

Since the start of term, our children have been working incredibly hard to master the foundational skills of writing and it has been such a pleasure to see their progress. I have loved welcoming so many children to share their excellent writing with me. I am so proud of the effort, determination and pride they are showing in their work.

Alongside this, we continue to reinforce our school rules of being **Ready, Responsible and Safe** in everything we do. Why not ask your child how they could continue to demonstrate these important values at home?

Thank you to the many parents who have stopped to share feedback about our new newsletter. It has been lovely to hear your positive comments and we really appreciate your suggestions too. Please do spread the word to other families so they know where to find key dates, upcoming events and school news. We would also love to hear your thoughts as we continue to develop the newsletter.

On Wednesday, we wished good luck to Mrs Hambleton who started her maternity leave. We can't wait to meet her baby boy when he arrives!

Thank you, as always, for your support. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Green, Head of School

Wrens

Invoices: We still have a few invoices outstanding for last term. Please can accounts be brought up to date. This terms invoices will be coming out over the next couple of weeks.



Robins (Reception)

- Forest school group B is the 9th October.
- Library books will be given out from next Wednesday. Please make sure these are returned the following week so we can then change them.



Hedgehogs (Y1)

Hedgehogs have had a great week! We have began our first English writing and they are all doing brilliantly.

A reminder about forest school on Thursdays, next week(8.10.26) will be group A.

Please also note that we have now finished the afternoon snacks left over from Robins, they are more than welcome to bring a snack in from home for afternoon break(fruit is still being given out in their morning breaktime).

Thanks to everyone who has brought in boxes and wool for art, stay tuned for weaving project coming soon!



Rabbits (Y2)

Google classroom logins are the same as they were in Hedgehogs class.



Foxes (Y3)



The Foxes have been busy learning about how different exercises use different amount of calories. They enjoyed looking at the nutritional labels on food packaging. We will continue to explore this next week.

Otters (Y4)

The Otters have been busy completing writing and art inspired by Anthony Browne's text Into the forest. We can't wait to see their work on the displays in the hall.

Our first TTRS battle vs the Badgers goes live today (Fri) Certificates awarded for those who contribute most to the class score.



Badgers (Y5)

Volunteers needed for Forest School on Thursday 8th and Thursday 15th 1:15-3pm. Please contact Miss Glassock or the Office if you're able to help.



Owls (Y6)

Bikeability is coming around quickly. Please do email me asap if anyone does not have a bike that they are able to use.



Green Team News

Mr. H-S has been helping our Green Team with their ongoing meadow project. Recently, the team have been busy mounting the minibeast houses that have been kindly donated by members of our school community.

We cannot thank you enough for your generous donations. They are already helping us to create a welcoming environment for wildlife in our school meadow.

We would love to add a few more minibeast houses to our collection, so if you have one at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donation!

From Miss Parris and the Green Team



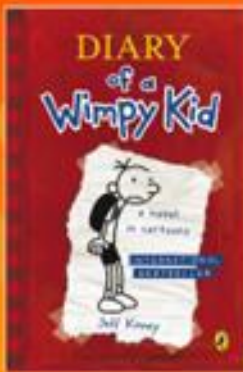
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BOOKS**
for our school*

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

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We are really looking forward to our Book Fair at the end of next week! Please note that there will be **no card machine** this year, but a QR code will be available to make card payments via your phone. Please bring cash where you can as this will make it much easier. We are still looking for helpers to help sell books at the fair on Monday-Wednesday mornings.

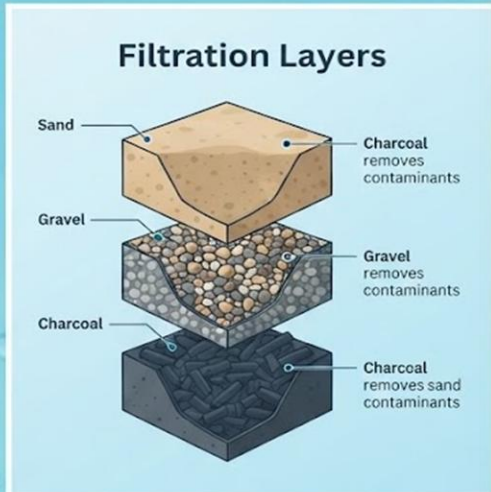
If you can help please email or speak to the office!

AQUASmart.

Brought to you by south east water

We were so excited to welcome the Aqua Smart team to our school recently for a fun, interactive workshop all about water. Pupils across KS2 had a fantastic time diving into the world of water and discovering why this precious resource is so important to protect. Through a brilliant hands refining demonstration, pupils saw firsthand how dirty water goes through incredible filtration stages – from removing large debris to sparkling clean clarity.

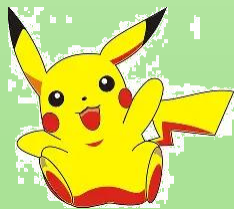
Aqua Smart Education: The Future of Water



Harvest Festival

We were incredibly proud of all the children who took part in our Harvest Festival celebrations today. Across both assemblies, they sang beautifully, spoke with confidence and represented our school wonderfully. It was lovely to come together as a community and celebrate this special time of year.

A huge thank you also to all the families who donated food items. Your generosity will make a real difference to local people in need. The donations were collected this afternoon by Burgess Hill Food Bank, and we are very grateful for your support.



Pokémon Cards

We have noticed an increasing number of Pokémon cards being brought into school to swap with friends. While we understand how much children enjoy collecting and trading them, these swaps can sometimes lead to disagreements or upset when favourite cards are lost, damaged or exchanged in ways children later regret.

To help avoid this, we kindly ask that Pokémon cards and other trading cards are kept at home. Thank you for your support in helping us keep playtimes happy and worry-free for everyone.



