

Newsletter



Amberley Primary School

Spring 1 2026

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This half-term at Amberley!

What a start to 2026 we've had! This half-term has been full of exciting learning and great progress. As ever, we remain very proud of our wonderful children. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

STEM WEEK 2026

STEM week has returned with a bang this year and we've enjoyed a week full of science, technology, engineering, maths and much more! We will be sharing lots of our photographs when our new Instagram launches after half-term. To our visitors across the week and those that gave up their time to join us for careers morning, we wish to extend our deepest gratitude – the children absolutely loved it! Thank you so much!

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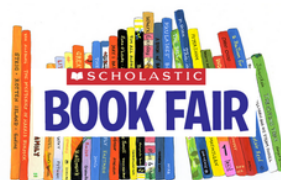


Thank you to those who attended our EYFS and KS1 Parents' evenings this week. We look forward to seeing our Key Stage 2 parents after half-term on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th February! Thanks to the PTFA for providing the teas and coffees!



World Book Day – 5th March 2026

This World Book Day we invite all children to dress as 'something you are into.' In-line with our mission at Amberley, WBD promotes reading for pleasure. Part of the National Year of Reading is the motto 'if you're into it, read into it' hence our dress up theme this year! This may mean your child comes as a footballer, a scientist, a dinosaur, a princess...anything they are into! This could also be a character from their favourite book if you wish. As usual, children will receive a £1 book token, redeemable from 12 February to 15 March 2026, to choose a free book – the book fair will be in school on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th March for those who wish to visit.



PTFA Announcements



We hope the children enjoyed the Valentine's disco this week – thanks for your support!



Keep your eyes peeled for our Easter bingo date!



Volunteers needed to join the PTFA! New faces, ideas and support are always very welcome – please look out for an email with the date of our next meeting and come along!



Applying for school places

Nursery:

Nursery applications forms for places in September 2026 are available from the school office and on the school website. We offer 15 hours per week as either a morning (08:45 to 11:45) or afternoon (12:30 to 15:30) session.

We take nursery applications from birth and whilst there is no application deadline, children will be offered a place from the term after they turn 3. We have three intakes per year; September January and April. Offers are made in June, November and February. Please speak to the school office for more information on nursery places.

Reception:

Reception applications for September 2026:

Applications opened: 1st September 2025

Applications closed: 16th January 2026

National offer day: 16th April 2026

Middle and Secondary

Middle and Secondary school applications for September 2026:

Applications opened: 8th September 2025

Applications closed: 31st October 2025

National offer day: 2nd March 2026

Office news

Arbor App

We will soon be using the Arbor App to communicate with parents and guardians. To get in-app messages, please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app to your phone. Download the app from the Android Play Store or Apple App Store.

Please remember to order your children's school lunch via the Arbor app. Pre-ordering ensures your child will get their preferred meal each day!

Amberley breakfast club runs daily with starting time options of 7.30am (£4) or 8am (£3). If you wish for your child to attend, please use the booking in system on your Arbor App. Parents can use their Tax-Free Childcare account to pay for breakfast club. Please contact the school office for details on how to do this.



Wear Red for CHUF

As per Mrs Dickie's email earlier this week, help us celebrate Heart Month by Wearing Red for CHUF to raise money and awareness of CHUF's amazing work supporting Heart Heroes and their families all year round. Join us on Friday 27th February for our annual Wear Red for CHUF Day for a suggested donation of 50p. There will also be a 'guess the sweets in the jar' game on the day for 50p per guess, with the winner announced in afternoon assembly.

Medication

Please can we remind parents that medication should not be left in children's bags. Prescribed medication should be handed in to the school office and a consent form signed.

Car Parking

Please only use the car park if you are a blue badge holder and have paid a deposit for a barrier fob. The car park is not to be used to collect from after-school clubs.



Our whole school attendance to date this year is 95.3%, just shy of our target of 96%. Well done everyone!



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Extra-curricular clubs next half-term

The following clubs are running after-school next half term. If you have signed your child up to a club, remember to check the sessions dates and times on your Arbor app and please ensure children have any kit they might need for the session. We cannot always call home for forgotten items.

Monday

Y5 Cycling Club 15:15 to 16:30

KS2 Dance Festival Club 15:15 to 16:15

Tuesday

Crafty Kids 15:15 to 16:30 – run by private provider not in Arbor App

Y3/4 Hockey Club 15:15 to 16:15

Wednesday

No Clubs

Thursday

Y1/2 Hockey Club 15:15 to 16:15

Friday

Zumba 15:15 to 16:00



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Parental Survey Results

Thanks to those of you that completed our parental survey; we had 116 responses. I am very pleased to say that 97% of those parents that answered said you would recommend Amberley to another parent.

We always value your feedback, and while the majority of responses were overwhelmingly positive, we also appreciate the constructive comments that help us continue to improve. Over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing all suggestions carefully and identifying any actions we can take to further strengthen our provision.

Thank you again for your time.

Safeguarding at Amberley

We celebrated 'safer internet day' this week on Tuesday where the theme was 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

At Amberley Primary School, we remain fully committed to keeping all children safe and ensuring their wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do. Our

Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Dawson, supported by our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Hurst, Miss Taylor and Miss Low. If you ever have concerns about a child's safety or welfare, please contact the safeguarding team on 0191 814 0970, or North Tyneside's Front Door Service on 0345 2000 109 (office hours) or 0191 200 6800 (evenings/weekends). As part

of our safeguarding commitment, we also remind families to continue supporting online safety at home by talking regularly with children about how they use technology, encouraging them to speak up if something worries them, and checking that apps, games and websites they use are age-appropriate. We also take into account contextual safeguarding factors, recognising that influences outside the home—such as peer groups, the local community, and online environments—can all impact a child's safety and wellbeing. Full safeguarding and online safety policies are available on our school website.



Designated Safeguarding
Lead

Name: Mr Dawson
Title: SENco / SLT



Designated Safeguarding
Deputy

Name: Mrs Hurst
Title: SEMH lead



Designated Safeguarding
Deputy

Name: Miss Taylor
Title: SLT / English lead



Designated Safeguarding
Deputy

Name: Miss Low
Title: Support staff Y6

Children's mental health week

This week in PSHE lessons we have celebrated children's mental health where the theme has been 'belonging.' We will be following this theme in our assemblies when we get back after half-term.



Dance Festival

For those pupils competing in the North Tyneside Dance Festival at Whitley Bay Playhouse on Monday 16th March, rehearsals with Miss Cranston are well under way and the routine is looking fantastic! We can't wait to see it on the night!



Baby News!

We are delighted to share that Mrs Hogg has welcomed baby Millie and that both mum and baby are doing well. We send them all our love and best wishes.

Big shout out to DJ Gary at Sharpe Beats Entertainment for coming to our rescue at the disco yesterday when our usual DJ was unwell.



Sharpe Beats Entertainment

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Have a fantastic half-term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February when school re-opens. Have a great week!

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TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Your child should now have received their log-ins for Numbots (KS1) which is the same as their TTRS log-ins (KS2). Just 10 minutes practice per day can help improve instant recall hugely so if you have some spare time this half-term, join in the fun!