Newsletter – 6th November 2026

Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back for the first week of Term 2. The children have settled back into school brilliantly and there has already been a real buzz of learning around the school. Thank you to all our families for helping the children return ready to learn and make the most of the weeks ahead.

We have been busy preparing for our Open Morning on **Tuesday 10th November at 10.00am**. If you know any families with children due to start Reception, we would be delighted if you could spread the word about our lovely school and encourage them to come along. It is a great opportunity for prospective families to see our school in action, meet staff and pupils and find out what makes Wivelsfield such a special place to learn and grow.

Once our Open Morning is over, our attention will quickly turn to the exciting countdown to Christmas, which is always a busy and enjoyable time in school!

We are aware that some classes have parent WhatsApp groups. These can be a really helpful way for parents to remind one another about non-uniform days, school events or items children need to bring into school. However, please remember that these groups are not managed by the school. In school, we must follow strict GDPR guidelines and we would appreciate your support in ensuring that messages only relate to your own child within these groups. Please remember that some families may not wish for their child to be mentioned, or for information about clubs, groups or activities to be shared. Discussions within WhatsApp groups can also sometimes lead to confusion regarding school clubs, events and visits, so if you are ever unsure, please contact the school directly for confirmation about your own child.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Green
Head of School



Wrens

Wrens are collecting old Christmas cards and wrapping paper for Christmas crafts, any donations would be greatly received when you dust off that box in the attic!

As the weather changes named gloves and hats would be a welcome addition to keep everyone cosy outdoors. Thank you very much!



Robins (Reception)

Well done Robins for a great first week back.
Please see Tapestery for a summary of learning and pictures.

Reminders: children need a water bottle every day.
Please continue to practise doing up coat zips! Thank you!



Hedgehogs (Y1)

- We have loved seeing photos and things being sent in for our **History topic** this term please can all remaining photos/small objects be brought in by next Tuesday any children without will be given stock images to use instead.
- **Forest school** group A next Thursday.
- Reminder we cannot change **library books** until previous are returned so please keep these in book bags.
- **Afternoon snack**- Thank you to parents who kindly brought some snacks in for the class this week! A reminder whilst morning break snack of fruit is always available, if your child would like a snack in the afternoon these need to be brought in from home.



Rabbits (Y2)

We are really impressed with how the Rabbits have settled into the new term. Well done for a fab first week back.

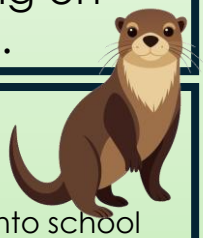
Please remember correct uniform for our fashion show during open morning on Tuesday.



Foxes (Y3)

We have had explosive fun writing poems about Bonfire Night this week.

Group A had a brilliant time at Forest School. Group B you are next week.



Otters (Y4)

The children have settled back into school well. We have started our new topic on Rainforests and are looking forward to our animal visit in a couple of weeks.

We have relaunched our love reading scrapbooks. If your child brings it home, please support them to complete it so they can share their favourite books with their friends.



Badgers (Y5)

We will be creating the new Forest School timetable for Term 3 & 4 soon and Badgers will have sessions to catch up on their missed Forest School earlier this term.

Also, next week, we are asking children to bring in some cardboard from home so that we can use it to make gears as part of our DT project



Owls (Y6)

This week, the Owls have been incredibly resilient. We have been learning to use BODMAS and subordinating conjunctions!

Reminder: Owls Class assembly is on Thursday 12th November.

KS2 Pencil Cases

We love seeing children take responsibility for their own learning by bringing in their own pencil cases. Whilst essential resources children need are available in school, many pupils enjoy having their own equipment to use throughout the day.

If your Key Stage 2 child would like to bring a pencil case to school, we have put together a few suggestions of items that are particularly useful: **HB pencils, colouring pencils, a glue stick, a ruler, a rubber, a pencil sharpener and a highlighter.** These are the things children are most likely to use regularly in class.

Please ensure that pencil cases are kept to a reasonable size to fit in their trays. Thank you for your support in helping children come to school organised, prepared and ready to learn. We really appreciate your partnership in making sure they have everything they need to have a successful day at school.

Pencil cases must not be a distraction to their learning and must not contain fidgets or additional accessories. Children are responsible for their own belongings that they bring into school.





Forest School

We are gathering firewood for our forest school sessions this autumn. If anyone has contact with a tree surgeon or similar, these contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Our School Choir is performing at our open morning – please may choir children wear full school uniform and bring in PE kit to change into if they have PE on Tuesday or a club. Thank you.





We would like to say a huge thank you to Miss Mason for creating our fantastic *Buglins Hotel*! It has quickly become a wonderful addition to our outdoor area and a place of great excitement for the children.

We would also like to thank Mrs Walsh and Garden Pride Garden Centre, Ditchling, especially Zoe Howell and Dean Bailey (Manager), for their generous donation of plants and seeds. Their kindness and support helped bring this special project to life.

The Robins have been absolutely delighted exploring their new little hotel and are already enjoying discovering the mini-beasts that may choose to stay there! 🐞



Open Morning 10.11.26

Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery

Believe Achieve Succeed

Is your child starting school in September 2027?

We would like to invite you to our Reception Open Day on

Tuesday 10th November at 10:00am.

Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery is at the heart of our beautiful village community, where every child is known, valued and encouraged to flourish. Surrounded by open space and countryside, our children enjoy endless opportunities to learn, explore and grow, both inside and beyond the classroom.

We are proud to offer a warm, inclusive and nurturing environment where children feel happy, safe and inspired to achieve their very best. With dedicated staff, enriching learning experiences and a strong sense of community, Wivelsfield is a school where children develop confidence, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

Our popular school offers:

- Wrap around care
- An extensive extra curricular offer
- Forest school sessions
- Enriching opportunities including trips and special visitors.

