



**12.06.26**

## **Head of School Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy week across the school with trips, assessments and some visitors. Orca Class headed off to the Life Science Centre for a brilliant day out with friends from Ellingham and Seal Class travelled to Edinburgh for an exciting day exploring Dynamic Earth followed by an open-top bus tour of the city. A huge well done to our Year 1s for completing their phonics screening check and to our Year 4s for tackling their Multiplication Tables Check. You should all be very proud of your hard work!

Year 6 had a great session with Rachel from Ignite, focusing on some important and exciting transition activities as they prepare for their next big step, going into Year 7. We were also delighted to welcome the 'Open the Book' team back to school this week sharing the story of 'David and Goliath' with us.

At the beginning of the week we had a visit from Mr. Shaw, our new Executive Headteacher, who will be officially joining us in September. He even managed to surprise Starfish class by dropping in as their Secret Reader! He will be visiting again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June and will be available at the end of the school day for an informal chat.

With the end of term approaching, we want to let you know that Mrs. Kathryn Scott and Miss Katy Rutter will be leaving us. We are immensely grateful for everything they have done for our school. Please join us in wishing them both the very best for the future.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend ahead. Don't forget that the school Summer Fair is this Saturday —come along and join the fun!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Ann Popay

*For the rest of this term, Monday afternoons will look a little different for two of our classes. Seal Class will be enjoying PE sessions with Callum, while Orca Class will be travelling to Willowburn to develop their water safety skills. Thank you for ensuring they have the appropriate kits ready each week.*



### Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	96.56	96.64
Puffins	93.82	93.97
Seals	91.25	91.44
Orcas	92.78	92.44

**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

We have continued with the story 'My Pet Goldfish' by Catherine Rayner this week. We have had a fantastic week with lots of children, even some nursery children, completing all of their Rainbow Challenges and Gold Challenges. Well done! This week we have written about how to look after a goldfish, made goldfish from duplo, practised our cutting skills to make a fish tank picture, solved puzzles to fill a fish outline with Numicon, drawn fish tanks with fish, used tweezers to find some fish and used fishing nets to scoop up toy fish. On Monday we practised our skills using rugby balls with Callum - this was great fun! Also on Monday, our new headteacher, Mr Shaw was our secret reader! This half term with Miss Kiernan we have been learning about the weather. This week we made wind socks to investigate the wind. We had great fun outside running about with them. We have been embracing our theme of 'Splish, Splash, Splosh' this week with lots of activities outside involving water!





## Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

On Sunday, I headed up to Alnwick Gardens to have a look at our work which was displayed as part of an Eco-project in collaboration with the Gardens and the Duchess High School. Back in December we took part in a workshop learning about natural dyes and how they were used in textiles. We designed some clothes using the natural dyes and these were on display for all to see. Well done Puffins.





## Classroom updates - Seals Class

We have dived headfirst into the digital world in Computing this week, starting a brand-new unit on algorithms. We began our learning away from the screens, physically mapping out and building algorithms on our tables first. Once we mastered the logic, we put our coding skills to the test using the Sphero Bolt robots, programming them to navigate precisely in a perfect square! In Maths, we have officially wrapped up our unit on money. Please test your children's skills at home. They should be able to recognize different notes and coins, add and subtract amounts, and calculate change. In English, our journey through *The Lost Words* spell book continued as we explored the beautiful poems *Dandelion* and *Heather*. The children did a wonderful job digging deep into the text, analysing the imagery to figure out exactly what message the writer was trying to share with us about the natural world. Our Music lesson took an incredibly vibrant turn as we were introduced to Bollywood music through a fun "Bollywood SpongeBob" theme. The children absolutely loved the energetic rhythms, and I am sure they would be delighted to share some of their new moves and knowledge with you at home! Finally, our History lesson took us inside the daily lives of the ancient Romans. We looked at and compared four distinct types of Roman housing, investigating the vast differences between how the wealthy lived compared to the poor.





## Classroom updates - Orca Class

The deurgar of Simonside Hills was the focus in English this week continuing our look at Northumbrian folk tales. High quality work was produced as the children wrote letters to the Rothbury Town Council warning them of the risks of walking the hills after dusk.

I enjoyed the trip to the Life Science Centre in Newcastle on Wednesday and the children also gave positive feedback about it. There was plenty of hands-on experience in the designated zones- from light and space to dinosaurs and the brain.

In science the class looked at the life cycles of mammals and in French the children were detectives trying to catch a master thief as he attempted to escape to various countries around the globe using different modes of transport.

Orcas have also been getting into the World Cup spirit by looking at which countries are participating and the venues the matches will be played.





