



September 2022 Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope that you have all had an exciting summer break and that you were able to spend some time with friends and family. We are very excited about the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned. We have attached a list of dates for the events that we have planned already so that you can add these to your diaries. Sometimes due to circumstances beyond our control, dates and times may need to change so please keep a close eye on emails and Facebook to check for any alterations. If you know of any events in the community that our families would enjoy please let us know and we can share this information with everyone. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to catch one of us on the yard in the morning, after school or contact the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Mrs Lizzie Jackson

Times of the school day - a reminder

In order to comply with the Department for Education's requirement to offer 32.5 hours of education in school a week, there will be a slight change to the start and finish times of the school day from September 2022.



The gates will be open and staff will welcome children onto the yard from 8:35am. The school day will start for all children at **8:45am** in the morning.

The gates to the playground will be locked at 8:45am. Any children arriving after this time must enter the building through the main entrance. Miss Nowak will record children arriving after this time.

At hometime, children will continue to line up on the yard with their teacher. Children are permitted to leave only when their adult is seen. The school day will finish for all children at **3:15pm**. Children who attend full time nursery will continue to finish at 3pm.

Communication

We are aware that over the summer you may have moved house or changed contact details. Please can you ensure that you update school with any new details, e.g. phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses. It is essential that we can make contact in case of an emergency. Newsletters and information from school will be emailed and please check our website and Facebook page for other updates and information.

<http://www.ablefirst.northumberland.sch.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/Amble-First-School-281201085290391/>



Meet the teachers

We would like to invite families to come into school one night after school to meet our teachers. Class teachers will tell you all about what the children will be learning this year and how you can help to support them with this. All sessions will start straight after school at 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

EYFS - Tuesday 27th Sept

KS1 - Wed 28th Sept

KS2 - Thurs 29th Sept



School Nurse

We are very fortunate to have support in school from My School Health Nursing Services to support our families in school. Jane offers a wide range of support from behaviour, bereavement, sleep, self-esteem and many other concerns that you may have. Jane visits the school fortnightly and will meet with both children and/or parents. Please get in touch at any time of the year if you have any questions or if there is anything that you feel Jane may be able to help with.



Uniform

In the summer term we updated our school [uniform policy](#) to ensure that our uniform is accessible and affordable to all families. Uniform can be ordered from:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/ablefirstschoolne650ef>

Our school uniform consists of:

- Jumper or cardigan in our school colour turquoise, with or without our school logo
- White/navy polo shirt, with or without our school logo
- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- Blue or yellow gingham dress
- Black or grey shorts
- Black school shoes

Jeans and denim shorts should not be worn for school. Should you need any support with uniform, please contact Mrs Jackson or Miss Nowak. All requests for support will be treated in confidence

PE Days - Autumn Term 1

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



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 sandals. 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.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Calling all bakers and cake-eaters! We are planning to hold a cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and will be selling cakes, cupcakes and a range of other treats from **3pm on Friday 30th September** on the school yard. We would greatly appreciate any donations (sweet or savoury) for the sale and would ask that these are brought to school no later than lunchtime on Friday 30th. Many thanks.



Admissions to Middle School - Year 4 children

The online portal for admissions to Middle School will be open from 12th September. You can access the portal using the following link.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Yr-5-Middle-Yr-7-Secondary-Yr-9-High-entry-applica.aspx>

All applications must be completed by the 31st October.

Key Dates Autumn 2022

Below is a list of key events happening in school over the next term. There may be some changes and additions as the term goes on so please keep an eye out for emails and Facebook posts. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible of any changes to these dates or times.

September

- 7th School reopens for all pupils
- 23rd Swimming lessons start (Year 4)
- 26th KS1 Beach Day
- 28th KS2 Beach Day
- 27th EYFS meet the teacher 3:15pm
- 28th KS1 meet the teacher 3:15pm
- 29th KS2 meet the teacher 3:15pm
- 30th Macmillan Cake Sale 3pm

October

- w/b 10th Parents' meetings
- 18th Harvest Festival Celebration at St. Cuthbert's Church (am)
- 21st Last day of half term
- 24th - 28th School closed for half term
- 31st School reopens for pupils
- 31st School photographer (individual photos)

November

- 7th KS1 Beach Day
- 10th KS2 Beach Day
- 14th Odd Socks Day
- 24th Pantomime Visit

December

- 15th Christmas Performances at St. Cuthbert's Church
- 22nd Last day of term
- 23rd School closed for teacher training day

January

- 9th School reopens for pupils