



Embleton Vincent Edwards CE Primary School

Friday Flyer

10.07.26

Executive Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

This will be our final Friday Flyer of the year, and my final one.

After 39 wonderful years in teaching—and 18 incredible years as a headteacher—the time has come for me to retire.

I can say with absolute certainty that I have loved my job. I have always been at my absolute happiest when teaching children, and it has been a huge privilege to do so within supportive, close-knit rural communities.

I have loved getting to know the amazing pupils at Embleton, who you can see at their best when they are supporting each other at events like Sports Day, Beach School and within their classrooms daily.

Embleton is a very special school, supported by talented, hard-working staff, superb volunteers, governors and its wider community. Thank you for letting me be part of this thriving school community.

I know you will share with me in thanking both Miss Rutter and Mrs Scott for their years of service to our school and wishing them every happiness in their new adventures.

I too am excited about future adventures. I am looking forward to dedicated time with my family, especially my tiny, new granddaughter. I am also eager to stretch my legs and travel—and I must admit, I am particularly thrilled about traveling outside of term time. I fully intend to save a fortune!

While I will miss seeing your faces every week, you will be in my thoughts as I set off on adventures in my little motorhome.

Year 6- you have been amazing and I know you will continue to shine at high school! I hope you have a brilliant time at Robinwood.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Diane Lakey



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Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	95.11	96.77
Puffins	97.73	94.05
Seals	88.28	91.5
Orcas	95.05	93.13

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.

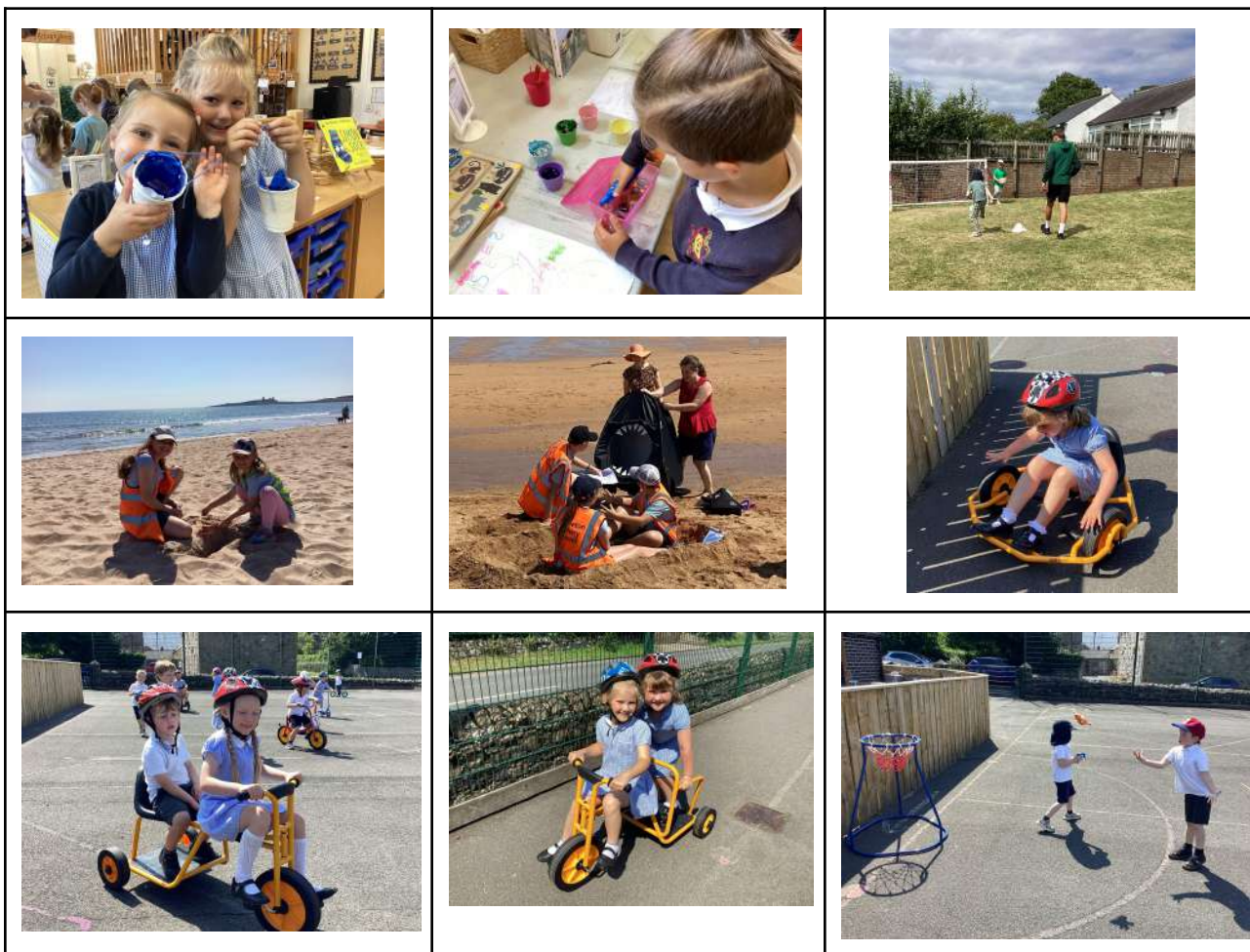


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Classroom Updates - Starfish Class

