

This week in assembly, I spoke to the children about **respect in action** and how respect is shown through the small choices we make every day. We discussed how simple words such as *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me*, alongside listening carefully and showing kindness to others, help everyone feel valued and make our school a safe and happy place. As the assembly reminded us, respect is not just for special occasions; small, everyday actions show people that they matter and help to create a community where everyone feels respected and included.

A reminder that Parents' Evening booking slots for our children will open at **6.00pm on Friday**. We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing an update on your child's progress and achievements so far this term.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Green

Wrens



- Please be advised that we have had one confirmed case of head lice. Please can you check your children's hair and make sure long hair is tied up. Many Thanks!
- A reminder that when reporting an absence please call the nursery directly on 01444 716506, staff are available from 8.30-16.00, many thanks.

Robins (Reception)



Please bring reading packs in every day.

Library books have been given out, they will be changed every Wednesday (only if the other one is brought back in!)

Hedgehogs (Y1)

Another great week for Hedgehogs!

Now with the unpredictable Autumn weather please can we make sure children are coming into school with a coat so we can still enjoy breaktimes in the fresh air as much as possible!

Polite reminder, please can any children wearing skirts wear shorts under neath.



Rabbits (Y2)

Next week, we will be moving on to start practicing for the nativity. We will be sending scripts home for those that want to audition.



Foxes (Y3)



Star Writes! Every Friday we complete a star write. We turn the lights off, place candles on our desks and play focus music while we work. This week the children have been thinking about a stormy description and working on using powerful verbs to add to drama to their descriptions. We cannot wait for you to read them at Parents Evening.

Otters (Y4)

Thank you for the engagement with Times tables Rockstars. The children are benefitting from a regular focus on each times table in class.

Next week, our focus is on the 3x table, please practice regularly at home for homework.



Badgers (Y5)



Reminder to sign up if you would like your child to attend either the Spark Performance at Glyndebourne
Or to Sing as part of the One Voice Choir at the Brighton Dome.

Owls (Y6)

Please bring your bike and helmet to school on Monday morning. You are welcome to keep your bike at school all week. It is essential that you attend school every day to ensure the best chance of passing the course.



On Sunday 8th November, 12:15, there is a short service and wreath laying at the Village War Memorial. Traditionally we have **Year 6** children read the war memorial names. If your **Year 6** 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.



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](tel:01444471393).



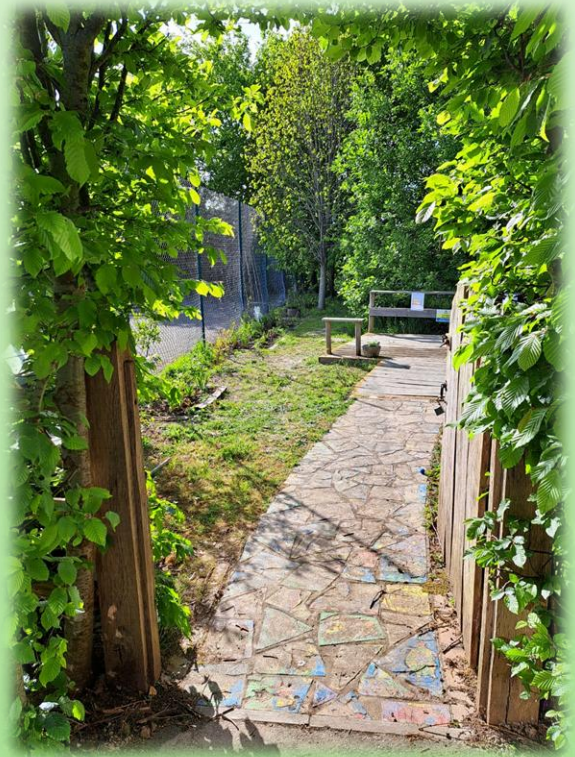
Come and discover all that Wivelsfield Primary School and Nursery has to offer. We look forward to meeting you soon!

A big thank you!

A huge thank you to Chris Godsmark, parent of two children in our school and nursery, who has generously given his time to clear and weed our planters. The Godsmark family has also kindly donated a variety of plants, which are already brightening up our outdoor spaces. Our children have been helping to care for them this week, with a little assistance from the rain!

We would also like to thank Miss Peters, INA, who has been working hard in our pond area. Thanks to their efforts, both areas are starting to look fantastic and are becoming lovely spaces for our children to enjoy.

If you are able to volunteer some time to support the school, we would love to hear from you. Many employers offer paid volunteering days, and if this is something available to you, please consider spending some of that time with us. Every helping hand makes a real difference to our school community.



