

Welcome back!

We are so pleased to see all the children back to school and ready to learn. It is great to see how well they are settling in. A special welcome to our new Robins as well. We are going to trial sending out a newsletter each week to give parents notices and messages. I'm sure this will develop in time, but we are hoping that this will be useful to you.



Wrens (Nursery)

- Please could we have a named cloth bag for wet/lightly soiled clothes, to help us cut down on plastic waste
- We are also still collecting family photos for our gallery if you haven't already provided one.

Robins (Reception)

- **Thursday 17th September** – First PE lesson (please send children in in their PE kits!).
- **Friday 18th** – Forest School Group A. If you are unsure which group your child is in please contact Miss Faull.



Hedgehogs (Y1)

- **PE days** – Monday and Wednesday.
- **Forest school** – alternate Thursdays.
Group A- 10.9.26
Group B – 17.9.26

Rabbits (Y2)

- **PE days** are Monday and Wednesday.
- **Forest school** is on alternate Fridays. **Group A first session – 11.6.2026.**
Group B first session – 18.9.2026. We will review the groups at half term.



Foxes (Y3)



PE will take place on
Wednesdays and Fridays.

Forest School will be on:

Group A: Thursday 10th
September

Group B: Thursday 17th
September

Badgers (Y5)



Homework is now on Google Classroom - same logins as last year. First spelling test will be Thursday 17th September.

Sports Crew/Play leaders: A form to apply is heading home soon!

School council speeches and vote will take place Wednesday 16th.

Otters (Y4)

Homework- Set Fridays and due back following Thursdays.

Swimming- On Thursdays, come to school wearing swimming stuff under uniform.

PE- Wednesdays.

School Council- Applications coming home today- please support your child to complete and return by Tuesday 15th September.



Owls (Y6)

Homework – will be handed out on Fridays and due back on Thursdays.

Spellings – will be set on Fridays and tested the following Friday.

Forest School Group A –Thursday 24th September

Forest School Group B – Thursday 1st October



Fiddle Toys

Fiddle toys are now solely provided for by the school. Please do not send any in with your child. If there is a reason why something different is required, please speak to your class teacher or a member of SLT.

Reading Records

KS2 will no longer be using reading records to record their reading. Staff will be keeping a record of reading within the classroom. We have a small number of reading records that will be used on occasion. Teachers will discuss this with parents individually.

Ofsted

We are delighted to share our published Ofsted report, which recognises many of the strengths that make Wivelsfield such a special place to learn. Inspectors described our school as a *"welcoming, inclusive and caring community"* and noted that pupils are *"proud of their school"* and *"demonstrate kindness, respect and empathy."*

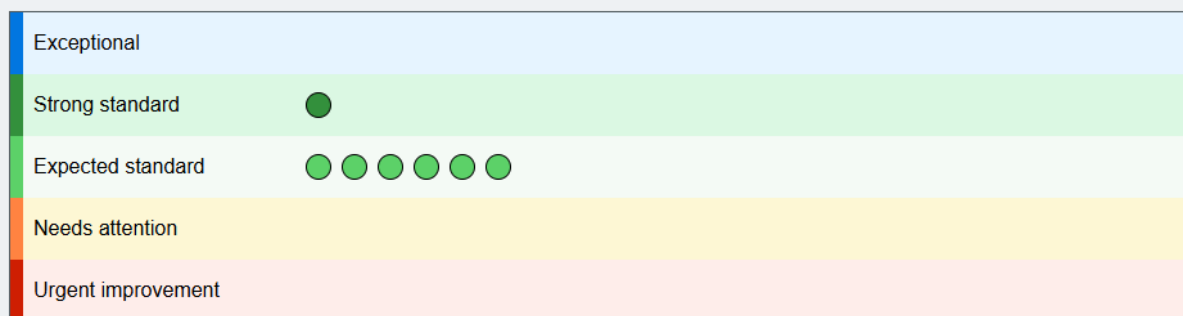
They also highlighted that pupils feel *"safe, valued and included"* and praised the commitment of our staff, recognising that they feel *"valued, supported and proud to work at the school."*

This report is a celebration of our whole school community. We are incredibly proud of our staff for their dedication, our children for being such wonderful ambassadors for the school, and our parents and carers for their unwavering support and partnership. Together, we have created a school where everyone is welcomed, supported and valued, and we look forward to building on this success in the years ahead.

You can find the report here:

[Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)

Inspection report: 30 June 2026



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.

Green Team News

The Green Team have been busy creating a special new home for our hedgehogs! We had great fun finding the perfect spot for our new hedgehog house, kindly donated by Mrs. Wakelen when she left us last year.

The children carefully chose a quiet, sheltered location and made sure the house was well hidden among the bushes, away from areas where children play. We are now keeping our fingers crossed that we have some prickly visitors soon!



Can you spot our well-hidden hedgehog house in the bushes?

Weekly online safety news

Supporting Children to Return to Routine | Free Guide



<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/09-2026-Back-to-school-and-AI-Sept-2026.mp4>

This video provides a quick overview on establishing family tech rules and tips on how to use AI.

Online Safety

Please follow the link below for supporting your child online:
[Help your child stay safe online - Kids Online Safety](#)

Click the link for our: [September online safety newsletter](#)

Communications Update

As you may have seen, we are currently moving our online communications to Bluebell Federation email addresses. Emails sent to our previous Wivelsfield addresses are automatically forwarded; however, we have found that some messages are occasionally being directed to our junk mailbox. We are working with ICT Services to resolve this issue and appreciate your patience while this is being fixed.

Please note our new office email address:
wivelsfieldoffice@bluebellfederation.co.uk

A Reminder About Contacting School

Our staff work incredibly hard to support all children and families, so we kindly ask that parents are mindful of contacting staff and the office during working hours. Teaching staff aim to respond to parent enquiries within **48 working hours**.

In the first instance, please contact either the school office or your child's class teacher. They will be able to support you directly or refer your query to a member of the Senior Leadership Team if needed. Thank you for your understanding and support.



Wivelsfield Primary School

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2025/26.