What a busy and exciting week we have had! We continued exploring the story 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray and Garry Parsons, enjoying plenty of bucket-themed activities! The children have also loved playing with our new bikes, bean bags, and basketball hoop—our aiming and throwing skills are definitely improving! Sports Day was a huge success; everyone tried their absolute hardest while jumping, throwing, running, climbing and balancing. On Thursday, we welcomed the 'Open the Book' team to Beach School for a wonderful retelling of 'Jonah and the Whale'. We also teamed up with friends from other classes for some fantastic group activities centered around 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Rhonda Armitage. Finally, a huge well done to our Reception children! They have worked incredibly hard on their challenges, maths, and writing this week, proving they are well and truly ready to become Puffins!





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Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

We are nearly there – we can do this Puffins! You are continuing to work hard, even in the heat! I was so proud of the sportsmanship that was displayed during Wednesday's sports day. It was great to watch everyone supporting each other and cheering on their team. I was also proud of how everyone worked together during the group activities on Thursday for our whole school beach day. Lots of fun was had by all (sorry for all the wet shoes but we needed some wet sand for our sand lighthouse structures). As we approach the end of term we will be starting to send the children home with books, art work etc so I would be grateful if you could send a bag into school for them to carry everything home in. Thank you.





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Classroom updates - Seals Class

We have had a super busy, action-packed week in Seal Class, with a huge focus on staying active and working together. We kicked things off on Monday with an energetic Sports Day practice, followed by an extra sports session with Callum to build on our fast-improving Tag Rugby skills. On Tuesday morning, we traded the rugby pitch for the dance studio, joining the Royal Ballet and Opera for a national ballet performance centered around children's rights. The children showed wonderful expression and grace! All of Monday and Tuesday's practice paid off brilliantly on Wednesday, when the children gave their absolute absolute best taking part in Sports Day alongside the rest of the school. The outdoor adventures didn't stop there. On Thursday, we spent the entire day down at the coast for Beach School, exploring and learning in the fresh air. Then on Friday, our Year 3s showed fantastic teamwork and competitive spirit during a fun benchball tournament with the pupils from King Edwin Primary School. In between all of this physical activity, the children still found time to reflect on their academic work. They have been busy creating digital slide presentations all about the Romans, which was a fantastic opportunity for them to look back and proudly share everything they have learned about Roman history this term.





Classroom updates - Orca Class

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed their last swimming session on Monday and continued to learn about water safety. We've also finished off the curriculum for maths for the year. Year 5 really impressed me with their understanding of negative numbers. Year 6 were equally impressive when they showed commanding understanding as they solved problems with two unknowns. In English this week the children have written original Northumbrian folk tales that were descriptive and unsettling. Over the past three weeks I have been teaching Korean on a Friday and the children have picked it up really well. The final session looked at how to say "I like/I don't like" and I treated them to some Korean snacks and a Korean drink, with most agreeing that they were good.

It has been agreed for next Tuesday afternoon that it is okay to take Orcas down to the beach. So children ought to come into school wearing their PE kit and make sure they have a hat and suncream packed in their bags too. Thank you.



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Year 5 camping at Ellingham

Last Friday evening, our Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic sleepover at Ellingham. The adventure began with the children pitching their own tents, learning all about the different parts of a tent and mastering how to safely secure tent pegs. Next, we headed to Forest School for an evening of fun—climbing trees, swinging on the rope swing and toasting marshmallows over the campfire. Mrs Lakey delivered a delicious dinner of sausage, fish, and chips to refuel us. Then, it was back to Ellingham school for the highlight of the night: a thrilling game of hide-and-seek in the dark! After winding down with hot chocolate, cake and a bedtime story, the children finally tucked themselves into their tents. Following a few hours of sleep (give or take!), everyone woke up for breakfast, enjoyed some morning games, and helped pack away the tents before heading home.





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Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th July 2pm	Year 6 leavers service
Tuesday 14th July pm	Orca class to the beach
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th July	Year 6 residential - Robinwood
Thursday 16th July	Whole school beach school all day (Not Year 6)
Friday 17th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 2nd September	Return to school

Stars of the week

Names:

Starfish: Reception

Puffins: Year 2!

Seals: Whole Class

Orcas: Year 6!