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2 October 2026

Executive Headteacher's Update

What another fantastic week we have had at Embleton! It has been lovely to see the children continuing to enjoy their learning and making the most of the many opportunities we have in school. However, the real highlight this week was undoubtedly an offer of a lifetime for Orca Class!

We were incredibly fortunate to be invited aboard the National Geographic Endurance, courtesy of Arthur's dad and what an amazing experience it was! The children had the opportunity to explore the whole vessel, seeing areas that passengers would normally never get to experience and finding out more about this incredible expedition ship. It was truly impressive and the children were absolutely fascinated throughout. A huge thank you to Arthur's dad for giving us such a fantastic opportunity and creating memories that the children will hopefully remember for many years to come.

Back in school please take note of a couple of important reminders. We are collecting donations for Alnwick Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of Thursday 8th October. At the moment, the Food Bank is particularly grateful for long-life semi-skimmed or whole milk, instant coffee, non-sugary breakfast cereal, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, tinned custard or rice pudding, toilet paper and washing-up liquid. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support for such an important local cause.

Please continue to check the diary dates that are on the bottom of this newsletter. This is updated regularly so it is a good source of key information. One of the key ones to note is that school will finish at 1.00pm on the final day of term before Christmas. I know not everyone gets the chance to check the school diary regularly, so I wanted to make sure this was highlighted well in advance.

Finally, a quick reminder that, in order to help us manage allergies safely and consistently, we are unable to accept homemade cakes or treats into school for children's birthdays. We know that families put lots of thought and effort into these celebrations and we really do appreciate your understanding as we continue to put the health and safety of all our children first.

We rounded off the week with our Celebration Assembly and Hot Chocolate treat so a big well done to all our serving winners this week.

As we reach the end of week 5 we are incredibly proud of the children and the wonderful experiences they continue to embrace. Have a lovely weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing you all next week!

Mr Shaw

Next week I am planning to be in school on Tuesday.

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Safeguarding

Embleton Primary School is committed to keeping all children safe. Our staff regularly participate in safeguarding training and are fully aware of how to keep our pupils safe and what signs to look out for. Our pupils know they can share any concerns and we have robust policies and procedures in place which underpin safeguarding. It is our paramount priority to keep all children healthy and safe. Remember our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) in school are **Mrs Popay and Mr Shaw.**



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Attendance

As parents and carers we want to share our attendance figures because it is you who can make the big difference. Our children are entitled to a full and balanced education and at Embleton we feel we provide one of the best experiences possible.

Current Whole School attendance is 95.6% Our target for Whole School Attendance is 97%

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	**84.17**	**95.05**
Puffins	**88.89**	**96.29**
Seals	**93.06**	**95.56**
Orcas	**91.3**	**94.26**

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

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

This week we have continued using the book 'Ten Little Superheroes' by Mike Brownlow. We have had a fantastic week with our Rainbow Challenges with nearly all the Reception children completing all seven challenges throughout the week. The challenges have been to unlock the superheroes, make a superhero shield, draw a city for superheroes to fly over, build a brick wall and knock it down, fill the outline of tall buildings with Numicon, write superhero words and make a flying superhero. We have also been exploring foam in the tuff tray, programming beebots, drumming using things we found in the classroom, sewing superhero capes and practising our rugby skills with Callum. At beach school we continued with our book of the week and wrote our own superhero words using the sounds that we have been learning in RWI. We also moved like some of the villains in the story! We really used our imaginations to think about what to do. There weren't many stones or shells on the beach this week so instead of making our own superhero masks, we made one big one. Before we went back to school we sang 'Ten little superheroes standing in the sand' and practised writing our numbers each time one 'flew away to fight a crime'. Next week our story will be 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants' by Paul Bright and Lee Wildish.













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Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

This week has been packed with hands-on learning, creativity, and fresh air! In English, we began writing our own retells of *The Baker's Boy and the Great Fire of London*, focusing on using a range of different sentence openers to make our storytelling vivid and engaging. That historical theme carried into History, where we investigated olden day firefighting techniques, compared them to modern methods and debated which approaches were most effective. In Maths, we turned our attention to comparing numbers using the greater than and less than symbols. Moving beyond the classroom, we continued sharpening our tag rugby skills in PE with Callum and during our beach trip, we put our throwing and catching techniques to the test using a larger ball. We rounded out our beach visit with a moment of calm mindfulness sketching in our art sketchbooks while listening to the soothing sounds of the wind and waves, a peaceful activity designed to complement our PSHE unit on keeping our minds healthy.








