

Newsletter



Amberley Primary School

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This half-term at Amberley!

We have had another fantastic half-term at Amberley as we continue to race our way through 2026! Our pupils have embraced every learning opportunity with curiosity, enthusiasm and a readiness to shine, there has been so much to celebrate. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to:

Y4 Easter Assembly



Y4 led a wonderful Easter assembly on Wednesday to parents and pupils alike. Thank you Y4, you were fantastic. Thanks to all of our Y4 families for attending and also to Rev Moon for joining us and announcing the winning egg and bonnet entries!

Easter competition

We were all super impressed with this year's Easter entries and Rev Moon had a very difficult time judging our winners. Thank you to everyone who entered – please see our Amberley Primary Instagram for pictures of our winners and their winning entries.

Nur am – Callum and Harper
Nur pm – Oscar and Tilly
Rec AG – Elouise and Rory
Rec SI – Jay and Elsie
Y1 MN – Mariella and Teddy S
Y1 RN – Luke and Nova-Rose
Y2 CS – Rogan and Sapphire
Y2 HB – Rose and Finn
Y3 OC – Jack and Ellie
Y3 RS – Madison and Joshua
Y4 HD – James and Ethan S
Y4ML – Alfie and Winter
Y5 AW – Mia and Olivia
Y5 JN – Eva and Scarlett
Y6 DM – Edie and Jessica
Y6 LT – Emily C and Jacob P



PTFA Announcements

Did you know that our discos, fairs, and Easter Bingo are all organised by a small group of volunteers? Could you spare a couple of evenings a year to help plan events, or just to help out at the events themselves? If so, your PTFA need you!

Last year we raised £6,850 and used that money to pay for Author visits for the children, equipment for the sensory room, presents and hats at Christmas and SATs treats for Year 6.

In the coming years we would like to subsidise school trips to make things cheaper for everyone and our long-term goal is to get some fantastic new play equipment for the yard! Watch out for our new sparkly totaliser coming soon...

If you are interested in joining us or just coming along to listen at our next meeting, please email our lovely team of parents at amberleydragons@outlook.com. Thank you!

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Easter Bingo

Thank you for joining us on Tuesday night for our annual PTFA Easter Bingo - we hope you enjoyed it! Thank you to our PTFA volunteers as always for their dedication and organisation, to you all for attending and to the staff that helped out on the night to make it a success.

Keep your eyes peeled for our summer fair date coming soon!



Children's Cancer Run, 2026

As you know from Mr Shannon's recent letter, this year we are delighted to announce that Amberley will be taking part in the Children's Cancer run at Gosforth on Sunday 17th May, 2026. Our profile can be found using the link below and already you have raised almost £400!

<https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/amberley-primary-school#qrCode>

We loved hearing from Jo in assembly today about the event & Mr Shannon will be back in touch when we know our start time. Thank you very much for your support and happy fundraising for this amazing cause!



Our whole school attendance to date this year is 95.5%, just shy of our target of 96%. Well done everyone!

Office news

Arbor App

We have now begun 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.

Pre-loved Uniform

A reminder that we have pre-loved uniform at the front of school. No need to ask, just help yourself.

Medication

Please can we remind parents that all 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.

Access to staff at the start of the day

Please be advised that staff are unable to meet with parents once the school day has started as they are in class teaching. If you wish to make an appointment, please see staff at the end of the day or phone / email the office and staff will get back to you when they are able to. Many thanks.



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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

Tuesday

Crafty Kids 15:15 to 16:30 – run by private provider

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

Wednesday

Y3/4 Culture Clun 15:15 to 16:00

Thursday

Y5/6 Tennis Club 15:15 to 16:15

Friday

Zumba 15:15 to 16:00



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Y5 Cycling Day



It's soon time for our Y5 cyclists to saddle up and bike to Amble on their cycle residential with Mrs Dickie and Mr Shannon. On Wednesday this week, they faced their toughest challenge yet with a full day of cycling, covering 23 miles! Well done team, not long to go now!

Safeguarding at Amberley

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).

Our older children in school have taken part in a number of sessions recently, aimed at educating and reminding them about issues such as antisocial behavior, hate crime and the importance of staying safe online.

Please continue to talk to your children about their safety online and encourage open conversations about what they are doing and who they are communicating with.

Full safeguarding and online safety policies are available on our school website.

Please see the final 2 pages of the newsletter for top tips on parental controls and helpful websites for parents.

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

Red Nose Day 2026

On Friday 20th March, we all had a brilliant time raising money for Comic Relief! It was great to see so many children participating for such a worthy cause. We raised an amazing £345 – thank you for your generosity, what an achievement!



High Borrans 2026!

In March, Year 4 headed to High Borrans in the Lake District for 3 days of fun-filled adventures! We went caving, ghyll scrambling, hill walking and canoeing and not even the Lakes rain (or making our own beds!) could dampen our spirits.



