Newsletter – 23rd October 2026

How have we completed Term 1 already?! It has been such a busy and positive start to the school year and joining Bluebell Federation and I can't quite believe we are heading into half term. There has been so much to celebrate already and I hope the children are feeling proud of everything they have achieved so far.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for one of our Parents' Evening meetings this week. It was fantastic to have the opportunity to share your child's progress with you and to show you some of the brilliant work they have completed so far this year. We really value these opportunities to celebrate how the children are getting on.

Over half term, you may notice some exciting improvements beginning around our school site, with new site fencing and gates being installed. Keeping everyone in our school community safe is incredibly important to us and these improvements will help make our site even more secure. Work will continue for around six weeks and we really appreciate your patience and understanding while it is completed.

Finally, I'm delighted to share that our Macmillan Cake Sale back in September raised a fantastic **£130.15**. Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and donated! I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November.**

Mrs Green



Wrens

Thank you to everyone who responded to the parent survey. We hope to have more information for you about after school club at the beginning of next term. Have a lovely break everyone and we will see you in November!

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Robins (Reception)

Well done Robins for an amazing first term at school! I am so proud of every child's progress already.

Over half term please can children practise doing up their zips now the weather is colder.

Please see tapestry for a weekly update and photos.



Hedgehogs (Y1)

Well done on completing your first half term Hedgehogs, they are all superstars!!!

Google classroom should now be up and running and first homework is uploaded. To log on please use their username followed by @wivelsfieldschool.org they should have all received an invite link to join. If not, you can hopefully join with our class code 4xpe7ber .

Thank you to all the support from parents and helpers over the term it has been lovely to meet everyone over parents evenings - if you were unable to attend, I would love to organise a meeting after half term.

- A quick note that show and tells we love to see please bring on Fridays going forward and we will set aside time.

Thank you and happy half term!!!



Rabbits (Y2)

Happy half term Rabbits! You have made a super start to Year 2! We have been really impressed with their pattern spotting in maths this week.





Foxes (Y3)

Wow, what an explosive week! The children have been very busy making and decorating their volcanos to bring home. Please share any eruption experiments on Google Classroom.
Happy Half term Foxes!

Otters (Y4)

Thank you for a lovely first term! The children have worked hard and earnt a break.
No homework this week but there will be a TTRS battle for the duration of the holidays.
Have a fantastic break!





Badgers (Y5)

Happy Half Term!
No homework this week but next term, our geography unit will all be about the Alps. See if you can find out 3 facts to bring to class.
Well done for all the hard work this term!

Owls (Y6)

Happy Half Term! I am very proud of all the Owls – they have made such a great start to year 6! This week they have really impressed me with their spooky setting descriptions!





On Sunday 8th November, 12:15, there is a short service and wreath laying at the Village War Memorial. **Year 5 & 6** children read the war memorial names. If your **Owl or Badger** child is available for about 20 minutes and would like to be part of this event, please may you let Mrs Green or Miss Kelly know via the office. Thank you.

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 1	
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET DAY
Thursday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Friday 4th September	Term 1 starts for pupils
Thursday 10th September	Swimming lessons start
Tuesday 22nd September	Individual & Sibling photos
Friday 25th September	Macmillian Cake Sale – 3pm
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Festival: Robins and KS1 9.15 am, KS2 9:45am
Monday 5th- Friday 9th October	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 12th- Friday 16th October	Owls Bikeability (TBC)
Thursday 15th October	PTA Halloween Disco
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 20th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21st October	Badgers Class Assembly
Thursday 22nd October	Parents Evening
Friday 23rd October	Term 1 ends
Saturday 24th October - Sunday 1st November	Autumn school holiday

Term 2	
Monday 2nd November	Term 2 starts
Tuesday 10th November	Reception 2027 open morning
Thursday 12th November	Last swimming lesson
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 (Year group TBC)
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
Friday 18th December	Panta Performance at school
Friday 18th December	Term 2 ends
Saturday 19th December- Sunday 3 January	Christmas school holiday

