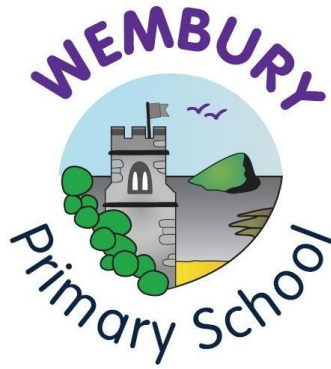




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Summer 10

Weekly Newsletter

A huge thank you to those of you that helped organise and run stalls last Saturday. The Summer Fair was a huge success. It was wonderful to see the school and village community coming together and having fun. The children performed brilliantly with line dancing, a parade, country dancing and Maypole dancing. It was great to see so many children taking part.

We also finally managed to complete our Sports Morning. The children put all their effort into the activities and thank you for all your enthusiastic cheering.



Foundation Class have been on their school trip to Dartmoor Zoo. They loved trying to spot the animals and one of their highlights was travelling by coach!



Attendance and Unauthorised Holiday Absence

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 **£160 Penalty Fine, per parent, per child but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.**

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

4

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...

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

EYFS / Key Stage 1 Morning Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **learning begins promptly at 8:50am each morning.**

To support a calm and purposeful start to the day:

- **School gates will be locked at 8:50am**
- Any children arriving after this time will need to be **signed in at the reception**

Being punctual is very important for several reasons:

- It ensures children **settle quickly and confidently** into their morning routine
- They do not miss **important early learning activities**, which often include reading, phonics or key instructions for the day
- It helps children feel **secure and ready to learn**, without the disruption of arriving late
- It supports the whole class by **minimising interruptions** to teaching and learning

We truly appreciate your support in helping your child arrive on time each day so they can make the very most of their learning opportunities.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Is your household on Universal credit? Your child will now qualify for Free School Meals.



FOOD FESTIVAL
ASPENS

**BIG CHANGES TO
FREE SCHOOL MEALS
COMING THIS SEPTEMBER!**

**Is your household on Universal Credit?
Your child will now qualify!**

The Government is removing the £7,400 income cap this September. All families on Universal Credit will now qualify for Free School Meals.

You can claim if you receive Universal Credit, Income Support, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit, or State Pension Credit.

Why apply:

- Save roughly £495 a year per child!
- Secure extra funding for our school to support your child's learning.

APPLY ONLINE IN 2 MINUTES:

It is 100% confidential and won't affect your other benefits.

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals



Online Safety Newsletters

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

End of term school disco – Thursday 16th July 2026

Foundation and KS1 3.30-4.30pm – children to stay in school, please remember to pack your party clothes.

KS2 4.45-6pm – children are to be picked up as normal and brought back at 4.45pm

Please collect your children from their classrooms

Dates and Events for Summer Term

16th July End of Term Disco (FrOWS event)

20th July Y6 Show 5pm

21st July Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm

Kind Regards

Sam Wilkinson