MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notices issued after the 19th August 2024. Please be aware that this is a national framework and is not unique to our school.

Please be aware that Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.
For example: If 3 siblings are absent, it would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period (this used to be 10 days)

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for unauthorised Term Time Leave of 5 or more days within a 10-week period. Each school day is split into two sessions (morning/afternoon) so this is 10 sessions.

First offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a fine of £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

Second offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued it carries a fine of £160 per parent, per child if 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. Instead, the case will be presented straight to Magistrates Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.