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Autumn 5

### Weekly Newsletter

#### **What's been happening in school**

Y5 have been taking part in the Bikeability course this week. They have enjoyed getting out and about on their bikes and learning how to be safe on the roads.

#### **Junior Life Skills Y6**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October Y6 will be taking part in the Junior Life Skills program. The event, which is free for children to attend, encourages children to think about challenges they could face in 2025 and beyond.

The aim of the event is to develop children's understanding and awareness to enable them to live safely and provide them with the skills to assess and respond appropriately to potentially dangerous situations.

#### **Attendance and Unauthorised Holiday Absence**

We know it is really tricky this time of year with the cough and cold season starting but we have noticed that some children have already missed several days of school. If possible, please could you arrange annual dentist/medical appointment for out of school hours so that your children can remain in school.

Just a reminder we have set up an email address for parents to notify the school of any absence for your child. Please email [absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wembury-primary.devon.sch.uk) confirming the reason your child will not be at school. Thank you

We have had a number of people asking us about the rules around holiday absence below is a poster that should make it clear.

If you take your child on holiday in term time without the prior approval of the school, you may be issued a £60/£120 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child.

As a Parent/Carer, you can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by, whenever possible, taking your holidays during school holidays.

Please see the WeST Attendance Policy for further information [Wembury Primary School -](#)

[Policies](#) The Trust have provided a poster to help clarify the new rules.

# ATTENDANCE

# WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

**I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.**

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

**FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.**



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

# IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1 Day = 2 Sessions**

# 3

# FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...**

# 4

## 2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

**No discount for early payment**



## 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**

**Upcoming events:**

**2026 Foundation Stage Starters meeting**



**Tempest Photography Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Families and Individual photographs**

Tempest photography are coming to school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to take individual and family photographs. If you have a pre school child and would like a family photograph with siblings at school please come into school at 8.30am.

Just to confirm you do not need to bring your children into school early for a family photograph if they are already at school. We will arrange for sibling photographs to be taken. Thank you

## Term Dates and School Calendar

Term Dates and School Calendar can be found using the link below

[School Calendar](#)

[Term Dates](#)

## FROWS News and Events

Have you got your tickets yet? Saturday 11th Comedy night –

🍷 ✅🍷 **We need your help naming our first ever signature cocktail!**  
🍷 🍷🍷 **'The secret's out - our crisp autumnal spice apple cocktail just dropped, to be served at 🍷🍷🍷 Wembury Comedy Night - ALL WELCOME 🍷 - using our very own Wembury Apple Juice and spiced rum! 🍷'**

👤 Add your suggestion on our [facebook page](#): the comment with the most reactions wins a free ticket to Wembury Comedy Night and a Wembury Apple Cocktail on the evening!

Book tickets here: [EventBrite Tickets](#)

## Thursday 23rd October

3pm-3:30pm Doughnut sale in KS1 and 2 playgrounds

## Friday 14th November

DISCO time: we will be sending out a quick survey on the year group chats next week! Please look out for this

3:30-4:30pm EYFS and KS1

4:45-6pm KS2

Thank you 😊 the FROWS team

Kind Regards

Sam Wilkinson