Calendar of Events

Term 1

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

Term 2

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

Wren's Nursery Possible Extension of Opening Times



Where nursery feels like home
and school feels like a natural
next step.

- Mud Kitchen
- Yoga
- Phonics
- Weekly PE
- Sports Club



Wivelsfield Wrens Nursery

Wrens is situated on the
grounds of Wivelsfield
Primary school, with
superb links to the
reception class.

Funded spaces available.

Register Now

01444 471393

nursery@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk



Wivelsfield Nursery is exploring the potential of extending its opening hours possibly starting from January 2027.

We are considering opening from 8:00am to 6:00pm (term time only), instead of the current hours of 8:30am to 3:30pm.

Before making any decisions, we need to understand the level of demand from families. Your responses will help us assess whether there is sufficient need and support to pursue this with East Sussex County Council.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this survey.

<https://forms.gle/mVmVPD7PZ1Z6d64U6>

Please share this link to any clubs, families and groups in our community that might be in need of nursery hours.

Thank you to all of you that came to support our book fair. It really does help to raise money for us to add new books to our libraries.

We have raised about £650 from your orders so we are incredibly grateful and have some lovely new books on order for the children.

If you have any good quality books that would be suitable to donate to our children please leave them in Reception and we will distribute them to the relevant classes.



New Global Consent Forms 2026

Please remember to update your child's permissions via the Arbor Parent Portal. Alternatively, if you would prefer a paper copy, one can be sent home with your child.

If you need any help, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Wivelsfield Primary School Djembe Club

Join our exciting lunchtime club at Wivelsfield Primary School open to all children.

Led by our experienced teacher, Orla Tubb.

Thursdays lunchtime clubs:

KS1 - (12.10-12.30)

KS2- (12.40 pm- 1pm)

£5.00 per child, per week

invoiced half termly in advance - sessions start after half term - 6 sessions per term.

Book online or using the QR Code below

www.sussexmusicschool.com/wivelsfieldlunchdrums



On Monday 12th October, Mrs Tubb will be hosting a special assembly to promote her new djembe club which will be starting in Term 2.

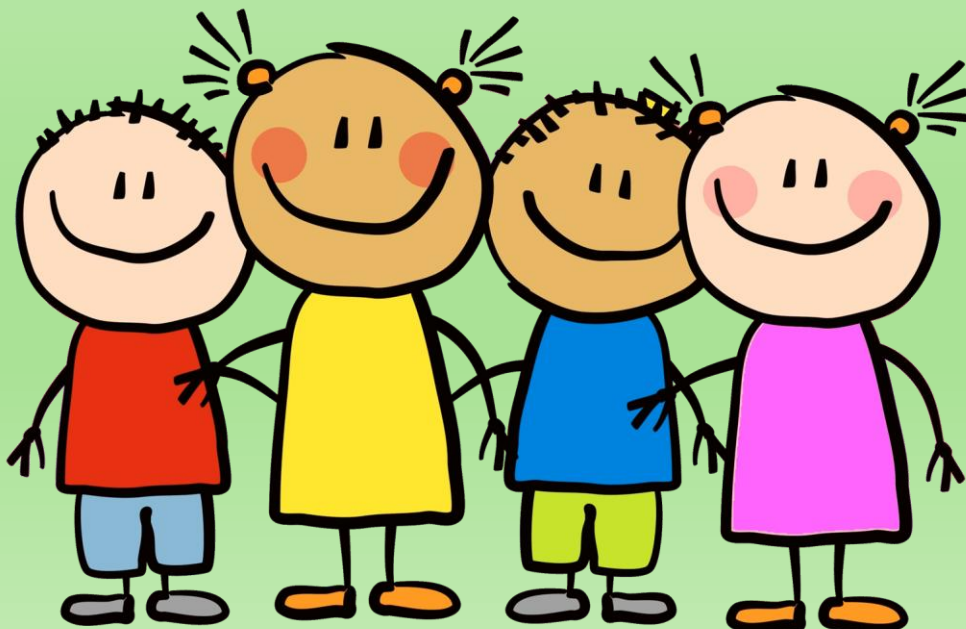
Feeling Better? Come on In!

We know that deciding whether to keep your child off school can be a difficult judgement, especially first thing in the morning. Sometimes a child seems under the weather when they wake up, but by later that morning they're feeling much better and bouncing off the walls! If that happens, please do bring them into school. A half day of learning is much better than missing the whole day.

