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1st May 2026

Bank Holiday Reminder!

Monday 4th May is a bank holiday, so we look forward to seeing you after the long weekend on Tuesday 5th May, have a great weekend everyone!

STEM Club Success

Our pupils that attend the APHS junior STEM club had a wonderful time at the Greenpower Goblin Car Race. Mrs Moffat, head of STEM at APHS reports:

"I'm pleased and proud to report that the students were amazing, working so well together as a team that we came away with not one, but two trophies!

We achieved 1st place in the Drag Race and 3rd place in the Sprint Race. There were 21 cars competing from schools across Norfolk, including a number of private schools, so this was a fantastic achievement for their first event!"

Sports Day 2026

We are pleased to announce our Sports Day dates for this year. Our first-choice date is **Tuesday 23rd June**, and our back-up date is Tuesday 30th June. More details will follow closer to the time.

OFSTED Update

We were visited by OFSTED this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We are very proud of all our staff and pupils who met with inspectors to share their experiences of our school, and we look forward to sharing the report with you when we receive it.

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	Charley	Seashells	Rupert
Sea Lavender	Tyler	Sea Lavender	Davyd
Oysters	Iris	Oysters	Luna
Marsh Mallow		Marsh Mallow	Team Year 4
Samphire	Satch and Alfie G	Samphire	Alfie B and Taia
Barnacles	Osten	Barnacles	Lilimae

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Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

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
23rd June Sports Day
30th June Sports Day Back Up date
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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