Newsletter

Amberley Primary School Autumn 1 2026 Issue #05

This half-term at Amberley!



As the evenings grow darker and winter approaches, it is hard to believe that our first half term of the new school year has already come to an end. The weeks have flown by and what a fantastic start it has been! Our pupils have settled brilliantly into their new classes, embraced new challenges and demonstrated the hard work, kindness & determination that make our school such a special place.

Harvest

We ended the half term with our annual Harvest Assembly, which was a wonderful way to celebrate all that we have achieved. During the assembly, we learned how Harvest is celebrated in different ways around the world and enjoyed singing some fantastic Harvest songs which raised the roof! Thanks to my Y6 readers too for helping.

We were also overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our Amberley families. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Bay Foodbank who asked me to pass on their sincere thanks and gratitude for your support which will make a real difference to local people and families in need.



Thanks to our PTFA and staff for organising and running the Halloween disco and to all of you who attended. We hope you enjoyed it!

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, sensory equipment, presents and hats at Christmas and SATs treats for Year 6.

We also 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!

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 amberleyptfa@gmail.com. Thank you!
Watch out for our Christmas event coming soon!

Nurturing Innovation Aspiration

Star Learners





Some of you may have seen our new website - this can be found at https://www.amberleyprimary.co.uk/

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

Office Reminders

Arbor App

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 from 7.30am - 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. Sessions are £4.

Our whole school attendance to date this year is 96% - bang on our target!

Well done everyone!

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. Please park responsibly in the community.

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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.

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Monday

Y5 Cycling Club 15:15 to 16:30.

Y1 multi sports club 15:15 to 16:15

Tuesday

Y3 multi sports club 15:15 to 16:15

Thursday

Y5 multi sports club 15:15 to 16:15

Friday

Zumba 15:15 to 16:00

SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM



TTRS and Numbots!

On TTRs, our most active classes with 100% engagement this half-term are Y4ML, Y5JB and Y6LM – well dome!

We now have 15 rock heroes in school (answering questions in under 1 second!) and 37 rock legends (answering questions in under 2 seconds). This half-term, George (Y4ML) and Blake (Y6LB) have achieved rock legend status.

On Numbots, Y3AW are our most active class. The top coin earner in Y1 is Evana, in Y2 is Ivy, in Y3 is Adrian, in Y4 is Maddison, in Y5 is Luke and in Y6 is Elif.