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Classroom updates - Seals Class

In English, we started exploring recount writing and identifying all the essential features that make a great recount. The children put their editing caps on to inspect a piece of writing by Miss Scott and several of them even improved her text with some fantastic, ambitious word choices! In Maths, our Year 4s tackled Roman numerals for the very first time, which was a brilliant and memorable experience for everyone. Meanwhile, our Geography learning took us back in time as we used 8-point compass directions to map out the journey the Vikings sailed to reach Britain. In music, we composed a rainforest piece using ChromeLab Music. Finally, in Science, we had a fascinating hands-on lesson examining our own teeth, exploring the different roles of our teeth, jaws, and gums. Ask your child if they can tell you what different teeth are used for!









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Classroom updates - Orca Class

Orcas had a wonderful trip to the National Geographic Endurance on Tuesday, where we were treated to a tour of the impressive ship by the knowledgeable Captain Wood. The children were exceptionally behaved and learned a lot about navigation, pollution and the environment. In science, Mrs. Brealey taught about osmosis and diffusion and the pupils conducted an investigation using gummy bears. We had a glorious day at the beach where this weeks' focus was dribbling skills in football. In French we wrapped up the unit on the body and I'm pleased at the amount of vocabulary the children have retained. In art we spent some quality time creating our very own masterpieces using acrylic paint.





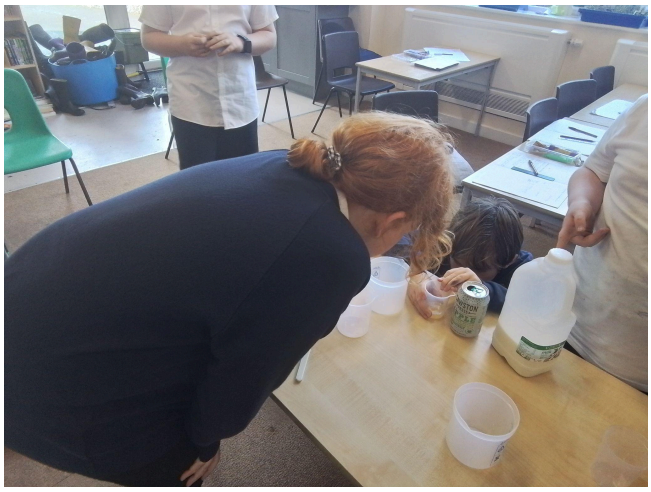




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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7th October: 2pm	Trinity Tots into Starfish Class
Thursday 8th October: 9:15am	Harvest Festival (Holy Trinity Church)
Friday 9th October: 1:30pm – 2:30pm	Starfish and Puffins - Alnwick Playhouse - Hay!
Tuesday 13th October: 3:30pm-5:30pm	Puffins, Seals and Orcas Parent Consultations
Wednesday 14th October	KS2 RAF Glider Challenge - In School
Thursday 15th October: 8:45am-9am	Open the Book
Tuesday 20th October: 3:30 – 5:30pm	Puffins, Seals and Orcas Parent Consultations
Friday 23rd October	Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Monday 2nd November	Teacher Training Day - School Closed
Wednesday 4th November	8.45am Orca class assembly Seals - Alnwick Playhouse (Instrument Stories) Starfish and Puffins - Ignite RE workshop
Thursday 12th November	8.45 Open the Book Seals and Orcas - Ignite RE workshop
Wednesday 2nd December	Trinity Tots into Starfish Class
Monday 7th December	Christmas play dress rehearsal
Wednesday 9th December 2pm	Christmas Play
Thursday 10th December 2pm	Christmas Play
Monday 14th December	Starfish and Puffin Christmas party
Tuesday 15th December	Seal and Orca Christmas party
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 17th December 9.15am	Carol Service - Holy Trinity Church
Friday 18th December	Last day of term - School closes 1pm

PE Days for the whole school are Monday and Thursdays.
Please send your children to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. KS2 Children either remove earrings or bring earring tape for PE. Thank you

