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20th March 2026

Staffing Update

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Noakes back to school after the Easter holidays. She will be returning to Seashells class, where she will job share with Miss Gates, welcome back Miss Noakes!

We are delighted to share the happy news with you that Mrs Sheldrake is expecting a baby, she will start her maternity leave at the end of this school year. We wish her all the very best with her pregnancy and look forward to meeting the newest member of the WPNS family!

A message from our town

Wells-next-the-Sea is bidding for UK Town of Culture 2028, a national programme celebrating towns through arts, heritage and community, creating more opportunities for local people to get involved and shape their future.

Our bid, *Tides of Change*, is all about our community especially young people and the future of Wells.

We're now at the final stage and would love as many people as possible to come along, hear more, and share their views before the bid is submitted.

Tides of Change – Open Meeting for Final Review

Wells Maltings Clore-Handa room

Tuesday 24 March 6pm

Bar open for refreshments

This is a real opportunity for young people and families to help shape something that could bring lasting benefits to the whole town.

Thank you very much for your support.

PFA News

TONIGHT! Easter Bingo will be held on Friday 20th March, please note the new venue, the main hall at APHS, doors open at 5.30pm for eyes down at 6pm sharp.

Exciting News! We have now ordered the new Gazebo for our woodlands area. Thank you all so much for your support in helping us to achieve this goal, and to Tom and the team at APHS who will be installing it for us.

Disco Update - We are looking forward to hosting a school disco next half term, we will put the date out as soon as it is confirmed.

Leavers Party - We will be confirming the Year 6 Leavers Party date after the Easter Holidays

Values Awards

Good Work Awards

Seashells		Seashells	
Sea Lavender	Sonny	Sea Lavender	Callie
Oysters	Maci	Oysters	Leo
Marsh Mallow		Marsh Mallow	
Samphire	Millie	Samphire	Team Samphire

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Barnacles	Team Barnacles	Barnacles	
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Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

- 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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