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13th February 2026

Half-term, Happy Holidays!

We look forward to welcoming you back into school on Monday 23rd February. We hope you all enjoy a restful and great half-term holiday next week.

Good bye to Mrs Fray and Miss Chesterman

Today we are very sad to say good bye to Mrs Fray, who is retiring after an amazing 30 years and half a million meals cooked, and Miss Chesterman, who is starting her dream job working in golf. We wish you both the very best of luck, we will miss you lots.

A message from our CEO Daniel Thrower

The Wensum Trust have implemented a new leadership structure across all schools in the Trust, please see Daniel Thrower's letter, which is attached to this newsletter

Orienteering

We had a great day last week enjoying our new orienteering course, the children really enjoyed the challenges set by the course. It's helped us look at our school in a whole new way and appreciate what a lovely site we are lucky to enjoy here in Wells.

PFA News

We are looking forward to a busy year ahead of events with an upcoming Easter Bingo, date to be confirmed. Valentines Disco- We are postponing the disco until later in the year as we have lots of children and staff with coughs and colds and we want everyone to be able to come along and enjoy themselves. We will announce the new date next half term.

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	Jordan	Seashells	Jesse
Sea Lavender	Lucas	Sea Lavender	Olivia
Oysters	Esmay	Oysters	Jake
Marsh Mallow		Marsh Mallow	
Samphire	Olivia	Samphire	Amanda
Barnacles	Team Year 6	Barnacles	Team Year 6

**Term Dates for
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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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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to provide an update on the leadership structure at our schools. This transition marks the final stage of a wider strategic plan that has already been successfully introduced across all our other primary schools. We have taken a phased approach to this rollout to ensure the model is effective and fully supports our commitment to providing the highest quality of education.

A Recognition of Leadership

We want to reassure you that you will see very little change in the day-to-day running of our schools. Our leaders have already been functioning in these roles for some time; this transition is a formal recognition of their hard work and the responsibilities they have already undertaken to support our pupils.

I am pleased to formally confirm the leadership team for our schools:

- Mrs Stroulger is the Executive Headteacher for both schools.
- Miss Clarke is the Head of School for Burnham Market.
- Mrs Taylor is the Head of School for Wells-next-the-Sea

Understanding the Roles

By clearly defining these roles, we are able to improve our focus on both long-term strategic vision and the daily management of each school:

- Heads of School: Miss Clarke and Mrs Taylor remain responsible for the day-to-day operations of their respective schools. They lead teaching, learning, and staff development and remain your primary point of contact. They will continue to be the familiar, constant presence you see around the school every day.
- Executive Headteacher: Mrs Stroulger provides strategic leadership across both schools. Her role is to mentor and support the Heads of School, ensuring a consistent vision and a shared commitment to raising standards and educational quality across the Trust.

Moving Forward

Our goal for this term is to ensure these roles work together effectively to provide high-quality teaching and a rich curriculum for every child. We remain committed to a transparent transition and will continue to communicate with you through letters, website updates, and ClassDojo. We will also be using parent surveys to gather your feedback on how the transition is progressing.

We are confident that formalising this established structure will bring a renewed energy to our schools, and we look forward to continuing our journey of continuous improvement together.

Sincerely,

Daniel Thrower CEO, The Wensum Trust

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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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