Dance Festival

The annual KS2 dance festival took place on 16th March at Whitley Bay Playhouse and saw Miss Cranston and Mr Shannon take 17 of our dancing divas to showcase their fantastic performance. We are still awaiting official video footage from the night, but the girls absolutely did themselves and school proud and absolutely smashed it. Thanks to Miss Cranston for choreographing the dance!



If you aren't yet following our page on Instagram, please do so to keep up to date with what is going on [@amberley_primary](https://www.instagram.com/amberley_primary)



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TTRS and Numbots reminder!

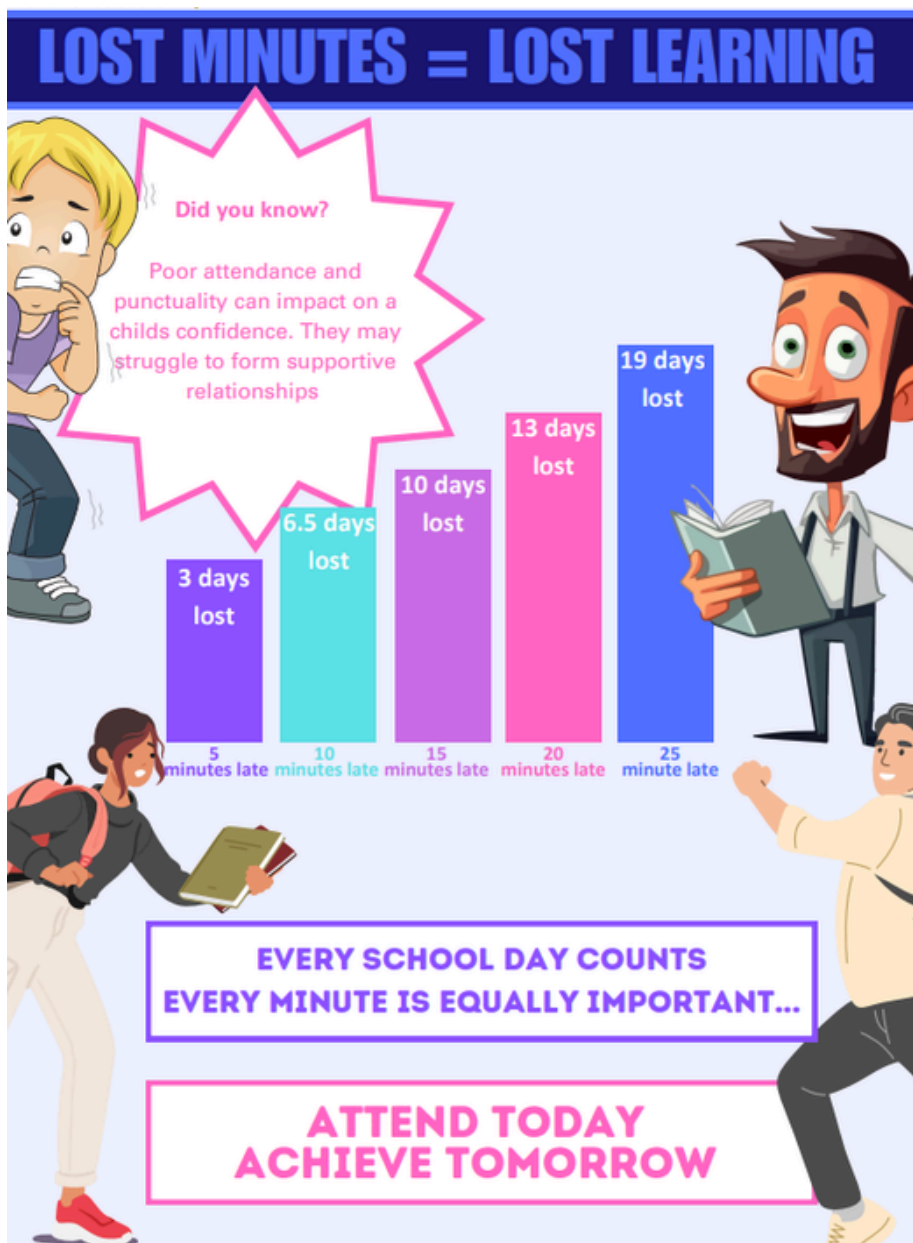
Just 10 minutes practice per day
can help improve instant recall
hugely so if you have some spare
time over Easter, join in the fun!



YARD REMINDERS

Please ensure that children are supervised on the yards at all times before and after school, especially if they are using the school fixed equipment. If your child makes their own way to school, please remind them that they should not be on the yard before 8.45am and they must not be playing football. After Easter, the school gates will not be open until 8.40am each morning. Many thanks for your support.

Y6 pupils who attend morning booster on a Wednesday and a Friday should enter through the breakfast club door.



Attendance and Punctuality

The importance of good attendance and punctuality cannot be overemphasised. Education is vital to ensure children have the chance to achieve their potential in life, for their future. Children only get one education; every day missed by choice, is missed knowing there is a potential impact on their education and future.

