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Happy New Year!

From all the staff and governors here at school, we wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year! It's been great to welcome all our families back to school this year and to see the children so settled back into their learning. Here's to another great term of learning ahead of us – Please do remember to check out the school website which we are updating constantly and see what your children will be learning this coming term.

Nursery Celebration

We had a wonderful time on Thursday morning welcoming in friends and supporters to officially open our new Nursery canopy and outdoor STEM facilities. This is an amazing addition to our provision and something that could not have been achieved without the tireless work of our Nursery team led by Mrs Kirk. We would like to thank our very generous supporters for making this possible - French's Fish and Chip Shop, Dean and Dave at Trade Mate, Wells carnival and Holkham Charitable, Egmore energy, Hornsea energy, Pat Weston and NPM builders, and a special thanks to Sam from NPM builders for his innovative sand scape design! Watch out for the article in the EDP soon!

CB Drama Classes at APHS – Yrs 4-6

Carl Bradley visited our year 4,5 & 6's yesterday for a drama workshop and to tell them all about a new drama club that is starting at APHS, led by himself who is a qualified LAMDA teacher. Classes will commence on Thursday 15th January from 4-5pm. For more information please see the letter posted on the class pages on Class Dojo.

After School and Lunchtime Clubs Spring First Half Term 26

SCOPAY will be open for booking places from 1.30pm on Friday 9th January.

Places are allocated by SCOPAY on a first come first served basis, unless otherwise stated.

Different clubs are open to children from different years so please check your child is eligible to join a club. If a club does not appear as bookable on SCOPAY that means that all places have already been filled or your child is not eligible to join. If you would like your child to go on a waiting list in case any spaces come up, please Dojo the school office.

Please ensure that all balances from previous clubs have been paid before booking club places, if a booking is made with an outstanding balance the place may be withheld until all club balances have been paid.

Please check the club description for the start and finish date. There is an expectation that children will attend every week unless they are absent from school. If a child regularly misses a club then they may be removed from the club to make way for another child to attend.

If we don't meet minimum numbers required for a club to run we will unfortunately have to cancel and inform families before the first session.

Tuesdays After School

3.15-4.15pm Lego Club with Mrs Chesterman

13th January start date, 10th February end date (5 sessions)

Open to Years 2-6. The cost is £5 (£1 per session), payable in cash by the first session

Thursdays After School

3.15-4.15pm Fencing Club with Mr Wayland-Whole of Spring Term

15th January start date, 26th March finish date (11 sessions)

Open to Years 3-6. Free of charge.

3.15-4pm Choir Club with Mrs Taylor-Whole of Spring Term

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Tuesday Lunchtimes

This half term Mrs Morrell will be running a girls football club on Tuesday lunch time, in preparation for the upcoming AHS cluster festival. Please ensure your child signs up via the PE board. All girls will be required to bring a change of clothes and boots if they have them, Mrs Morrell will bring spare boots for those that don't have any. Sign up sheet is available on the PE Board in school from 8.30am Monday 12th January

Thursday Lunchtimes

We are very lucky to have Soul returning from Thursday 15th January to run a Rugby Lunchtime Club. Please could children bring a change of clothes and shoes if they would like to take part. Sign up sheet is available on the PE Board in school from 8.30am Friday 9th January.

Term dates for 2025-2026

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/wells-next-the-sea/parents-and-carers/term-dates>

19th January Cluster High-5 Netball Event
2nd February Cluster Girls Football Event
13th February Last Day of Spring 1 Term
23rd February First Day of Spring 2 Term
9th March Cluster Swimming Gala
27th March Last Day of Spring 2 Term
14th April First Day of Summer 1 Term
28th April - Sea Lavenders Class Assembly 9am
4th May Bank Holiday Monday-School Closed
18th May Cluster Tri-Golf Event
19th May Oysters Class Assembly 9am
22nd May Last Day of Summer 1 Term
1st June First Day of Summer 2 Term
2nd June - SeaShells Class Assembly 9am
8th June Cluster Mini Tennis Event
16th June - Marsh Mallows Class Assembly 9am
22nd June Cluster Kwik Cricket Event
30th June - Samphire Class Assembly 9am
6th July Cluster Volleyball Event
14th July - Barnacles (Leavers) Class Assembly 9am
17th July Last Day of Summer 2 Term

Our School Designated Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Stroulger, Mrs Taylor & Mrs Beck

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Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued **after 19th August 2024**.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

- The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

- The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.
- Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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