Looksmaxxing encourages people – particularly young men – to 'improve their appearance' through everything from grooming, skincare and exercise to far more questionable techniques. As this trend becomes increasingly visible on social media, our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores how appearance-focused content can affect boys' confidence, self-worth and body image, while exposing them to misleading or potentially dangerous advice.

The guide also examines how looksmaxxing content can become increasingly extreme, with links to obsessive behaviours, mental health difficulties and harmful online communities. It offers practical advice for parents and educators on spotting changes in behaviour, recognising looksmaxxing terminology, understanding what young people may be seeing online and opening supportive conversations about appearance, influencers and unrealistic expectations.

[What parents need to know about Looksmaxxing](#)

Volunteers

Are you one of our lovely parents/guardians who kindly helps with swimming, Forest School, or school trips? The rules have recently changed, and if you volunteer in a school setting for more than **3 days within a 30-day period**, you are now required to have a **DBS check**. If you think this applies to you, please let the school office know. We can then send you a volunteer application form so that we can arrange and complete a DBS check for you.



[Free School Meals | East Sussex County Council](#)



GUITAR LESSONS AT SCHOOL
With Tom Butterworth

Paired Lessons, 20min and 30min available

www.sussexmusicschool.com/wivelsfieldprimary-1

Email: info@sussexmusicschool.com

Call Alex: 07769 898 903

Free School Meals:

Do you claim Universal Credit? If you do then your child will be entitled to a Free School meal. Please apply via ESCC website, search for Free School Meals and click on apply. If you need any assistance with this the school office would be very happy to assist you.

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

End of the School Day



We love seeing families connecting at the end of the school day and value the strong sense of community this creates. To help us keep the site safe and secure for children attending after-school clubs and activities, we kindly ask families to leave the school grounds via the KS2 gate once children have been collected, with any play or catch-ups continuing outside the school gates.

Please help us by ensuring children stay with their parent or carer at all times when leaving school and do not run ahead or leave through the gate without an adult. We'd also like to remind families that the gym equipment and climbing frame are not available for use after school.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that the end of the school day remains safe, calm and enjoyable for everyone.

Kangaroo Family Support Sessions

Please see flyers for Early Years, Family Active, and Sibling Support programs that Kangaroos offer. A diagnosis is not needed to access the services.

- Early Years sessions are for children aged 0-5 with additional needs or learning disabilities
- Family Active is for a child or young person with additional needs or learning disabilities and their families to come together
- Sibling Support is for siblings of children/people with additional needs or learning disabilities.

They also run monthly coffee mornings and ecotherapy sessions for parents and carers.

If anyone is interesting in attending, please email info@kangaroos.org.uk



Sibling Support

For siblings of people with learning disabilities
to meet and connect with other young people in
a similar situation to them.

Base Sessions

at Kangaroos Hub



Fri 16 Oct | 4:30pm-6:30pm
Pizza and Games

Fri 13 Oct | 4:30pm-6:30pm
Games Night

Fri 11 Dec | 4:30pm-6:30pm
Christmas Crafts



Wed 7 Oct | 5pm-7pm
Skate Farm - Haywards Heath

Wed 4 Nov | 5pm-7:30pm
Bowling & McDonalds

Wed 2 Dec | 5pm-7pm
Interactive Wall

Trips



£20 per session

Book now and join the
Kangaroos Community!

Email:
info@kangaroos.org.uk

www.kangaroos.org.uk

Family Active Active Play & Bounce

For children and young people with learning
disabilities, and their families.



Sun 4 October
Sun 8 November
Sun 6 December



The Dolphin Leisure Centre
Pasture Hill Road
Haywards Heath
RH16 1LY



£15 per family

Book now and join the
Kangaroos Community!

Email:
info@kangaroos.org.uk

www.kangaroos.org.uk

Early Years

For children aged 0–5 years with
learning disabilities and additional needs

Sensory Sessions

at Kangaroos Hub

A fun and inclusive session to
explore, play, learn and develop
through sensory experiences.



Sat 17 Oct | 9:30–11:30am
Sat 12 Dec | 9:30–11:30am



Kangaroos Hub
Unit 7&8, More House Farm
Ditchling Road, Wivelsfield
RH17 7RE



£5
per session



Christmas Grotto

at South Down Nurseries

Join other Kangaroos families as
we visit Father Christmas at South
Downs Nurseries.



Sat 14 Nov | 9:30–11:30am



South Down Nurseries
Brighton Rd, Hassocks
BN6 9LY



£10
per family



Book now and join the
Kangaroos Community!

Email:

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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.

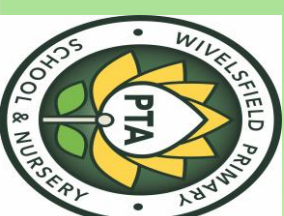
We will always work with you first and offer support before formal action.





PTA CALENDAR 2026

TOGETHER WE SUPPORT • TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



15th
OCTOBER

HALLOWEEN DISCO

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16th
OCTOBER

**CHRISTMAS CARD
RETURN DEADLINE**

[Order here](#)



23rd
OCTOBER

**WEAR YOUR
FAVOURITE COLOUR**

[Donate via ParentPay](#)



13th
NOVEMBER

**CHRISTMAS JUMPER
DONATIONS DEADLINE**

Drop donations at reception please.
Thank you!

3rd
DECEMBER

WREATH MAKING

[Email to book](#)

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WIVELSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

PTA

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SUPPORTING OUR CHILDREN

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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DISCO



HALLOWEEN
GAMES

£3.50

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS
HELPING THE SCHOOL. ❤️



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THE GOOGLE FORM
AND PAY VIA
PARENT PAY.

NO MASKS PLEASE

Friendly Halloween costumes welcome,
or any disco costumes!

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