

It has been a real pleasure to see the children settling so positively into their learning routines this term. On Thursday, Mrs Gemma White, our Bluebell Executive Head, spent time greeting children and families at the school gate. She thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many of you and was excited to see the warm and welcoming atmosphere that makes our school such a special place to be. We are incredibly proud to announce this year's School Council representatives. Congratulations to all of the children who put themselves forward and to those who were elected by their classmates. We know they will represent their classes with enthusiasm, responsibility and pride and we look forward to seeing the positive contributions they will make throughout the year.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Green



Wrens (Nursery)

Our Wrens Nursery children absolutely love role-playing and practising conversations with one another. To help develop their communication and language skills, we are looking for any old, non-working mobile phones, dial telephones or laptops that could be donated for our role-play area. If you have any to spare, please drop them off at Nursery or the School Office. Thank you!

Robins (Reception)

- Phonics parent workshop 23.09
- Forest school 25.09 Group B.
- Please send to Miss Faull (or hand a physical copy) a family picture for our display!



Hedgehogs (Y1)

Reading- All Hedgehogs have been given a reading book matched to their phonics level. Some children may have moved levels since last year, either up or down, to ensure they are reading books that build confidence and support progress. From next week, we are lucky to have volunteers in school who will be reading with children regularly. Please continue to read at home and encourage your child to re-read books to develop fluency and confidence. Children will also be able to borrow a library book of their choice each week. Please note that library books must be returned before a new book can be borrowed.



Rabbits (Y2)

- First homework set this week.
- Homework due 25.9.2026



Foxes (Y3)



This week we have been learning all about the Earth in our English lessons. The children have made some fantastic posters about the Earth, structuring their writing with paragraphs, subheadings and images.



Badgers (Y5)

We have received clarification regarding the Pupil Premium data, and with the new guidelines coming into effect from September 2026, I can confirm that remaining Bowles payments have now been set up on ParentPay.

Please may new Play Leaders come to school in their PE kits on Monday the 21st September.

Otters (Y4)

Swimming on Thursday. Please arrive wearing your swimming costume under your PE kit. Please name **all** items of clothing so they can be returned.

Please play TTRS in the **Garage** mode to complete heatmaps.



Owls (Y6)

Bikeability – 12th-16th October – Please see separate email for more information.



School Photos

Don't forget that individual and school photos will be taken on Tuesday 22nd September. If your child has a sibling who is either in Nursery or not yet of school age, and you would like them to have a photo together, please come into school at 8:30am. We will notify Nursery that some children may be running late.



Whole School Term Dates

East Sussex Term Dates 2026-27

Inset days for 2026/27

- Tuesday 2nd September 2026
- Wednesday 3rd September 2026
- Thursday 19th November 2026
 - Monday 7th June 2027
 - Tuesday 8th June 2027



Please label **every** item of clothing that comes into school. It is highly likely that it will find its way back to your child if it is labelled.

New Global Consent Forms 2026

Don't forget to update permissions for your child via Arbor Parent Portal – if you need any help – please don't hesitate to ask the office.

Allergens updates:

Just a friendly reminder that we are a **nut-free school**. Please ensure that no nut products are brought into school, as we have children with severe nut allergies. Thank you so much for your understanding and for helping us keep all of our children safe. 🧡



Bluebell Federation Allergy Safety in Our Schools

Working together to keep every child safe, included and learning



Safe Included Together That's the Bluebell Way!

Why this matters

- Allergic disease is the most common chronic medical condition in childhood.
- Even a tiny trace of an allergen can cause a serious reaction.
- Some reactions can be life-threatening (anaphylaxis) and require immediate treatment with adrenaline.
- Many of our pupils live with food allergies, and we want every child to feel safe, included and able to learn and flourish.

How you can help

- Let us know if your child has a new allergy diagnosis or if their allergy changes.
- Provide two in-date adrenaline auto-injectors (e.g. EpiPens) as prescribed.
- Complete and return the Individual Healthcare Plan, and tell us about any changes.
- Talk to your child about their allergy in an age-appropriate way and encourage them to be allergy aware.
- Remind your child not to share or swap food.
- If you are unsure about anything, please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thank you for being part of our Bluebell community!

What is a food allergy?

A food allergy is an overactivity of the immune system. Instead of ignoring a food, the immune system mistakenly sees it as harmful and reacts to it. A food allergy is different to a food intolerance or a diet choice. An intolerance does not involve the immune system and is less serious.

Different children, different allergies, the same bright future.



Food in school

To help keep everyone safe:

- Please check ingredient labels carefully on all packed lunch items.
- Be aware that allergens can appear in foods where we might not expect them.
- Do not send in foods that contain allergens we have asked you to avoid.
- Provide full ingredient lists for homemade items (e.g. for class cooking activities when requested).
- Help your child to understand the importance of not sharing food, even with their best friends.

When in doubt - check it out!



