



# Embleton Vincent Edwards CE Primary School

## Friday Flyer

**05.06.26**

### **Head of School Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the final half term of the academic year. We have an exciting and busy time ahead in our last few weeks.

We are incredibly proud of the progress the children have made this year and all they have achieved through their hard work and determination. As we approach the end of the year we are ready to make the most of every moment!

While this week's wet weather has been quite a contrast to the beautiful sunshine we enjoyed over half term, we are ever hopeful that the sun will make a comeback soon! In anticipation of brighter days, please remember to send your child to school with a named sun hat and sunscreen.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new headteacher, Craig Shaw, for a school visit on Monday 8th June. If you'd like to say hello, he will be available for an informal chat at the end of the school day.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend, whatever you may be doing and we look forward to welcoming everybody back into school on Monday.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Ann Popay



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## Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	89.16	96.63
Puffins	100	93.91
Seals	84.68	91.34
Orcas	87.29	92.96

**Did you know?** Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like. The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.

Days of school add up to lost learning						
Days in school	190	186	180	175	171	170
Percentage attendance	100%	98%	95%	92%	90%	<90%
	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Caution	Cause for concern	Serious concern

**Absence Procedures** If your child is ill, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please notify us by phone call or email before 9.15am if your child is to be absent, and continue to inform us on a daily basis if they continue to be ill.

**What are the risks of missing a day of school?** 'Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.' The Education Hub - Department for Education.



## Classroom Updates - Starfish Class

Our theme this half term is 'Splish, Splash, Splosh' and we began with our first book 'My Pet Goldfish' by Catherine Rayner. The story is about a child who gets their first ever pet: a tiny goldfish. Alongside the story the book contains facts about goldfish and their care. We have learnt some fascinating facts including baby goldfish being called 'fry'. Our Rainbow Challenges this week have included following step by step instructions to draw a goldfish, labelling the parts of a goldfish, making a goldfish out of playdough, counting scales on a fish and making a fish from leaves. We have also been looking at what it is like for a fish underwater. Some children made some amazing underwater pictures and the Reception children wrote some descriptive sentences about their creations. We've also been busy in the tuff tray, using water spray bottles to propel boats across water—which has been fantastic for developing those fine motor skills! It was a drizzly and damp beach school this week so we went on an adventure in the sand dunes. We saw snails and identified some plants that were growing in the dunes. It was great fun climbing up and sliding down!





## Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

It has been absolutely lovely welcoming the children back after the half-term break! It was great to hear all about what they had been up to. We kicked off a busy Monday with a fantastic multi-skills festival at Alwick Town Juniors which was ran by the Newcastle United Foundation. We managed to avoid most of the rain too which was good. It was wonderful to see everyone mixing so well and making new friends with the other school. Back in the classroom we've been busy mastering tally charts in computing in order to be able to make pictograms and writing a senses poem about Neil Armstrong in our history lessons. On Thursday, we dodged the rain showers for an exciting trip to the quarry! The children turned into brilliant nature detectives—hunting for minibeasts, identifying birds, tracking footprints, and even safely examining some animal poo to deduce what creatures left it behind and what their diets might be!





## **Classroom updates - Seals Class**

We have had a lovely first week back in Seal Class, full of fresh energy and exciting new topics. This half term, we are exploring a beautiful new book called *The Lost Words*. It is a stunning poetry book focused entirely on the natural world, which is absolutely perfect for this time of year as everything is in full bloom. The children have loved diving into the lyrical language and reconnecting with the names of local wildlife and plants.

Our Science learning also got off to a very hands-on start. As part of our scientific inquiry for this half term, we have been busy measuring each other's hand spans, practicing our accuracy, and learning how to collect and record data systematically.

We were also incredibly lucky to take part in two fantastic special events this week. First, we joined Orca Class for an inspiring RAF "Meet the Superstars" Zoom call, where the children got a glimpse into some amazing careers. Then, to wrap up the week on Friday, we took part in the brilliant Discover Opera workshop run by the Royal Ballet and Opera. It has been a wonderful week of creativity, curiosity, and big ideas, and the children have settled back into their routines beautifully!



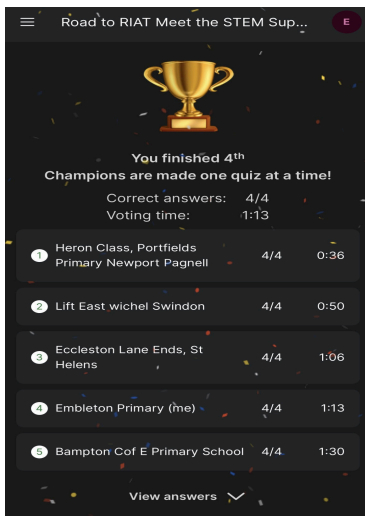
## Classroom updates - Orca Class

Welcome back to Orca Class! Some things have remained the same after the half-term break such as the commitment to learning shown by the pupils. In maths the Year 6 pupils have shown wonderful capacity in understanding, interpreting and drawing line graphs, bar charts and pie charts. Year 5 pupils have been consolidating, adding and subtracting decimals whilst learning efficient strategies to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000.

Macbeth was wrapped up this week with three outstanding performances of Macbeth's soliloquy at the front of the class. Massive shout out to the volunteers- Martin, Cameron and Aidan! Everyone performed their soliloquies well in front of much smaller groups too, so well done all. We've moved on to reading Northumberland Folk Tales and looked at the story of The Laidly Worm. The children worked hard crafting their own stories that included a hero, a villain, a victim, a transformation of some kind, and some Northumbrian dialect.

Road to RIAT came to the classroom on Thursday and we were lucky to hear from two experts- Drew Steel who has flown for 5,000 hours during his time working for the RAF and Pip Lloyd-Williams who works as a cyberspace engineering officer also for the RAF. There was an interactive quiz and Embleton finished a very respectable 4th!

I have a little more space to say that we had a fun afternoon on Wednesday looking at the Ancient Greeks. Firstly, we looked at the societal norms for boys and girls during that time. Secondly, the pupils learned about the Ancient Olympics before having our own mini-Olympics. One team dominated the event winning three out of four events. The olive wreath of victory went to Amalia, Lucas and Beatrice!





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## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th June	Orcas to Life Centre
Thursday 11th June	Open the Book (leading collective worship)
Friday 12th June	Seals trip to Edinburgh (Wear PE Kit/Bring own lunch/Drop off - Pick up Alnmouth Train Station)
Saturday 13th June 1pm - 3pm	EPFC Summer Fair, Creighton Hall
Wednesday 24th June 8.45am	Starfish Class Assembly
Sunday 28th June 2 -5pm	Falloden Hall Open Gardens refreshments
Wednesday 1st July	Year 6 transition day to DCHS Whole school transition day
Wednesday 1st July 2pm	Trinity Tots to Starfish Class
Tuesday 7th July	Seals virtual ballet (Wear PE Kit)
Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm	Sports Day
Thursday 9th July	Open the Book (leading collective worship)
Friday 10th July	Seals Bench Ball tournament (Wear PE Kit)
Monday 13th July 2pm	Year 6 leavers service
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th July	Year 6 residential - Robinwood
Friday 17th July	Last day of term

PE days for Reception Starfish, Puffins will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Y6 will have PE on Mondays. Y3, 4 and 5 will continue to swim on Mondays too. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Thank you

## Stars of the week

### Names:

**Starfish:** Annie

**Puffins:** Lucy

**Seals:** Edwin

**Orcas:** Aidan