Safeguarding at Amberley

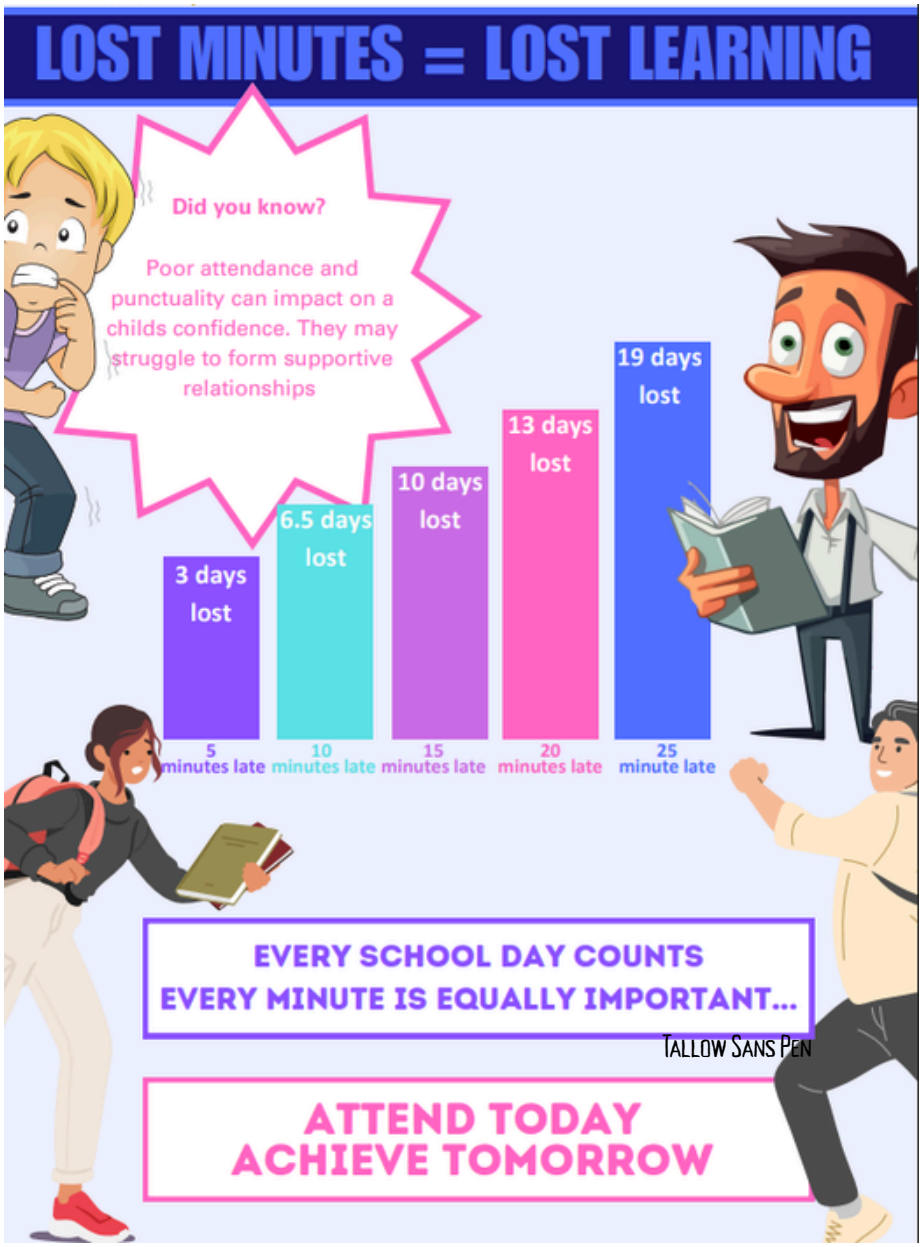
At Amberley Primary School, we remain fully committed to keeping all children safe and ensuring their wellbeing is at the centre of everything we do. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Dawson, supported by our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Hurst, Mrs Blackett and Miss Low.

In assembly this half-term, we have spoken to the children about trusted adults in school and developed a child-friendly safeguarding policy which was sent home to share with your child.

We have also welcomed in Northumbria Police to deliver sessions on online safety and have anti-social behaviour workshops booked in for after half-term.

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





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 (L code) to school if they arrive after registers close at 9.00am. It is classed as an unauthorised absence (U code) 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.

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 playing football on the yard before school.

Scooters and bikes must not be ridden on the playground.

Thanks for your support on this.



Thank you to our EYFS and KS1 parents who joined us this week at parents' evening. We look forward to seeing KS2 parents after half-term.

Thank you to our lovely PTFA who provided and served the tea and coffee on Monday!

Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 26-27







ECO WARRIORS 26-27



AMBERLEY ANGELS 26-27







HOUSE CAPTAINS 26-27









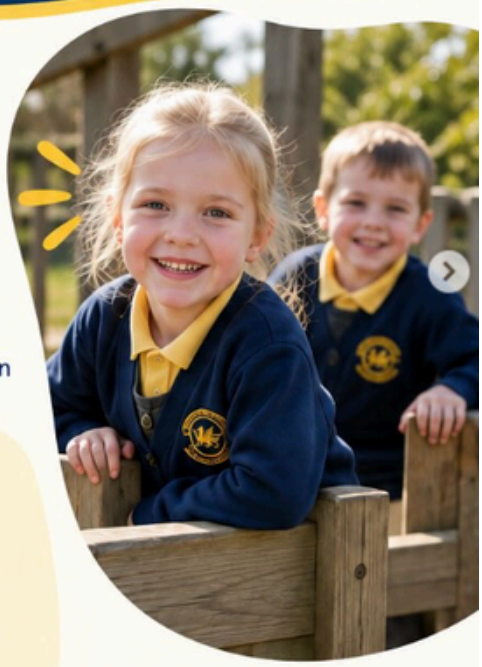
Reception 2027 Visits

Applying for a School Reception Place for September 2027?

