

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th September 2024



Focus Value for
this half term:
Empathy



A Note from the Headteacher

Welcome back! We have really enjoyed watching the children come back to school with confidence and respect and a thirst for learning. Children and staff are getting to know each other and will be immersing themselves into their new topics over the next few weeks. Our overarching theme for the autumn term is 'Far Away and Long Ago'. Each phase will have a particular focus as follows:

- Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) - Dragons and Castles, which will include a visit to Lyminster Church, home of the Knucker Dragon, and Arundel Castle
- Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 and 4) - The Roman Empire and its Impact on Britain
- Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 and 6) - Ancient Greece/World War II.

If you would like further information regarding the curriculum for the autumn term, please see the Curriculum page on our website. Please note that 2024-2025 is Cycle B.

Year 3/4 Roman Day

Year 3 and 4 spent the day learning about their new History topic, The Romans. They made their own shields, which they used to recreate army formations, began researching their topic and acted out the timeline of the Roman Empire.



Sussex's Most Oversubscribed Primary Schools

Statistics published earlier this year show that 48 parents put Wisborough Green Primary School as their child's first choice school for 2024, with just 30 children (62.5%) offered places. This ranks us as the fourth most over-subscribed primary school in Sussex after parents submitted this year's round of applications, up from 9th last year. We are very proud of this recognition and will continue to strive to be the best we can be to maintain this upward trend. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception Class next week and will soon be sharing tour dates for the September 2025 intake.



One of our favourite activities is our half-termly Family Reading, where parents, carers and grandparents come to school to share their child's love of reading. These usually take place on the first Friday morning of each half-term but, as this is the start of a new school year, we will postpone the first session until all our Reception children are in school full time, and everyone has had an opportunity to select a new reading book matched to their reading or decoding skills. Our first Family Reading session will therefore take place on **Friday 27th September, 9:00-9:20am**. We look forward to welcoming you then!



Sports Award

We were very pleased to see that we had been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for the 4th year in a row! Our staff and children work hard to maintain and improve our commitment to the development of competition across the school and into the community and are very proud of our achievements. Please see the letter attached for more details.

Meet the Teacher

You will have seen from our recent letter, that dates have been allocated for parents and carers to meet their child's new teacher. In response to parental feedback last year, we have arranged these for as early as possible in the new school year. To enable parents of siblings to meet each teacher, we allocate each class from Year 1 to Year 6 a separate date. This meant that Year 6's meeting was held yesterday, possibly preventing some parents or carers from attending at short notice. If that was the case, please have a look at the PowerPoint on the [Year 6 class website page](#) and speak to Miss Jeal or Mr Harder after school if you have any questions. Alternatively, contact the office and request an email or phone call. We appreciate your feedback.

Parking and Road Safety

We were very pleased to see that the road warning markings outside school have been repainted over the summer holidays. This visible reminder not to park near the school entrance will help with road safety for families crossing the road as well as preventing parents and carers from parking in front of the entrance and exit to the school car park. Not only is this inconvenient for staff or invited visitors trying to leave or enter the car park but it is also a potential hazard for any emergency vehicles that may require immediate access. Delayed access could have a significant impact on any emergency for which they are urgently required. We ask, therefore, that you find alternative parking around the village. Thank you.



A reminder that residents of School Road operate a voluntary one-way system to ease congestion. This is in place when entering School Road from the pond entrance off the A272 between the times of: 8.30am–9.15am and 3.00pm–3.45pm. Please see the attached leaflet for details.

Uniform

A polite reminder that all children should be dressed in correct school uniform each day, including school shoes, except for Forest School dress or celebration of a birthday, when own clothes may be worn. Please see the Uniform tab under Our School on the website for further details. If a child's birthday falls on a weekend or during the school holidays, they are welcome to select any alternative date.

Premier Education Wraparound Care and Clubs

Please see the attached Autumn club letter, from Premier Education, for after school clubs and wraparound care until 5.15pm. They are in the process of registering with Ofsted. Once this has been approved, they should be able to offer more hours for parents.

Next Week

- **W/c Monday 9th Reception Phasing-In Sessions**
- **Monday 9th Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm**
- **Tuesday 10th Year 3 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm**
- **Wednesday 11th Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm**
- **Thursday 12th Year 4 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm**
- **Friday 13th Democracy Day (red, white or blue clothes, optional)**
- **Friday 13th Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3:30pm**

For future diary dates, please visit our [website's school calendar](#). Thank you.



Stay up to date with all the latest news on our X/Twitter page: [@WisGreenPrimary](#) and check our '[Local Events](#)' website page.



Total Solar Energy Generated
174,849 kWh