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The End of an Era - Mrs Frary Retires

After cooking thousands of meals for hundreds of children the time has come for our legendary school cook Mrs Frary to retire. Mrs Frary has done an amazing job feeding our pupils delicious meals for over 30 years, and we will be very sorry to lose such a valued member of our school community. We wish her all the very best for a long and happy retirement. Mrs Frary will be leaving us at the end of this half term and we will let you know how we will be creating a lovely send-off for her, with all our best wishes.

Cluster Netball - A win for WPNS!

We were very proud of our 2 teams that participated in the Cluster High-5 Netball competition at APHS this week. We saw some great skills and sportsmanship from all our children and after a sudden death shoot-out we were the winners! Great team work and we are so proud of our fabulous teams 😊.

Orienteering Mapping and Launch Day – 5th February

With some of the PE Premium money, to make use of the incredible space we have outside, we are having the school site mapped for an orienteering course, which is exciting for PE and also all other subjects as the package also includes online cross-curricular lesson plans for all subjects covering EYFS - Y6. The school is being mapped on Tuesday 3rd Feb, all teachers will be receiving training on how to use the resource on Wednesday 4th and then we will be having a launch day on Thursday 5th Feb where all classes will get to experience our course. We are really excited about having this resource in school and know it will be beneficial for all pupils.

Gymnastics Festival at North Walsham

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children were selected to take part in a Gymnastics Festival at North Walsham this week. This was a great opportunity to show off their skills and try out lots of new activities. Another great event to attend with our colleagues and pupils from Burnham Market Primary and Nursery School.

Parent Governor Election

Earlier this week the information on how to apply for the vacant position of parent governor was shared on Class Dojo. Anyone wishing to apply should submit their application to the school office by the 28th January.

PFA News

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead of events with an upcoming Easter Bingo, date to be confirmed. Valentines Disco- Our ever-popular Valentines Disco will be held in the last week of this half term, date to be confirmed.

Please look out for some exciting news coming up in the next few weeks!

We are delighted to see our Year 6 children looking very smart and warm wearing their Leavers hoodies which we have sponsored for each child.

Values Awards

Good Work Awards

Seashells	Evan	Seashells	Phoenix
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Sea Lavender	Harry	Sea Lavender	Blake
Oysters	Bella	Oysters	Kobey
Marsh Mallow		Marsh Mallow	
Samphire	Edwards	Samphire	Milana
Barnacles	Lillimae	Barnacles	Matthew

**Term Dates for
2025-2026**

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

- 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
- 11-15th May SATS Week for Year 6
- 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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