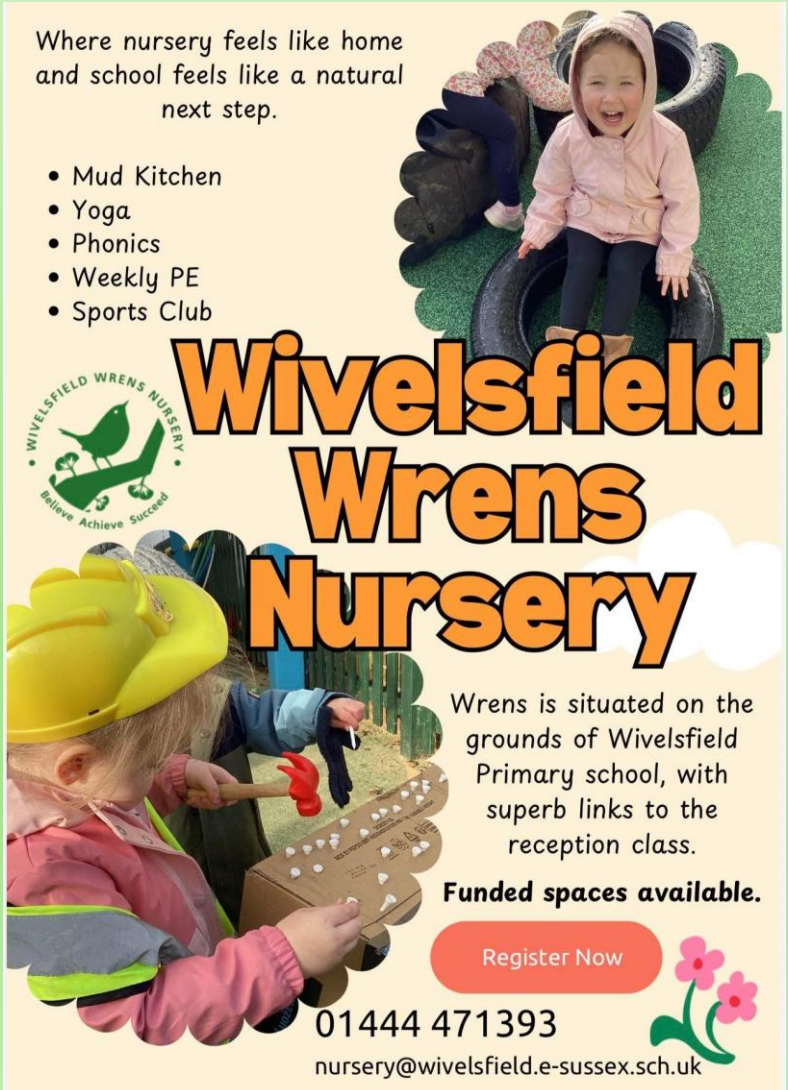
Wren's Nursery



Did you know that we have space in all our sessions except Tuesday mornings? If you are looking to expand your hours or would like any ad hoc sessions, please contact us via the nursery email address to see if we can accommodate your needs.

All **Term 1 invoices have now been issued**, and we look forward to receiving payment.

We have a number of **outstanding invoices from the previous academic year**. Please ensure your account is up to date. If you require copies of any invoices, please contact us via the nursery email address and we will be happy to resend them



ONLINE SAFETY

AI can make fake content look and sound real. This guide helps adults support children to question, verify and respond safely to what they see online.

From deepfake videos and cloned voices to fabricated screenshots and fake accounts, it is becoming increasingly difficult to tell what is genuine online. This guide explores how AI-generated content, misinformation and impersonation can affect children and young people, while explaining why polished presentation, familiar voices and repeated claims should never automatically be taken as proof that something is trustworthy.

It also offers practical advice for parents on strengthening children's digital literacy and safeguarding them from manipulation. Discover how to encourage source-checking, verify unusual messages through another route, discuss online experiences openly and respond appropriately when harmful or deceptive content targets a child – including preserving evidence, reporting concerns and seeking further support where necessary.

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 **What is real online?**



November's online video focus: Online Grooming

Online Grooming - November 2026 on Vimeo

Amazing Attendance

Bluebell Federation

Every day in school makes a difference ♡

We know that regular attendance plays an important role in helping your child thrive, both academically and socially. We also understand that every family's circumstances are unique, and there can be times when factors outside your control affect your child's attendance.

For this reason, we will always consider each child's situation individually, with care and understanding.

By working together and following a few simple steps, we can help support positive attendance and ensure every child has the best opportunity to belong, learn and flourish.

'Under the Weather' Form & NHS Guidance

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please complete our 'Under the Weather' form.

We follow NHS guidance on when it is appropriate to keep your child at home.

Reporting Absence

Please report your child's absence **before 8.40am on each day of** absence.

If leaving a message, please expect a call back. We will confirm receipt of your message, check in and see if there is anything we can do to support – this may include a call from your child's class teacher.

Please let us know when you expect your child to return.

Medical & Dental Appointments

Where possible, please plan appointments outside of school hours.

Where this is not possible, we expect your child to be in school before and after the appointment.

Evidence will be requested.

Punctuality

Good timekeeping is important for making the most of every learning opportunity.

If your child arrives late, an adult must come into school with them and record the time in the late book.

Children must not be dropped off at the gate or walk in on their own.

Withdrawal from Learning Requests

If you are considering a term-time absence, you must complete a Withdrawal from Learning form.

Requests must be made at least 2 weeks in advance.

The Head of School will meet with you or call you to discuss the request before any decision is made.

Support for Families

We understand that absence can be due to specific circumstances.

We have an open door policy and are here to listen. Together we can make adaptations and provide appropriate support.

This may include an Attendance Support Plan or working with Teams Around Schools and other professionals.

We're here to help

- We celebrate good attendance and recognise the positive impact it has on learning, wellbeing and friendships.
- Our attendance target is **96% or above.**
- If your child's attendance drops below 90%, they become persistently absent. We will work with you early to put support in place.

From 19th August 2024, the national threshold for a Penalty Notice is 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 school week period.

We will always work with you first and offer support before formal action.

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

PTA

SAVE THE DATE

WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

– OUR FESTIVE EVENTS ARE COMING UP! –

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Siena Pizza Co.

THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

SEE SOCIALS FOR INFO

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER

QUIZ, FIZZ AND SHOWBIZ

ADULTS ONLY

Siena Pizza Co.

Brisco Entertainment

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA





12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION



SECRET PRESENT ROOM



PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE



MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON

TURNING POINTE

SCHOOL OF DANCE

Halloween Dance Workshop



BOOK NOW!

WED 28 OCTOBER 2026

PLUMPTON VILLAGE HALL

AGES 4-6: 9.30 - 12.30

AGES 6-18: 10:00 - 15:00

halloweenworkshop.turningpointedanceschool.co.uk

https://halloweenworkshop.turningpointedanceschool.co.uk/





BYS CROSSFIT KIDS + MIDS + TEENS

BACKYOURSELF

STRENGTH / CONFIDENCE / FITNESS

BYS

KIDS 5-7

Thursday 4-4.45

MIDS 8-10

Tuesday 4-4.45
Wednesday 4-4.45

TEENS 11-16

Tuesday 4.45-5.30
Wednesday 4.45-5.30
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