Parents/carers should also ensure that children arrive on time each day. Children are marked late to school if they arrive after registers close at 9.00am. It is classed as an unauthorised absence if they arrive after 9.30am.

Please contact us if you have concerns regarding your child's attendance and how we can work together to improve this.

This half-term, several year groups have enjoyed taking part in pedestrian training and bikeability sessions – thanks to North Tyneside council for your support with this. North Tyneside have also asked us to share this opportunity with parents:

Could you help a child get safely to school? Working 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon. A rewarding role, building relationships, and becoming part of the community! We need School Crossing Patrol officers to work in the North Tyneside area. If you think you fit the role, please contact Sheralee Clark (Road Safety Officer at North Tyneside Council) at Sheralee.Clark@northtyneside.gov.uk for further information.



School Trips



We have enjoyed lots of school trips this academic year with more scheduled for the summer term! Pupils have visited Weetslade, Newcastle and Gateshead Quayside, the Glasshouse, the Rising Sun Country Park and George Stephenson Railway Museum to name a few!

These trips really do enrich the curriculum for our pupils and bring it alive so many thanks for your voluntary contributions and to those who have been able to support the trips as parent helpers.



Rocksteady concert

Thank you for joining us at our Rocksteady concert on Thursday afternoon after school and celebrating the children's musical talent. We wish Nathan from Rocksteady all the best in his new promotion!



Sport and Wellbeing week

As we do each year at Amberley, our sport and wellbeing week will be the week commencing 18th May this year. We are already well underway with some exciting plans for this week and we will host our KS1 and KS2 sports day on Wed 20th May – more details on this to follow!

Please note that this is a 4-day week as Friday 22nd May is a teacher training day (a reminder has been sent out about this).



Easter Egg Hunt, St John's

A reminder that St John's are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 28th March from 2pm-4pm for any families interested in attending.

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We hope all of our Amberley families celebrating Eid on 19th and 20th March had a wonderful time.

Fidget Toys in school

We kindly ask that parents do not send fidget toys into school. While often well-intentioned, many of these items are proving to be more of a distraction to learning and are being lost or broken. As a school, we are currently developing a range of approved, educational fidget resources which will be provided to pupils who require them, in line with their individual support plans or following discussion with Mr Dawson (SENDCo) or the class teacher. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment for all pupils.



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Parental Controls

MORE parents admit they are not regularly talking to children about online safety

Around six out of ten parents admit they are concerned about issues including online grooming (58%), viewing sexual or violent content (58%)



Yet in the last six months alone, only a third of those parents have had any kind of conversation with them about it. The majority of parents (55%) admit they speak to their children less than once a month about the most pressing issues they face online.



Top tips

- Set up and make use of your home broadband parental controls
- Set controls on your search engine
- Use privacy settings on apps and devices
- Block pop-ups
- Monitor your child's devices
- Have open conversations with your child about online safety and reassure them that they can talk to you or a trusted adult whenever they need to



Parental controls are a great tool to help better protect your children online. Find out how you can use them more effectively

Headteacher appointment

As you will see from the attached letter from our chair of governors, Mrs Debbie Laird, I am delighted to have accepted the Head Teacher job at Amberley on a permanent basis.

It is a privilege to continue working with our wonderful pupils, staff, and families in this role. I am proud of what we have achieved together and look forward to building on this strong foundation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates

Please see attachment for Summer key dates



Helpful Websites for Parents and Carers

UK Safer Internet Centre

www.https://saferinternet.org.uk/

This site contains advice on how to use the internet and new technologies safely and responsibly as well as a range of practical resources, news and events focussing on the safe and responsible use of the internet and new technologies.

Childnet International

www.https://www.childnet.com/

A non-profit making organisation working with others to help make the Internet a great and safe place for children. You can access Jenny's Story, Becky's Story and Let's Fight It Together (the cyberbullying DVD) in addition to other online resources from this site.

Internet Matters

https://www.internetmatters.org/

An internet portal which aims to direct parents and carers to credible and helpful information on how to keep children safe online.



Think U Know

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/

Provides the latest information on the sites young people like to visit, mobiles and new technology. It's separated into different age groups: 5-7years, 8-10 and 11-16 years. There is also a 'parent/carer' and 'teacher/trainer' section. It discusses what's good; what's not so good about the internet; about online risks and what you can do about them.

Google Family Safety Centre

https://safety.google/families/

Provides parents and teachers with practical tools to help them choose what content their children see online. Look out for the video tips on how to set up safe searching on Google and YouTube.

Comparitech

https://www.comparitech.com/blog/vpn-privacy/protecting-childrens-privacy/

A useful guide to help parents, carers and educationalists protect children's privacy online.

The internet mirrors, magnifies and makes more visible, the good, bad and ugly of every day life...



Happy
Easter

A huge thank you to our staff, families and pupils for making this half-term so memorable. We can't wait to see what the next half-term brings! Have a fantastic Easter and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th April when school re-opens. Have a great holiday!

Mrs Shackleton.