# Embleton Vincent Edwards CE Primary School Friday Flyer

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Saturday 13th June 1pm - 3pm</b>	EPFC Summer Fair, Creighton Hall
<b>Monday 15th June</b>	Orca class swimming
<b>Monday 22nd June 1pm</b>	Author visit - Dr Martin Lee (Starfish and Puffins)
<b>Wednesday 24th June 8.45am</b>	Starfish Class Assembly
<b>Sunday 28th June 2 -5pm</b>	Fallden Hall Open Gardens refreshments
<b>Wednesday 1st July</b>	Year 6 transition day to DCHS Whole school transition day
<b>Wednesday 1st July 2pm</b>	Trinity Tots to Starfish Class
<b>Friday 3rd July - Saturday 4th July</b>	Year 5 camping - Ellingham
<b>Tuesday 7th July</b>	Seals virtual ballet (Wear PE Kit)
<b>Wednesday 8th July 1.30pm</b>	Sports Day
<b>Thursday 9th July</b>	Open the Book (leading collective worship)
<b>Friday 10th July</b>	Seals Bench Ball tournament (Wear PE Kit)
<b>Monday 13th July 2pm</b>	Year 6 leavers service
<b>Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th July</b>	Year 6 residential - Robinwood
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	Last day of term

**PE days for Reception Starfish, Puffins will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Y3/4 will have PE on Mondays. Y5/6 will swim on Mondays. Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. Thank you**

## Stars of the week

### Names:

**Starfish:** Lucius

**Puffins:** Anna

**Seals:** Year 4s

**Orcas:** Ella



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# Rooted

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ROOTED MEETS WEEKLY @  
ALNWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

7-11yrs Fun, friendly environment for young people to meet up, play games, get creative and enjoy some time together in a safe space. We explore faith foundations through reading stories, watching videos and finding out more about God's big plan



11-14yrs

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11-14yrs is a high-energy start with big games, challenges, and lots of laughs. This group is a space for young people where they can build friendships and grow in faith. We hear real-life stories from faithful people, from a range of backgrounds. This is a relaxed, informal group where we hope to bring a sense of belonging to the community.

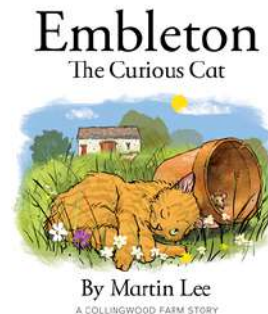
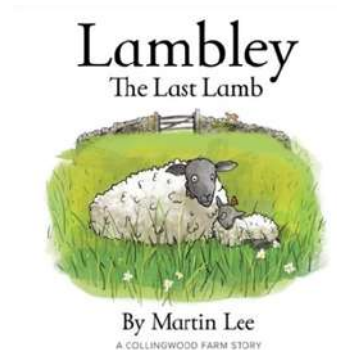
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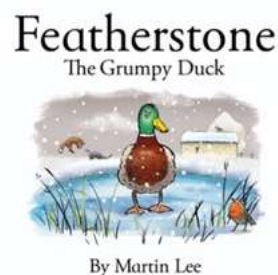
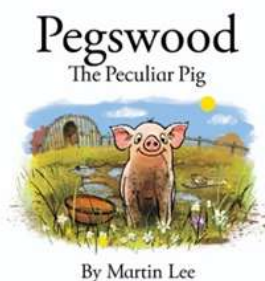
We are delighted to inform you that Dr Martin Lee will be visiting our school on Monday 22nd June to read his children's books, 'Lambley the Last Lamb' and 'Embleton the Curious Cat' to Starfish and Puffin Class!



Martin is a children's author based in Northumberland. He has written a series of children's books based on the fictitious 'Collingwood Farm'. All the characters in his books are named after local villages!

Lambley the Last Lamb is the first of the Collingwood Farm books and is set in the spring. It is a heart-warming and funny story about Lambley's adventures on Collingwood Farm as he tries to find his mother.

Embleton the Curious Cat is the second of the Collingwood Farm books and is set in the summer. It is a humorous story about how Embleton's curiosity can sometimes land him in a spot of bother!



You can purchase signed copies of Lambley and/or Embleton for your children for £10 each. If you pre-order them with your child's name, Martin will sign them for them beforehand! £1 of each sale will be donated to EPFC. Please send £10 per book in a named envelope (cheque payable to Martin Lee) or via Paypal [www.paypal.me/drmartin](http://www.paypal.me/drmartin). Please ensure you say which book/s you would like and who it is for.

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