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Friday Flyer

22 October 2026

Executive Headteacher Update

We have made it to the end of a very busy half term at Embleton and what a lot we have achieved! The children have learnt so much, made fantastic progress and we have already come such a long way. We are incredibly proud of them all and everything they have accomplished over the past few weeks.

A huge thank you must also go to all our staff, both teaching and support, who make Embleton such a special place to learn. We really do have a formidable team who work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities and experiences for our children. Their dedication, commitment and care make such a difference and it is wonderful to see the impact of this in school every day.

We had some exciting reading news this week! All pupils in Years 5 and 6 have been gifted a copy of *Impossible Creatures* by Katherine Rundell as a special early Christmas present from Queen Camilla. What a wonderful gift to receive! We hope the children enjoy getting lost in this magical adventure and that it inspires plenty of reading over the coming weeks.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who joined us for Stay and Play in Starfish Class on Wednesday morning. The children were so excited to show you all around and share their learning space, they are very proud of their school and the classroom.

Also on Wednesday Seals Class took part in a tag rugby festival at Alnwick Rugby Club. The children did exceptionally well, worked as a team and played some super rugby so we are all very proud of them. It is great to get the children out of school for such events and compete against the other Alnwick based schools.

We finished the week with our wonderful Hot Chocolate treat and final Celebration Assembly of the half term, recognising and celebrating the children who have gone above and beyond. It was a lovely way to end a busy and successful few weeks and celebrate all that has been achieved.

I hope all our families enjoy a lovely, well-deserved half-term break. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another busy and exciting half term!

Mr Shaw

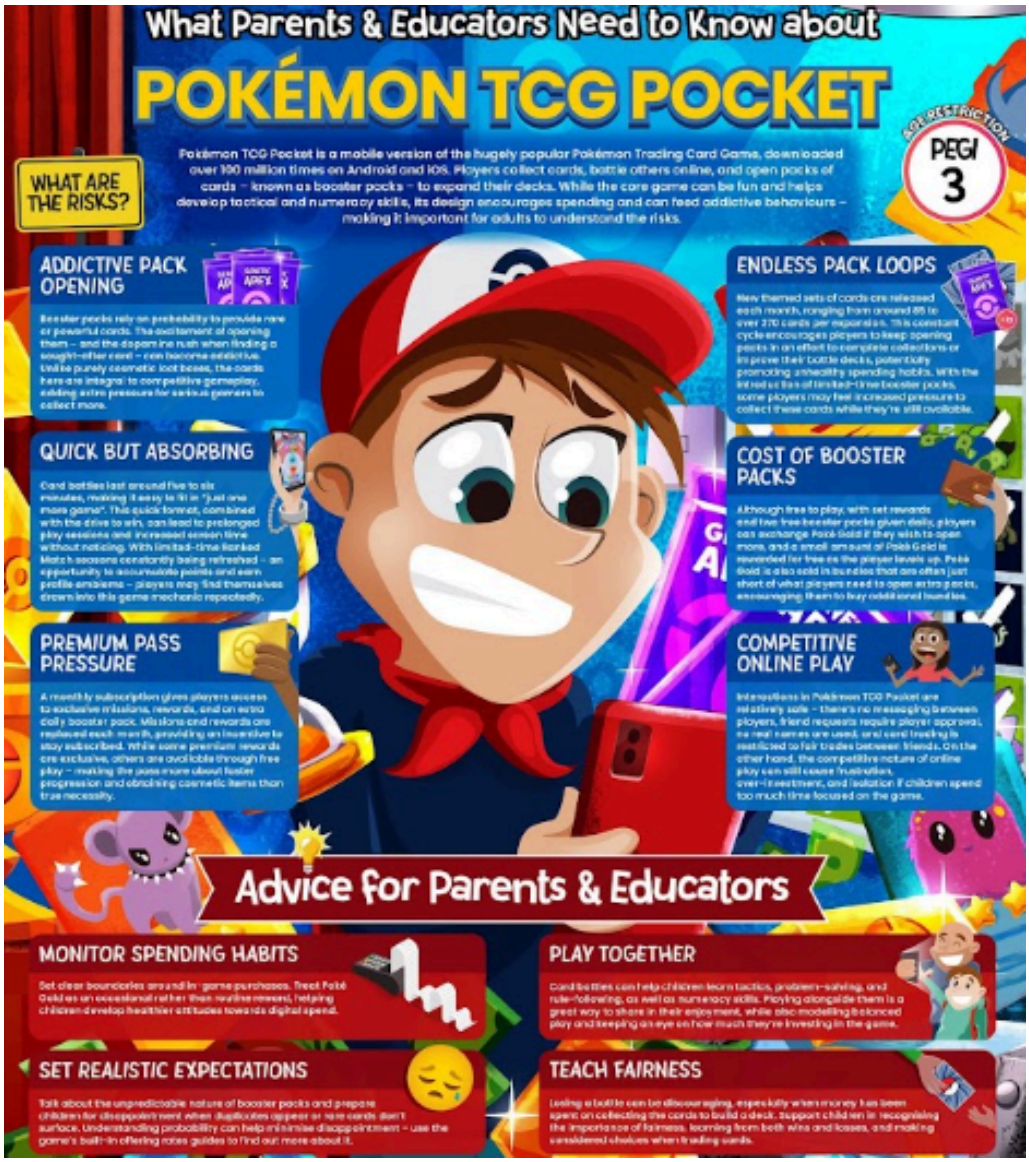
After half term I am planning to be in school on Friday.