As long as your child does not have a temperature and has been clear of any sickness or diarrhoea for at least 48 hours since the last episode, we would be happy to welcome them into school.

Remember that you can complete a '*Feeling Under the Weather*' form (available at the office on our [School Website](#)) so that staff can keep a closer eye on them during the day. You can reassure your child that school knows how they are feeling and please trust that we will always contact you if they become genuinely unwell or develop a temperature.

When making decisions about illness and attendance, we encourage all families to follow the NHS guidance: [Is My Child Too Ill for School?](#). The advice provides clear information about common illnesses and when children should stay at home or attend school.



What parents need to know about social pressures linked to influencers

Social media influencers are people who've established their credibility in a specific industry and therefore have the power to affect other people's decisions. Most commonly associated with YouTube and Instagram, influencers usually have a large number of followers and are viewed as authentic by their audience. It is for this reason that many influencers are often paid by big companies to promote their products in the hope of persuading their followers to purchase those goods.

In this guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks such as body image, bad habits and unrealistic role models.

Social influencers

Digital Wellbeing

This two-minute video provides a quick overview on how to help children build healthier tech habits.

knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Digital-Wellbeing-Oct-2026.mp4



Knowsley
City Learning Centres

Digital Wellbeing

Helping children build healthy tech habits, together.



What parents need to know about SOCIAL PRESSURES LINKED TO 'INFLUENCERS'

AN UNREALISTIC PERCEPTION OF BODY IMAGE

Some of the most popular social media influencers often depict themselves as having the perfect body and are often paid to promote products that are linked to body image. This can lead to children developing an unrealistic perception of what a healthy body looks like. They may also be encouraged to use unhealthy methods to achieve this, such as dieting or using dangerous products.

BECOMING UNREALISTIC ROLE MODELS

As children, influencers are often seen as role models and can have a significant impact on their followers. They may be seen as successful, popular, and fun, which can lead to children wanting to be like them. This can lead to unrealistic expectations and pressure to be like them.

ENCOURAGING BAD HABITS

Although many social media influencers will get paid to promote products, they may also promote bad habits. For example, they may encourage children to use drugs, drink alcohol, or engage in risky behavior. This can be particularly dangerous for children who are impressionable.

THE NEED TO HAVE EVERYTHING

Many social media influencers are seen as having everything they need to be happy and successful. This can lead to children feeling that they need to have everything to be like them. This can lead to unrealistic expectations and pressure to be like them.

AUTHENTICITY OF ENDORSEMENTS

Social media influencers have a lot of power over their audience and are often trusted by their followers. However, not all endorsements are genuine. Some influencers are paid to promote products that they do not actually use or believe in. This can lead to children being misled.

National Online Safety

Safety Tips For Parents

FOLLOW WHO THEY FOLLOW

Encourage your child to follow influencers who are positive, role models, and who promote healthy living. Encourage your child to think critically about the content they see and to not feel pressured to do anything they don't want to do.

TALK ABOUT ROLE MODELS

Encourage your child to think about the role models they see on social media and to consider whether they are realistic. Encourage your child to think about the values and messages that they see and to consider whether they are positive.

BUILD THEIR SELF-ESTEEM

Encourage your child to build their self-esteem by focusing on their own strengths and achievements. Encourage your child to be confident in their own abilities and to not feel pressured to be like anyone else.

DISCUSS REALISTIC VS UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Encourage your child to think about the realistic and unrealistic expectations they see on social media. Encourage your child to think about the pressure to be like influencers and to consider whether this is healthy.

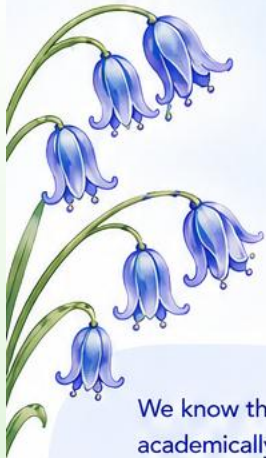
ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENT THINKING

Encourage your child to think independently and to not feel pressured to do anything they don't want to do. Encourage your child to think about the values and messages that they see and to consider whether they are positive.

Meet our expert

Pete Beath is a writer with over 10 years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed much which has been pivotal to successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

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Amazing Attendance



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

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BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY



WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
PTA

SPOOKY NOT SCARY HALLOWEEN DISCO

AT WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY
15 OCTOBER

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
4.30 – 5.30pm

KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)
6 – 7pm



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Friendly Halloween costumes welcome,
or any disco costumes!

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