



**26.06.26**

## **Executive Headteacher Update**

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is wonderful to be back at school following my recent absence. I have truly missed our school community, and it has been a joy to step straight back into the bustle of school life and see our pupils having so much fun with their learning. We even had a special 'duck' visitor, who decided to join our PE lessons on Monday afternoon. Well done to Callum for accommodating the extra attendee!

I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of both our pupils and staff for how brilliantly everyone has coped with the recent uncommon temperatures. It hasn't been our usual June weather, but the children have shown fantastic resilience and adapted beautifully. Thank you for sending your children in with sunscreen, caps, waterproofs etc., as per our variable weather!

We are looking forward to another whole school beach day on 9th July- reminders will be sent out.

Looking ahead to September, we will not be continuing with the NUFC sports sessions on Wednesday, however, we will be maintaining CDL Sports sessions weekly and will confirm day/year groups, once Mr Shaw confirms the timetable.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to catching up with many of you at the upcoming events, such as Fallodon Hall Open Gardens, Sports Day and our Leavers' Service.

Any questions, please just let us know- thanks!

Warm regards,

Diane Lakey



### Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	99.43	96.71
Puffins	87.5	93.96
Seals	90.28	91.38
Orcas	94.02	93.16

**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

It has been another wonderful and busy week, the children have loved continuing with Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward's 'Bog Baby'. We have drawn, created collage and made playdough versions. We have written care instructions and even hunted for bog babies for them in a box of pom-poms using tweezers. On Monday, we were delighted by a visit from local author Dr Martin Lee, who read his books 'Lambley, the Lost Lamb' and 'Embleton, the Curious Cat'—a real treat since some of the characters are named after local places where some of our children live! We were also incredibly proud of Starfish this week for their fabulous performance in our class assembly. They spoke and sang with immense confidence and enthusiasm. Well done! We had a brilliant day on Thursday at beach school, where we were joined by our friends from Ellingham for a great day of building sandcastles, playing games, making patterns, and hunting for treasure together.





## Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

We have found this week incredibly challenging with the extreme heat that we have experienced but I am proud of how the children have coped. They haven't let the heat beat them and have continued to work hard. We discussed sun safety and the importance of staying cool and hydrated. We discussed what to do if we start feeling poorly and what some of the symptoms could be. On Monday we enjoyed local author, Dr Martin Lee, being in our school and reading us some of his books. The children listened intently and asked some great questions at the end. He even left us some copies of his book in our library so we can read them both again and again. We loved getting down to beach school on Thursday and were glad of the breeze to help keep us cool. At the beach we carried out another science investigation but this time we were testing lots of materials to see if they were absorbent or not. We remembered to predict what we thought would happen before we tested.. There were a couple of surprising results! We also practised our throwing techniques but this time we used a javelin. It was so much harder than it looked! I hope you all stay safe in the sun this weekend!





## Classroom updates - Seals Class

We have been thoroughly enjoying the glorious sunshine in Seal Class this week, making sure to keep cool while working incredibly hard! We made the absolute most of the weather by heading down to the beach for a fantastic game of rounders and we also welcomed back Callum for our second PE session, where the children did a brilliant job building on the Tag Rugby skills they started developing last week. To help beat the heat back in the classroom, we enjoyed a wonderfully refreshing "cold foot spa" day and had a go at crafting our own paper fans!

In English, we returned to our poetry work, using the poem *Adder* from *The Lost Words* as our creative inspiration. The children did a marvelous job capturing the essence of wildlife to write their own animal poems. Meanwhile, our Geography and History learning took us on a trip comparison between the UK and Italy. We explored the physical features of Rome and compared them to London, Alnwick, and Newcastle. To finish the project, the children put their art skills to the test by drawing one of Rome's three main iconic landmarks.





## Classroom updates - Orca Class

Well done to all Orcas for another great week. It feels like the time passes quicker and quicker but you've all managed to learn so much. In geography you produced excellent work when looking at the history of Pompeii and the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in AD 79. Mrs Scott was thrilled with your Mediterranean Salad dressings on Tuesday afternoon.

Islam's special places were the topic of RE this week and in science we looked at the life cycle of birds and reptiles and dissected an egg identifying the key parts. I enjoyed our time at the beach yesterday as we did a full body workout. As the weather was forecast to be sweltering I decided on low-level energy expenditure exercises focusing on body control. We worked out our abs, legs, shoulders, back and arms.





# Embleton Vincent Edwards CE Primary School Friday Flyer

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Sunday 28th June 2 -5pm</b>	Fallosen 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>	Whole School Beach Day Open the Book (leading collective worship at the beach)
<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

Please be advised that next week will be Week 1 of our school dinner menu rotation. You can view the meal options on the school website.

**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:** All of Starfish!

**Puffins:** Elijah

**Seals:** Joseph

**Orcas:** Cameron