 4 Drop in Session
- 25th Year 3 Drop in Session
- 26th Year 1 Drop in Session
- 27th Year 2 Drop in Session
- 28th Reception Drop in Session
- 28th Non-uniform day chocolates/sweets

July

- 1st KS1 (Y1&2) Beach morning
- 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