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17th April 2026

Social Media Age Limits for Children

Please find a poster showing the age limits for popular social media apps at the end of the newsletter.

Parking at School

Please can we remind all families that the staff car park is for use by school staff only and is not to be used at any time of the day for picking up or dropping off children. The turning circle is for the use of buses only, cars should not enter or park in the turning circle. Many thanks for your help with this.

PFA News

Our new Gazebo has just arrived on site, we are looking forward to it being installed by the fabulous APHS site team very soon.

We are now beginning our Trim Trail project, keep an eye out for updates!

Disco Date Confirmed - We are looking forward to hosting a school disco next half term, the date is now confirmed as Friday 15th May, we will be selling tickets after Easter.

Leavers Party – The date has been confirmed as Friday 10th July, more details to follow.

Values Awards

Good Work Awards

Seashells		Seashells	
Sea Lavender	Arlo	Sea Lavender	Lila
Oysters		Oysters	
Marsh Mallow	Eliza	Marsh Mallow	Casper
Samphire		Samphire	
Barnacles	Ava	Barnacles	

Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

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

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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

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

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Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?

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Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest
Google + Tumblr Reddit Snapchat Path

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WhatsApp
LinkedIn

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Vine

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Tinder



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or 13 with parent's permission

Youtube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Age specified in the platform's terms of service as of 12/2017



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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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