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19th June 2026

Classes for September

As we start now to think about September and our new children joining us and our existing children in school, please see below the teaching staff and where they will be teaching in the new academic year. We will be welcoming 2 new teachers to the teaching team: Mr Odell will be teaching our Year 6 children and Mrs Ward will be teaching our Year 3 children. We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Nixon back after her maternity leave this year and she will be joining Mrs Kirk again in the Nursery team. As we continue to have a smaller intake in Year R, we will be running our Seashells Class and Sea Lavender Class again with Year 1s in each class. Parents of new Year 1 children have been dojo'd separately so that they know which class they will be in from September. We are still positioning support staff, so we will update you with these when they are finalised.

Periwinkles class – Mrs Marijke Kirk and Miss Jade Nixon

Seashells class (reception and year one children) – Mrs Courtney Noakes and Mrs Tiffany Jones

Sea Lavender class (year one and year two children) – Miss Jenny Beard

Oysters class (year three children) – Mrs Laura Ward

Marsh Mallow class (year four children) – Mrs Abi Roy

Samphire class (year five children) – Mrs Sarah Henman and Mrs Helen Taylor

Barnacles class (year six children) – Mr Elliott Odell

Star Fish class – Mr Harry Grimsley

Ebb and Flow provision – Mrs Ali Chesterman

SPORTS DAY 23rd June 2026

See details of this year's sports day and family picnic below.

Please make sure that all children come to school in PE kits wearing their trainers and team-coloured tops, red, blue or yellow. They will also need a hat and a water bottle. Sun cream to be applied by parents please.

11.30am - Parents to enter the school by the canteen, sign in and collect your child from their class/end of day door. Staff and volunteers will show you where to go for your picnic. If your child is having a school dinner, the class staff will organise this for you. The special sports day menu is now available to book on Scopyay.

If you are unable to be at the picnic, children will still enjoy this with their class.

12.15pm - Bell will ring for children to line up with their class teacher on the playground. Children will go back to class to get ready.

12.30pm - Track races start.

2.30pm (ish) - Y6 race against staff followed by house captains speeches, awards and the final result.

3pm Children return to class. Parents can then collect their child as normal.

Please bring a chair with you, we only have a limited amount in school.

Fingers crossed for a lovely sunny, dry day. If the weather is not on our side (either too hot or wet) we will endeavour to postpone the event the night before. Our reserved date is Tuesday 30th June. We look forward to seeing you all 😊

PFA News

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

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Special Visitor Assembly

There was no celebration assembly this week as we enjoyed a special assembly with Ashley Mullenger, the female fisherman. We were delighted to welcome in such an inspirational member of the local community. Thank you for visiting us Ashley!

School uniform and P.E kit

Please continue to support us by sending your pupil to school wearing the correct school uniform and P.E kits. A detailed list can be found on our school website. Football kits are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Purcell School for Music workshop and concert

As part of our continuing collaboration with other local schools, we were delighted to welcome students in today from the London Purcell School of Music. It was an excellent opportunity for all of our children to see these very talented and high-level musicians perform for them in the hall. The musicians also carried out a workshop with our Year 5s. This supports the work that Year 5 are showcasing at Dersingham Village Hall today (for Year 5 parents only to attend).

Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

22nd June Cluster Kwik Cricket Event

23rd June Sports Day

29th June Cluster Mini Tennis

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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