



# Newsletter

20 Sep 24

## Upcoming Events

### 20 Sep 24 PFA Quiz Night

Come along and join in the fun at the Dunstanburgh Castle Hotel. 7.30 pm.

### 26 Sep 24 Maths Workshop

Learn how to help your child with their maths. 2.15-3.15 pm in school.

### 3 Oct 24 Harvest Festival

Join us in church at 9.00 am. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items please bring them in to school that morning. There is also an opportunity to donate to Self Help Africa.

### 10 Oct 24 Starfish Stay and Play

Starfish parents are invited to stay in class when they drop their children off for an hour or so to spend time playing with their children.

### 15 Oct 24 EPFC AGM

The AGM for the EPFC will be held in the parish rooms at 8.45 am. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

### 17 Oct Orca Class Assembly

Orca parents are invited to join the school for a class assembly at 8.45 am.

## Attendance Info

Since the start of term our attendance is 96.96%. We have had one day this week where everyone was in school.

Attached is information on the Northumberland County Council Code of Conduct for Attendance, taken from the guidance issued by government. I shared the main information from the guidance just before the holidays last term, but the infographic should give you more information.

## Celebrating Success

Mrs Threlfall's star of the week: Anna

Orca star of the week: Lillyrai

Seal star of the week: Rosie Br

Puffin star of the week: Elijah

Starfish star of the week: Tia

Lewis and Mrs Popay both brought in certificates from their Scout award ceremony to show everyone.



## Class Highlights

### Starfish Class

Starfish class have been enjoying the good weather this week and have spent lots of time in their outside area.

### Puffin Class

The highlight of Puffin's week was carrying out some chemical reaction science experiments to develop their working scientifically skills. We have also been focusing on our Big Maths learn its.

### Seal Class

We have been focusing on developing our working scientifically skills this week, conducting a range of experiments and changing variables. We are reading Ug, The Boy Genius and what life was like in the Stone Age. All children have received their half-term homework grids.

### Orca Class

We have been investigating the sub-plot in our class book, Holes. We have also received our half-term topic homework. In PE we have been practising attacking and defending skills using a range of games.

## Important Info

### Beach School Clothing

As the weather is turning, please can I remind everyone to make sure that their child has warm socks, gloves, scarves and hats for beach school. Gloves that are waterproof are the best for playing in damp sand. Please also ensure that your child has a warmer coat. Fleece jackets can also be put in to bags to wear if needed. Please, please, please can hats not have bobbles on the top (or ears, or unicorn horns...!) It is really tricky to put hoods up over them if there are appendages.

## Communication

If you have any queries please email [admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vincentedwards.northumberland.sch.uk)

If you do not have access to the google calendar **Embleton Primary School Information** please let us know and we will add you. Information on what we have been up to can be found on the school [website](#).

# School Attendance

## 95% + Good Attendance

### Authorised absence

Illness  
Medical appointments  
Religious festivals  
Representative sport  
Exceptional Circumstances  
Part-Time timetables  
*Must be requested in advance*

### 80-90% Persistently Absent

*referral to Educational Welfare*

Even **90%** attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year



### Less than 80% Severely Absent

### Unauthorised absence

Holidays  
Late to school (after 9.10 am)  
No reason given for absence  
Other absences that have not been requested in advance

### Frequent periods of illness

15 days of illness (consecutive or cumulative) will result in a referral to Educational Welfare to discuss ways to support

**15 minutes**

late every day

=

**two weeks** of learning lost each school year



10 half-day sessions in a rolling 10-week period will result in a referral to Educational Welfare who will decide whether to issue a Penalty Notice, give other consequences or provide support

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**



Penalty Notices of £160, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days may be issued per parent, per child. Where a referral is made more than twice in 3 years, Educational Welfare will then use methods other than fines to encourage children into school

**School**  
is the **key** to **future success!**

Both the school and Educational Welfare are here to help support you to have great school attendance for your child. If your child is struggling to come to school please speak to us and we can explore different ways we might be able to help you and your child