To book a space, or for any questions email **wivelsfieldoffice@bluebellfederation.co.uk** or call **01444 471393**.



Come and discover all that Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery has to offer. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Calendar of Events



Term 2	
Monday 2nd November	Term 2 starts
Tuesday 10th November	Reception 2027 open morning
Thursday 12th November	Last swimming lesson Year 4
Thursday 12th November	Owls Class Assembly
Friday 13th November	Children In Need - own clothes day
Thursday 19th November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 1st December	One Voice Festival
Friday 4th December	Wrens Christmas Performance
Thursday 10th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity morning performance
Friday 11th December	EYFS/KS1 Nativity morning performance
Monday 14th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Sponsored Elf Run (more information to come soon!)
Friday 18th December	Panta Performance at school
Friday 18th December	Term 2 ends
Saturday 19th December- Sunday 3 January	Christmas school holiday



Term 3	
Monday 4th January	Term 3 starts
Thursday 27th January	Otters Class assembly
Thursday 11th February	Poetry Workshops for whole school
Friday 12th February	Term 3 ends
Saturday 13th February - Sunday 21 February	February school holiday



Wivelsfield Green



Remembrance Sunday

8th November 2026

ALL WELCOME

10:30am

Service at

Saint Peter and St. John the Baptist Church

12:15pm

Service & Wreath Laying at the

Village War Memorial , Green Road

Green Road will be closed between

12:00 and 12:45

ONLINE SAFETY

Mobile phones are a major part of young people's lives, but growing concerns about their impact on mental health, learning and wellbeing have prompted tighter restrictions. From classroom distractions and excessive screen time to cyberbullying and harmful online content, this #WakeUpWednesday guide examines the potential risks and explores what the evidence tells us about smartphone use.

With schools now expected to be phone-free environments, and further social media restrictions proposed for under-16s, understanding the changing rules is increasingly important. Featuring expert insight from Mark Emmerson OBE, our guide explains the latest requirements, including reasonable adjustments for pupils with additional needs, and offers practical advice to help parents and educators encourage healthier digital habits.

WPS online guides

Please click on the link above to take you to our online safety page of our school website. Scroll down to ONLINE SAFETY UPDATES - WAKE UP WEDNESDAY to find out more information on **Mobile Phones**

November's online video focus: Online Grooming

Online Grooming - November 2026 on Vimeo



🚫 Allergy Awareness Notice 🚫

HELP US KEEP EVERY CHILD SAFE

At our school, we have children with **nut and sesame allergies**. Even small amounts of these ingredients can cause a severe allergic reaction.

Please Do Not Send:

- ❌ Nuts of any kind
- ❌ Peanut butter or nut spreads
- ❌ Nut-based snack bars
- ❌ Foods containing sesame

Did You Know?

Sesame can often be found in:

- Hummus and tahini
- Sesame seeds
- Sesame oil
- Burger buns and bread rolls topped with seeds
- Bagels and breadsticks
- Crackers and savoury snacks
- Some cereal bars and flapjacks
- Some sauces, dressings and Asian-inspired foods
- Halva and other sesame-based sweets

Please Check Labels Carefully

Before sending food into school, please check the ingredients list to ensure products are **free from nuts and sesame**.

💙 **Thank you for your support in helping us provide a safe environment for all members of our school community.** 💙

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY PTA SCHOOL & NURSERY

SECRET PRESENT ROOM

GIFT DONATIONS NEEDED!

This Christmas, the children will have the chance to choose a special gift for their mum, dad or another special adult in their life, have it wrapped up and secretly pop it under the Christmas tree!

WE'RE LOOKING FOR

NEW, UNUSED GIFTS

that children can choose for someone special.

GIFT IDEAS INCLUDE:



Mugs & small home accessories



Candles & pamper gifts



Chocolates & sweet treats



Socks, keyrings & little surprises



Gifts for mums, dads, grandparents & carers



PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS AT RECEPTION BY

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.



More information will follow soon on how your child can get access to this special event via our socials!

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY PTA

Christmas Event

TICKETS ON SALE

TUESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER!

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY

Tuesday 10th, Friday 13th, Tuesday 17th & Friday 20th November

at school drop-off and pick-up

★ RAFFLE TICKETS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO BUY ON THESE DATES ★

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY ★ PTA PRESENTS ★

CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Dr. Seuss' The GRINCH

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

DOORS OPEN 5:15PM

FILM STARTS 5:45PM

BRINKES SNACKS AVAILABLES TO BUY

- POPCORN
- SWEETS
- SOFT DRINKS
- COLD DRINKS
- CRISPS

Siena Pizza Co.

£12 FAMILY OF 4
£4 PER PERSON

QUIZ, FIZZ & SHOWBIZ

DDULTS-ONLY CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Brisco Entertainments

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 7PM

TEAMS OF 4 - 8

Siena Pizza Co.

£10 PER PERSON
INCLUDES A FREE DRINK

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOIL PTA

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Breakfast with Santa

MEET SANTA

FESTIVE BREAKFAST

FUN STALLS!

AND MORE!

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

FROM 9.30AM

£5 PER CHILD
BREAKFAST BOX & SPECIAL GIFT FROM SANTA INCLUDED

£2.50 PER PARENT
FREE HOT DRINK INCLUDED

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY
PTA
SCHOOL & NURSERY

WE WANT YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER!



WE'RE COLLECTING GOOD QUALITY
CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND FESTIVE TOPS
FOR OUR PRE-LOVED JUMPER SALE!

DONATIONS BY 13TH NOVEMBER

BY RECEPTION