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6 November 2026

Executive Headteacher Update

Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some well-deserved rest and family time. It has been fantastic to see the children return this week, all refreshed, enthusiastic and raring to go! We have lots to look forward to this half-term and are really excited about the events, activities and learning opportunities we have planned. There is plenty happening, so please keep a close eye on the school calendar to make sure you and the children don't miss out!

It has already been a busy first week back with a number of events occurring such as Orca class assembly, the Ignite team running a workshop for Starfish and Puffins about the Nicaraguan Church and the highlight of the week for Seal Class was their trip to Alnwick Playhouse to watch Instrument Stories.

I am excited for the next few months to see how we modernise our approach to teaching and learning as all our classrooms have now been installed with large interactive whiteboards screens. This will transform the learning experiences for our children as they allow for the staff to be more creative in their approach to modelling and having the children share their ideas also. This is coinciding with the introduction of our first steps to launching our new curriculum in school around our key knowledge of Make a Fuss!

On Wednesday, we will take the children to Holy Trinity Church to view the poignant Remembrance display, taking a brief moment to reflect on and honour those in our community who have served our country. Also next week we will be joining in with Children in Need on Friday 13th so please do get involved and support our school for this great cause. Our Church School Council have organised 26 activities to do 26 times for each class throughout the course of the day!

Finally, a little staffing update. Some of you may already be aware that Anita has decided to step back from her role in the school office and return to her previous role, looking after our school site. Anita has been a valued member of our school community for a number of years and I want to say a huge thank you for everything she has done in the office. The good news is that we are not losing Anita! She will very much remain part of our school family. We are also delighted to welcome Hannah Carroll, who joins us on Monday as our new Office Manager. We look forward to welcoming her into the team. Please bear with us during the transition as Hannah gets to know our families and school routines.

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.**



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1. 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 91.74 % Our target for Whole School Attendance is 97%

Class	Weekly attendance	Annual attendance
Starfish	**98.04**	**93.65**
Puffins	**100**	**96.19**
Seals	**91.74**	**93.64**
Orcas	**94.44**	**87.7**

The table below shows the significant impact of absence over time.
Did you know? Each pupil has 175 non-school days a year to spend however they like.

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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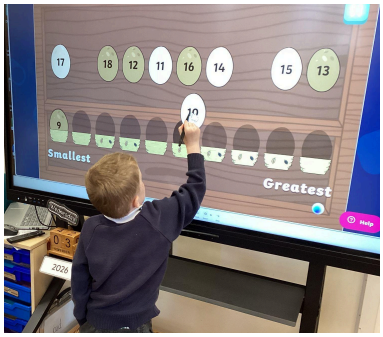
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Classroom Updates - Starfish Class

It was great to be back after half term and what a great new addition to the classroom! We love our new interactive whiteboard! The children have been using it to practise their letter formation and we have been playing some number games. We also loved using the packaging from the boxes to build dens. We needed to work together, listen to each other's ideas and help each other to move the large pieces. It was really fun knocking them down at the end! This week we also had a visit from Rachel from Ignite who told us about a boy called Axel and what it means for him to be a Christian in Nicaragua. This week Mrs Brealey came to beach school with us and we listened to 'Gruffalo Granny' by Julia Donaldson. We made some stew using things that we could find on the beach and then made a frame to 'cook' our stews - thank you Mrs Brealey! Next week it is 'Nursery Rhyme week'. We will be celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes and completing lots of activities linked to Hickory Dickory Dock, Doctor Foster, Pussy Cat Pussy Cat, Row Row Row your Boat and 12345 Once I Caught a Fish Alive.













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Classroom Updates - Puffin Class

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see everyone refreshed after the break and to hear all about the children's exciting half-term adventures - thank you to everyone who shared photos and videos with us. We have hit the ground running with our new learning this week, kicking off our new geography unit by comparing Embleton to Newcastle. In light of the season, we have also been discussing Guy Fawkes, how to stay safe on Bonfire Night, and writing some fantastic acrostic poems, capped off with a fun Bonfire Night yoga session in PE on Thursday! We had a visit from the Ignite team who told us all about a little boy called Axel who is a Christian that lives in Nicaragua. It was great to compare Axel's life to our own.
Have a lovely weekend, and please stay safe if you are heading out to any fireworks displays.













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Classroom updates - Seals Class

I hope everyone had a fantastic half-term break! We have had a brilliant four-day week back in class, quickly settling back into our routines and diving straight into some exciting learning. On Tuesday, the children stepped into the shoes of Ancient Romans to write vivid first-person recounts about experiencing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in Pompeii. They worked incredibly hard on these pieces, bringing together all the recount features and storyboard planning they completed before the break. We also put our editing and concise writing skills to the test for the Young Writers competition. Crafting an engaging story in 100 words or fewer is quite a challenge, but the children showed brilliant determination and wrote some marvellous entries! Mid-week brought a fantastic change of scenery with a trip to Alnwick Playhouse on Wednesday. We explored the world of music and storytelling, learning about five distinct instruments: the clarinet, French horn, double bass, violin and bassoon. Each instrument featured its own story accompanied by live music, and the children had a fantastic time having a go at conducting and building rhythms through body percussion. It has been a busy but wonderful start to the new half-term!





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Classroom updates - Orca Class

Firstly, allow me to congratulate Orcas on putting on a fantastic class performance this week. I've received positive feedback from parents, teachers and pupils from other classes- so really well done on practicing hard and having the confidence to do it in front of an audience.

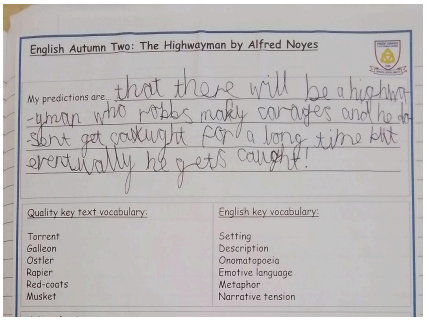
Secondly, well done to the children for settling back into the routines and being ready to learn.










English Autumn Two: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes

My predictions are that there will be a highwayman who robs many carriages and he doesn't get caught for a long time but eventually he gets caught!

Quality key text vocabulary:	English key vocabulary:
Torrent	Setting
Galleon	Description
Ostler	Onomatopoeia
Rapier	Emotive language
Red-coats	Metaphor
Musket	Narrative tension



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Dates for your Diary

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
Friday 13th November	Children in Need (non-uniform day, wear spots or yellow)
Wednesday 18th November	School photographs
Thursday 19th November	KS2 skipping festival (selected children)
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: Arthur
Puffins: Oscar
Seals: Lucy
Orcas: Rosie Be.

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7-11YRS

ROOTED MEETS WEEKLY @
ALNWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

7-11yrs Fun, friendly environment for young people to meet up, play games, get creative and enjoy some time together in a safe space. We explore faith foundations through reading stories, watching videos and finding out more about God's big plan

11-14yrs



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11-14yrs is a high-energy start with big games, challenges, and lots of laughs. This group is a space for young people where they can build friendships and grow in faith. We hear real-life stories from faithful people, from a range of backgrounds. This is a relaxed, informal group where we hope to bring a sense of belonging to the community.