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Spring 1

Weekly Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term. The children have settled quickly and calmly this week, but they are starting to look a bit tired getting used to being back in school.

Admissions For Foundation Class September 2026

A reminder that the deadline is **15th January**.

Primary Schools Cross Country Y4,5,6

This event is back this year. They will be using the same location as this year at Horsham Fields, home of Plymstock Oaks Rugby Club.

The dates are:

Friday 23rd Jan 3.45pm

Friday 30th Jan 3.45pm

Friday 6th Feb 3.45pm

Friday 27th Feb 3.45pm

The races will consist of Y4 Girls, Y4 Boys, Y5 Girls, Y5 Boys, Y6 Girls, Y6 Boys

As in previous years parents are expected to stay and cheer on their children.




NHS Trust - Vision screening for children aged 4 to 5 years

A member of the Orthoptic team from Plymouth Royal Eye Infirmary will be visiting on Wednesday 21st January 2026. Your child will automatically be tested, and you will be notified of the outcome. If you do not wish for your child to have the vision test, you will need to complete the online form. The letter has been sent to you today.

Online Safety Newsletters

Please see the link for the online safety newsletter [Wembury Primary School - Online Safety Newsletters](#)

FRowS News

   This week is our gift amnesty! You can drop your unwanted or duplicated gifts to our drop box at school reception to help in creating future raffle and hamper prizes.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1FzYwqyr11/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your children bring their PE kit into school as it is getting chillier please could you provide your children with a pair of leggings or tracksuit bottoms, so they do not get too cold. Also, please can we remind you that children that wear earrings these should be studs only.

Argyle Football Club

Argyle will be running football club again from Monday 12th January, more information in the link below.

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.abler.io%2fshop%2fpafc%2fafterschoolclubs%3fregion%3dPlymouth%26program%3dQ2x1YINlcnZpY2U6NDg0MzU%3d&c=E,1,4zuZPIUhjrVXAIs6Jx5yTvXvQcUhXOF-2yTEzETTo7vtCsT2QjdOBRCTaAaFSAg5VXyzYWDB5oirVEETC7clegrCY-70ackSD5mid11kVsgcXTQBHPPNdAey4jU,&typo=1>

Dates and Events for Spring Term

Here is a link to our website that leads to our calendar page.

[Wembury School Calendar](#)

Please note Parent and Teacher meetings will be w/b 9th March.

Attendance and Unauthorised Holiday Absence

We know it is really tricky this time of year with the cough and cold season. 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 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



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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

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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...

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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