



Amble First School



September 2023 Newsletter

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our final year in the Amble First School building. This year is a big year as we prepare to become a primary school and move into our new building in September 2024. We will keep you updated with any information and we look forward to seeing you all in school again at our different events this year.

Communication

We are aware that over the summer you may have moved house or changed contact details. Please can you ensure that you update school with any new details, e.g. phone numbers, home addresses, email addresses. It is essential that we can make contact in case of an emergency and we would request a **minimum of 2 contact numbers.** Newsletters and information from school will be emailed and please check our website and Facebook page for other updates and information.

<http://www.amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/Amble-First-School-281201085290391/>

Meet the teachers

We would like to invite families to come into school one night after school to meet our teachers. Class teachers will tell you all about what the children will be learning this year and how you can help to support them with this. All sessions will start straight after school at 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

EYFS - Thursday 28th September

KS1 - Wednesday 27th September

KS2 - Tuesday 26th September

Uniform

Our school [uniform policy](https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/amblefirstschoolne650ef) is updated annually to ensure that our uniform is accessible and affordable to all families. Uniform can be ordered from: <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/amblefirstschoolne650ef>

Our school uniform consists of:

- Jumper or cardigan in our school colour turquoise, with or without our school logo
- White/navy polo shirt, with or without our school logo
- Black or grey trousers/skirt
- Blue or yellow gingham dress
- Black or grey shorts
- Black school shoes

Jeans and denim shorts should not be worn for school.

For safety reasons, no jewellery should be worn to school except a single pair of stud earrings.

Should you need any support with uniform, please contact Mrs Jackson or Miss Nowak. All requests for support will be treated in confidence.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are hosting a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and will be selling tea, coffee, cakes, cupcakes and a range of other treats from **2pm on Thursday 28th September** in the school hall. We would greatly appreciate any donations (sweet or savoury) for the sale and would ask that these are brought to school no later than lunchtime on Thursday 28th. If anyone is available to help with this, please let us know. Many thanks.

PE Days - Autumn Term 1

Reception	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday	Friday (Swimming)

Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. This comprises their school jumper/cardigan, a white/navy t-shirt and dark coloured shorts/tracksuit bottoms. Shoes should be trainers or sandshoes. Earrings should not be worn on PE days. Staff are unable to remove children's earrings or cover them. If the child is unable to remove the earrings themselves they should be sent to school with them suitably covered.

School Nurse

We are very fortunate to have support in school from My School Health Nursing Services to support our families in school. This term we welcome Ciara who will offer a wide range of support from behaviour, bereavement, sleep, self-esteem and many other concerns that you may have. Ciara will visit the school fortnightly on a Monday afternoon and will meet with both children and/or parents. Please get in touch at any time of the year if you have any questions or if there is anything that you feel Ciara may be able to help with.

Attendance

In the summer term, we published our new attendance documents which outline the expectations for school attendance. We worked closely with the other schools in the Coquet Partnership to ensure a greater level of consistency across schools in how we approach attendance. In line with the Local Authority's Attendance Strategy, we consider 97% attendance to be good attendance. The whole process is based around securing improvement and is intended to support families in ensuring that their children have the best possible attendance at school.

The new policy, flowcharts and letters can be accessed on the school website at: <https://amble-first.eschools.co.uk/web/attendance/420380>

Beach Days

Weather permitting, we have planned the following mornings for our Beach trips this term.

KS1 Mon 2nd Oct Mon 13th Nov

KS2 Wed 4th Oct Wed 15th Nov

Children should come to school suitably dressed for the weather. They may also bring a labelled bucket and spade to use.

Reading breakfasts

We are delighted to continue our reading breakfasts this year where families can come and share books with their children at the start of the day. Please come through the main entrance at drop off time and join us for a snack and a story.

Reception	Friday 20th October
Year 1	Tuesday 17th October
Year 2	Thursday 19th October
Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 18th October

Parent drop in sessions

We are also continuing our parent drop-in sessions where families are invited to spend time with the children on different activities. All sessions will be from 2pm. Please come to the main entrance.

Reception	Monday 27th November
Year 1	Wednesday 29th November
Year 2	Tuesday 28th November
Year 3	Thursday 30th November
Year 4	Monday 4th December

A full list of dates (including Harvest and Christmas performances) to follow...