Common allergens

Most reactions are caused by just 9 foods:

- milk
 - egg
 - fish
 - shellfish
 - tree nuts
 - peanut
 - sesame
 - soya
 - wheat
- Other allergens such as wasp and bee stings, medication, latex, animals and some vaccines can also cause serious reactions.

Birthdays

We still love to celebrate!

Children celebrate their birthday by wearing their own clothes. This helps everyone know it is their special day so we can all celebrate with them!

Please do not bring in food or sweets to share, as we are an allergy-aware school.



If a reaction happens

In the event of a suspected allergic reaction we will:

- Follow the child's Individual Healthcare Plan.
- Administer adrenaline immediately if needed.
- Call 999 without delay.
- Contact parents/carers as soon as possible.
- Monitor the child and provide a second dose of adrenaline if required (usually after 5 minutes if symptoms have not improved).
- Use our Allergy Response Kit if a prescribed device is not available.

Quick action can save lives.

Our approach in school

We have an Allergy Safety Policy and clear procedures in place. We:

- Keep an up-to-date register of pupils with allergies and Individual Healthcare Plans.
- Ensure staff are trained and know what to do in an emergency.
- Have clearly identified Allergy Response Kits with spare adrenaline auto-injectors.
- Teach children about allergies, kindness and not sharing food.
- Take a whole-school approach to reduce risks and make sure all children feel included.

Safe, Included, Together Every Child Belongs Learns Flourishes



This week's online safety guide is 'A parents guide to toxic gaming'. Please follow this link to read the guide: [Online news - Wake Up Wednesday](#)



Phone
Free Zone

Please remember that we are a phone free school.

We would really appreciate it if you are able to put away your mobile phones when coming onto our school site.

If you are coming in to work with our children, if you are able to, please hand in your mobile phone for safe keeping whilst you are on site. This is due to safeguarding. If you feel unable to do this, then your phone must not be on show at any time.



What is a family hub?

Family hubs are a one-stop-shop for families to access activities or receive support in their local community.

Who are family hubs for?

You can get support if you are:

- pregnant
- a parent of a child aged 0 to 19
- a parent of a child aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs or a disability
- aged 19 or under
- aged 25 or under with special educational needs or a disability

[Watch our video about our service 'Early Help 0 to 19'](#)

Best Start in Life

All family hubs support families to give their children the [Best Start in Life](#). This includes:

- [support during and after your pregnancy](#)
- [midwifery and health visiting](#)
- [infant feeding advice and breastfeeding support](#)
- [mental health support](#)



Support for families

How we help families from pregnancy onwards.

Activities and courses

We run groups, courses and activities for families, including:

- drop-in play groups
- parenting classes
- HENRY – health, exercise and nutrition
- life skills

To find out what's on at your local family hub, see [Activities and courses](#).

Advice services

Family hubs can help you access other support, such as:

- housing, employment and debt advice
- [services for young people](#) through youth hubs
- domestic abuse support

You can also [contact our family advice service](#).



Activities and courses

Free events and courses for parents and families.

Find your local family hub or youth hub

To find out more about opening times and locations, [find your nearest family hub](#) or [youth hub](#).



Forest School Term 1



	AM	PM
Thursday 10 th September	Year 3 Group A	Year 1 Group A
Friday 11 th September	Admin	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 17 th September	Year 3 Group B	Year 1 Group B
Friday 18 th September	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 24 th September	Year 6 Group A	Year 1 Group A
Friday 25 th September	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 1 st October	Year 6 Group B	Year 1 Group B
Friday 2 nd October	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 8 th October	Year 1 Group A	Year 5 Group A
Friday 9 th October	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 15 th October	Year 1 Group B	Year 5 Group B
Friday 16 th October	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 22 nd October	Catch up session	Year 1 Group A
Friday 23 rd October	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group A



Forest School Term 2



	AM	PM
Thursday 5 th November	Year 3 Group A	Year 1 Group B
Friday 6 th November	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 12 th November	Year 3 Group B	Year 1 Group A
Friday 13 th November	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 19 th November	INSET	INSET
Friday 20 th November	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 26 th November	Year 4 Group A	Year 1 Group B
Friday 27 th November	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 4 Group B	Year 1 Group A
Friday 4 th December	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group B
Thursday 10 th December	Year 6 Group A	Year 1 Group B
Friday 11 th December	Reception Group A	Year 2 Group A
Thursday 17 th December	Year 6 Group B	Year 1 Group A
Friday 18 th December	Reception Group B	Year 2 Group B

Bluebell Poetry Festival



We were very proud of the children who performed at the Bluebell Poetry Festival on Wednesday morning at Chailey St Peters Primary School. The children worked hard to learn their chosen poems by heart, project their voices and consider their expression. It was lovely to hear comments on how well they performed. Thank you to all the parents who supported this event.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Friday 25th September 2026

3pm

Outside the school office

All cakes are **50p**.

Please bring in donations of shop bought or home-baked cakes, in a labelled box, to school on Thursday 24th September or before 3pm on Friday 25th September.

Please label any **gluten-free** cakes.

Reminder: Cakes **must not** contain nuts.