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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.**



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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 92.7%. Our target for Whole School Attendance is 97%

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	**97.5%**	**91.8%**
Puffins	**100%**	**95.8%**
Seals	**96.8%**	**95.1%**
Orcas	**80.8%**	**87.0%**

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 an exciting and action-packed week we've had in Starfish Class! We were lucky enough to welcome some real-life superheroes to visit us. On Monday, we met a doctor and police officers, followed by a visit on Tuesday from Stormy Sam, his friends from the RNLI and a member of the RAF. On Wednesday, our very own superheroes—our wonderful parents and grandparents—joined us for a fantastic Stay and Play session. The children loved showing them around our classroom! Earlier in the week, Callum led a brilliant PE session where the children designed their own obstacle courses using a variety of equipment.

We are incredibly proud of how hard all of our Starfish have worked this half term. A special shout-out to our Reception children, who have done an amazing job learning their letter sounds in Read Write Inc. and are now reading and writing lots of words independently. Well done, everyone! Have a lovely half term.













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Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

We have made it to the end of a long and busy half term! I am so pleased with how well the children have settled into Puffin Class — our Year 2s have truly risen to the challenge of being the oldest and our Year 1s have made a wonderfully smooth transition from Reception. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for our second parents' evening on Tuesday; it was wonderful to hear such positive feedback and know how happy the children are. We wrapped up the half term with some brilliant learning, exploring how the Great Fire of London changed building rules in History, using our sense of smell to guess mystery scents in Science, and creating our own fun games in PE with Callum. We are all looking forward to a well-earned break — have a fantastic holiday and I can't wait to hear all about your adventures when we return!








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Classroom updates - Seals Class

What a fast-paced and fantastic week we've had it has completely flown by! In English, the children have been finishing off their detailed storyboards based on historical recounts of Pompeii, illustrating the events that unfolded when the volcano erupted. Building on our history work, we have also begun researching the Romans and started designing educational posters to share our knowledge with younger primary school children. Our week also included a brilliant trip out! We had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Tag Rugby Festival at Alnwick Rugby Club, joining other Year 3 and 4 children. It was a lively day packed with activity, giving everyone a chance to develop their rugby skills and show wonderful teamwork.








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Classroom updates - Orca Class

We welcomed a special guest in Orcas this week- Dr. Chris kindly came in and talked to the children about the heart and answered many interesting questions. Well done Orcas for being so eager to expand your already impressive knowledge! Holes has well and truly been completed this week with everyone producing fantastic essays on how the author, Louis Sachar, creates a feeling of sympathy for Zero in a particular chapter. Each and everyone of you can feel proud of your standard of work. In P.E. with Callum the pupils had to create their own games and from what I saw and heard they came up with really imaginative games. In history, we wrapped up crime and punishment by comparing each era from the Romans up to the present day. We've also put in some great practice sessions for the class performance, which will be on the first Wednesday back after the half-term break. Finally, I want to say that, despite it being a long half-term, I'm extremely happy with the effort and standard of work that everyone has produced right up to the end. Recharge your batteries and come back for more of the same!



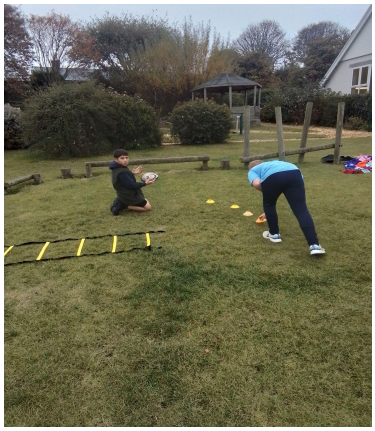
Dr. Chris explains the different parts of the heart.



Concentrating hard in English.



Creating games in PE



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Dates for your Diary

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

Stars of the week

Names:

Starfish: Ted
Puffins: Lucy
Seals: Elise
Orcas: Connie

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