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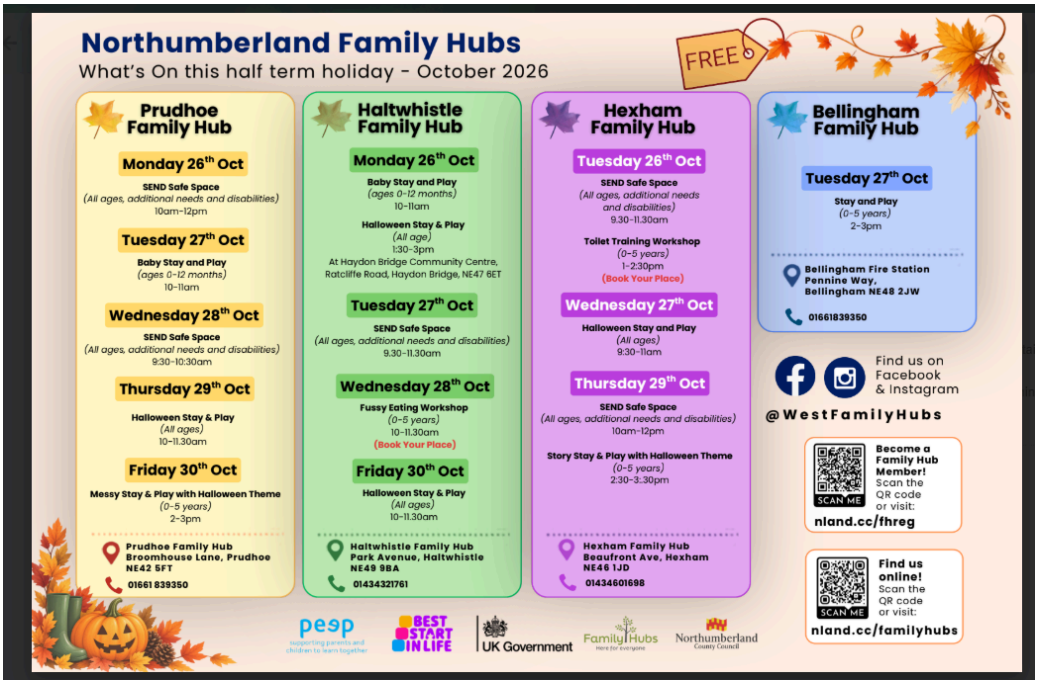
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Stars of the week

Names:

Starfish: Max
Puffins: Archie
Seals: Liam
Orcas: Mason

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Please get in touch for more information about our groups, sessions & digital offer

SCAN ME Sign up for a group or session

SCAN ME Online What's On Guide

Parent Support & Skills

Workshops and discussions helping parents and carers strengthen relationships and support their children's wellbeing.

Togetherness	Free digital programme providing tools to support parents/carers & young people at each developmental stage **togetherness.co.uk** access code - **HADRIAN**
Sleep Workshop	Support & guidance available from trained sleep awareness practitioners
Dad Pad	The essential guide for new dads developed with the NHS
Dad Talk	Online workshop for dads, during pregnancy and beyond
Healthy Relationships	Support to reduce conflict and improve everyone's lives

Young Peoples offer

Sessions for young people at the family hub

Family Chill Out	An after school drop in for all of the family to come along, get homework completed, stay and play for a while and enjoy fun activities and games. For children aged 5-11 and their families. Younger siblings welcome

Additional Needs &/or Disabilities

Supportive sessions for children and young people with additional needs, and their families, to connect, relax, and share experiences.

Empowering Parents & Carers Programme	Supportive wellbeing course for parents/carers of children with additional needs and/or disabilities
SEND Family Chill Out	Regular relaxed after school sessions for all of the family. Parents/Carers are required to stay for the session
Calm Stay & Play	Quieter sessions, with no booking required

Early Learning & Play

Fun and engaging sessions helping you support your children's learning and development through everyday activities.

Brilliant Babies	Specially designed supportive groups for families with young babies
Terrific Toddlers	Meet other families with toddlers at these social sessions with topical themes
Early Communicators	For children between 15-36 months who are experiencing some difficulties with their understanding and/or use of language
Stay & Play	Regular fun sessions, with no booking required

Birth Registrations	To register your baby and obtain their birth certificate, book via Birth Registration on the Northumberland County Council website or call on 0345 600 6400

Baby Support & Early Parenting

Friendly sessions for new and expectant parents to connect, learn, and explore their baby's growth and development together.

Building a Brain	A bitesize online workshop exploring brain development
Bumps to Babies	Antenatal workshops to prepare for babies arrival, mums, dads, partners and grandparents are welcomed.
Feeding Friends	NHS partner support with breastfeeding and more
Understanding Childrens Behaviour Workshop	Advice on how a child's developmental stage influences behaviour and to recognise how adults can help children regulate their own behaviour
Weaning Workshop	A guide to starting solid foods with your little one
Toilet Training Workshop	Practical advice for parents and carers beginning the toilet training journey
Wellbeing Service	Tailored support for Mums or Dads living in Northumberland who are expecting a baby or have a child under 2 years of age.

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