If you have a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, you will need to apply for a September 2027 primary school place by the **11th January 2027.**

You can apply online now:
NTC School Admissions

We would like to invite prospective Reception parents to come for a look around our school. This will be an opportunity to find out about the Reception provision at Amberley, have an introduction to our school and meet the EYFS team.



Look around dates:

Tuesday 6th October 9:30am
Monday 12th October 1:30pm
Tuesday 20th October 9:30am
Monday 9th November 9:30am
Tuesday 24th November 9:30am
Wednesday 25th November 3:30pm
Tuesday 1st December 9:30am
Tuesday 5th January 9:30am

Please contact the school office to book:
office@amberleyprimary.co.uk or **0191 8140970.**

AS ALWAYS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF OUR FAMILIES AND THE DEDICATION OF OUR STAFF. TOGETHER, WE HAVE MADE A WONDERFUL START TO THE YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON AT OUR CHRISTMAS SHOWS.
MRS SHACKLETON.





Key Dates

Please see attachment for Aut 2 / Christmas key dates

2026-2027 Term dates

Amberley Primary School Term and Holiday Dates | 2026 to 2027

Sep 2026

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Jan 2027

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Feb 2027

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Aug 2027

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	Autumn Term 1	Wed 2 Sep 2026 – Thurs 22 Oct 2026
	Autumn Term 2	Mon 2 Nov 2026 – Thu 17 Dec 2026
	Spring Term 1	Tue 5 Jan 2027 – Fri 12 Feb 2027
	Spring Term 2	Mon 22 Feb 2027 – Thu 25 Mar 2027
	Summer Term 1	Mon 12 Apr 2027 – Fri 28 May 2027
	Summer Term 2	Tue 8 June 2027 – Wed 21 Jul 2027

Colour Key	
	Bank Holiday
	School Holiday
	Teacher Training Day
	Weekend

Autumn Term 2027 likely to start on Wednesday 1 September 2027

Our Vision

Our vision is to improve the outcomes and life chances of all children by creating an inclusive community where every learner feels safe, seen and valued. Ambitious, carefully designed teaching empowers all children to achieve success, learn from mistakes and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Nurturing

We are kind to ourselves, others and our planet.

Innovation

We are curious and willing to try new things.

Aspiration

We aim high and be the best we can be.

Reception to Year 6

Family Learning

Learn • Support • Grow • Together



Employer Links

A brighter future starts in Reception and grows from there!

Education and employment are changing rapidly.

The earlier parents understand what's changing, the more support they can give their child to build confidence, explore opportunities and prepare for the future.

We're inviting parents and carers of children from **Reception to Year 6** to take part in our **Family Learning workshop.**

This is a friendly, practical and supportive session designed to help you understand learning, choices, skills and future pathways for your child.

How it helps your child

Builds confidence
Helps them feel happy, secure and mere ready to try new things.

Develops key skills
Supports early reading, writing, maths and communication skills.

Improves progress
Builds a strong foundation for their future learning and development.

Strengthens their bond
Creates more quality time together and shared positive experiences.

Helps them feel valued
Shows them you are interested, proud and part of their journey.

JUST 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME

A small commitment with a big impact!

How it helps you

Practical ideas
Simple, easy ways to support your child's learning at home and build on what they do at school.

Greater understanding
Find out what's expected at each stage and how you can help your child succeed.

Useful information
About the curriculum, assessments, key dates and what comes next.

Signposting & support
Help with any worries or challenges you may face (including weilbeing, finances and more).

Plus... you could win amazing prizes in our raffle!



OR



Laptop OR iPad

+ £100 Shopping Voucher + £50 Food Voucher



To find out our upcoming dates at White Swan Centre Killingworth, please scan the QR Code