



Embleton Vincent Edwards CE Primary School

Friday Flyer

9 October 2026

Executive Headteacher Update

What a lovely way to week at Embleton with our Harvest Festival highlight on Thursday. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to support us and share this special occasion with the children. The children did an absolutely wonderful job with their singing and should be incredibly proud of themselves. A particular thank you also to Rev Alison for leading our service and helping to make it such a special celebration. I was absolutely gutted to miss it but I have heard lots of wonderful things about it!



We have also had our safeguarding review this week as part of our ongoing work across Pele Trust. It was a valuable opportunity to look carefully at how we keep our children safe and to make sure that our systems and practices continue to be strong and effective.

Our staff have been busy with their own learning too, with members of the team undertaking First Aid training as well as SEND training. Continuing to develop our knowledge and skills is really important in ensuring we can provide the very best support for all of our children.

A reminder too that poppies are now available to buy in Reception, so please pop in if you would like to purchase one and support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parents' Evening, which is a great opportunity to talk about how your child has settled into the year, celebrate their successes and discuss their learning and progress.

We finished the week with our Celebration Assembly and a huge well done to all of our Outstanding Achievement Award winners and our Hot Chocolate children! It is always lovely to recognise the effort and achievements of our children and we are incredibly proud of everyone.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Embleton. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Shaw

Next week I am planning to be in school on Monday and Wednesday..



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Safeguarding

Embleton 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**.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ALLERGIES & ANAPHYLAXIS

An allergy is an overreaction of the immune system to a food or substance that's usually harmless. Symptoms can be mild, but for some people they can be very serious. This is known as anaphylaxis.

HOW TO SAY ANAPHYLAXIS: ANA-FIL-AX-IS

ALLERGIES AND ANAPHYLAXIS

- Mild allergy symptoms are treated with antihistamines.
- Anaphylaxis is treated with adrenaline, which is administered via an adrenaline device, injected into the outer upper thigh or using a nasal device.
- Anaphylaxis is a medical emergency and a threat to life.

WHAT ADRENALINE DOES

Adrenaline reduces swelling, opens the patient's airways and raises their blood pressure. Patients must go to hospital for monitoring, as the reaction could return.

Two doses: 0.5mg mg or 0.3 mg

ANAPHYLAXIS SYMPTOMS

AIRWAY

Symptoms include swelling in the throat, tongue or upper airways; tightening of the throat; a hoarse voice; and difficulty swallowing.

BREATHING

Symptoms include persistent cough; sudden onset of wheezing; breathing difficulty; and noisy breathing.

CIRCULATION

Symptoms include pale and clammy skin; dizziness; feeling faint; sudden sleepiness; tiredness; confusion; and loss of consciousness.

In extreme cases of anaphylaxis, there could be a dramatic fall in the patient's blood pressure. The patient may become weak and floppy, and have a sense of something terrible happening. Any of the ABC symptoms listed above may lead to collapse and unconsciousness and, on rare occasions, be fatal.

TOP 14 FOOD ALLERGENS:

(However, be aware people can be allergic to anything.)

CELERY	FISH	CRUSTACEANS	EGGS	MILK
SOYA	LUPIN	CEREALS	TREE NUTS	SESAME
MUSTARD	MOLLUSCS	PEANUTS	SULPHITES	

NON-FOOD ALLERGENS:

POLLEN	PET HAIR/DANDER	INSECT VENOM	MEDICATION/DRUGS
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LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES

Scan the QR codes to find out more

	AllergyWise®		EpiPen		Jexl		ADRENALINE AND A&DS
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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 92.63% Our target for Whole School Attendance is 97%

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	80	92.27
Puffins	84.13	94.76
Seals	93.21	94.14
Orcas	72.97	90.54

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

Starfish Class have had another fantastic week! Much to the children's amusement, our story was *Charlie's Superhero Underpants* by Lee Wildish. After reading about Charlie's worldwide quest to find his missing "POW!" underwear—which finally turned up on a giant Yeti—the children wrote lists of everything on the washing line and wrote descriptions of Charlie's superhero underpants. In the classroom, the popular cake-making area filled the room with a delicious smell of ginger, while the sensory tuff tray with colored rice proved to be a favourite for filling and transporting. We were also delighted to welcome the toddlers from 'Trinity Tots' on Wednesday! To wrap up a busy week, Starfish Class made us so proud with their wonderful performance at the Harvest Festival. During this service Rev Alison presented the Reception children with a Bible gifted by the Vincent Edwards Trust. Everyone had a great time at Beach School making fields in the sand, playing parachute games and using the parachute to make a giant tent.





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Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

We have had such a busy and exciting week, starting with all of our hard work learning lines for the Harvest Festival; we focused on projecting our voices so they were loud and clear without shouting, and the children did so well in Church standing up in front of everyone! In Maths, we have been learning how to order numbers from smallest to greatest and vice versa, while in History, we discovered who Samuel Pepys was, explored his famous diaries and discussed how they help us know so much about the Great Fire of London. During PE with Callum, we continued practicing our rugby skills with a focus on attacking and defending. Everyone is getting much better at looking for space and dodging others to avoid losing their tags. On Thursday, we had a wonderful afternoon on the beach in the sunshine practicing our throwing and catching skills with tennis balls—which proved a tricky challenge compared to the larger balls we used previously, but we learned to make a cup with our hands and curl our fingers around the ball to keep it secure. The main highlight of Beach School was definitely seeing Henry's Dad and the RNLI lifeboat crew out to sea, which was fantastic to watch – I hope they saw us waving! After our PE, we discussed our sense of touch and went on an exciting texture hunt around the beach, describing all the different textures we found to our partners. Well done for working so hard this week Puffins! Enjoy your weekend.





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Classroom updates - Seals Class

I want to start this week's update by saying a massive well done to all of Seal Class! I was away on training for part of the week, and the children made me so proud by working super hard and showing our supply teacher what a fantastic group they are to teach.

It has been another busy week at Embleton! We joined the rest of the school for the Harvest Festival, where the children did a wonderful job learning and delivering their lines. In Art, we finalised our prehistoric topic by creating our own incredible cave art drawings.

In Geography, our learning took us along our local Northumbrian coastline as we investigated coastal features, focusing particularly on Holy Island. Alongside all of this, we've been working hard on our presentation, practicing our handwriting and striving for a "gold standard" in all our work.





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Classroom updates - Orca Class

Similar to Seal Class, I'd like to thank Orcas for showing impeccable behaviour to their supply teacher while I was out on a training course this week. The feedback from the supply teacher was positive and credit goes to the children.

We had a great time in science this week. We investigated what affects heart rate. The children measured their resting heart rate then exercised before measuring their pulse again. Elsewhere, we've been to the doctor's in French, explored long division and inverse operations in maths and created yet more masterpieces in art- this time pointillism in the style of Seurat. Due to the tide being in on Thursday limiting space I decided against football in PE. Instead I got the children running. That really did get their heart rates up!





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Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 9th November	Bags to school (bags to the Creighton Hall before 9am please)
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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Stars of the week

Names:

Starfish: Elsie

Puffins: Emma

Seals: Anna

Orcas: Harry