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5th June 2026

Thank you

Thank you everyone for making me feel so welcome coming back this week. It has been fabulous to catch up and chat with many families and see all the children's smiling faces. Thank you to the amazing staff teams in both schools who have continued to, as always, work tirelessly on providing the best for your children. Here's to a great term of learning together ahead of us. Kind regards, Mrs Rachel 😊

Staffing changes

I'm sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Sheldrake all the very best as she leaves us on June 30th to start her maternity leave. We look forward to sharing her exciting news with you in the future. We are delighted that Mrs Jones will cover and teach for the last 2 full weeks of term to cover this absence.

At the end of this year, we will be saying goodbye and a HUGE thank you to Miss Gates and Mrs Webster who are going to new teaching positions. We wish Miss Gates all the very best as she relocates to London to take on a new position and we wish Mrs Webster all the very best as she moves to Greshams to take on a new position there. We are so grateful to them both for their immense hard work and commitment to our school and we will miss them both!

On next week's newsletter, we will detail specific staffing for each class from September 2026 and introduce new teachers who are joining our team.

Sailing Assembly

We had a fantastic assembly from Ash at Faire sailing and they have a fantastic offer of free sailing courses over the summer. Sign up quickly to avoid disappointment, using this link :

Bursary application - <https://forms.gle/Hd2aGcLQQtNmczss5>

Newsletter sign up - <https://mailchi.mp/faresailing/newsletter-signup>

Website - faresailing.com

Summer Reminder!

Please remember to send children in with sunhats, sun cream and water bottle on sunny/warm days.



A reminder about uniform expectation

School uniform is a royal blue jumper/cardigan, grey/black trousers, shorts, skirt or dress and a white polo top/shirt. Black shoes (not trainers!). Light blue gingham summer dresses are also acceptable in the warmer months.

PE kit is a pair of black or navy-blue shorts, leggings, skorts or joggers with either a plain white t shirt or a t-shirt of the house colour (blue/red/yellow). School jumpers or black/blue plain hoodies/jumpers can be worn. Trainers should come to school to change into, school shoes to be worn during all other lessons.

Woodland clothes should be long sleeved and long trousers, something that you do not mind the children getting messy in. Wellies or other outdoor shoes (not PE trainers) need to be changed into before going to the woods, children without the correct kit will be unable to participate due to health and safety considerations.

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Reception September 2026 New Parents Information Evening - Tuesday 16th June

We are delighted to invite the new reception cohort parents/carers for September 2026 to our information evening on Tuesday 16th June. The session will begin in the school hall at 4pm for the informative talk with the school team, followed by the opportunity to visit the classroom and outside learning space. This is a parent/carer only informative session to receive lots of important information regarding their child's journey to starting school. We look forward to seeing parents/carers then.

PFA News

Exciting Tea Towel news!

We are delighted to be making a whole school tea towel with the children's self-portraits and names underneath, just in case you don't recognise them! We will be in the school canteen every morning next week to take orders, or you can do so at the school office with your order instead. The cost of the tea towel is £5, so stock up ready for Christmas!

Leavers Party - CHANGE OF DATE The new date for our Leavers Party is **THURSDAY 9TH JULY**, apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Values Awards

Good Work Awards

Seashells	Harrison	Seashells	Phoenix
Sea Lavender	Kacey	Sea Lavender	Tyler
Oysters		Oysters	
Marsh Mallow	Afonso	Marsh Mallow	Rowan
Samphire		Samphire	
Barnacles	Edie	Barnacles	Ava

Term Dates for

2025-2026

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

- 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
- 9th July-Year 6 Leavers Party
- 14th July - Barnacles (Leavers) Class Assembly 9am
- 17th July Last Day of Summer 2 Term

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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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