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Happy Holidays!

Have a wonderful half term holiday, it looks like it's going to be a scorcher! We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1st June.

Art Workshops for Years R-6

The children enjoyed fantastic art workshops led by local artist Hannelore Baxter this week. This was made possible through the very generous funding of the North West Norfolk Arts Society; we are very grateful for their support.

Tri-Golf Triumph!

We were excited to participate in the Cluster Tri Golf competition at AHS on Monday. Well done to everyone who took part, we are very proud of you. Congratulations to our Year 4 Team for winning the competition. Thank you to our parents for coming and supporting us and to Mr Walden and the Sports Leaders for organising it

Staffing updates

Mrs Helen Norman has left the school to follow other opportunities. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours.

A Welcome Back for Mrs. Stroulger

We are pleased to share that our Executive Headteacher, Rachel Stroulger, will be returning to lead both Wells-next-the-Sea Primary and Nursery School and Burnham Market Primary and Nursery School, starting 2nd June. Mrs. Stroulger is returning following a four-month period of absence due to ill health. We know that leadership consistency is incredibly important to our school communities, and we are grateful for your patience, understanding, and support during her time away. As she steps back into her role, our focus remains firmly on the education, well-being, and progress of all our children. Please join us in welcoming her back to the schools as we look forward to a successful and productive final half term of the academic year.



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.

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

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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

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

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

There was no celebration assembly this week.

Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

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
9th July-Year 6 Leavers Party
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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