



Wisborough Green

Primary School

West Sussex

Respect • Perseverance • Positivity • Honesty • Creativity • Empathy • Unity

Welcome



I am delighted to welcome you to Wisborough Green Primary School, a very special one-form-entry school, set in an idyllic location in the heart of a strong village community. Within an attractive and stimulating environment, including an extensive Forest School area, our dedicated team have developed a broad and balanced curriculum full of rich experiences.

I am incredibly proud to be part of a school community that encourages all its members to "be the best that we can be". We value every child individually, inspiring them to develop a deep curiosity and love of learning. Children are encouraged to discover and develop their own strengths and talents, across a breadth of experiences, both academically and through the arts, sport and music.

With the children at the heart of every decision, our inspirational staff, supportive parents and forward-thinking governors work together, to ensure that the children are happy, safe and confident and that the opportunities that are provided for them are relevant to their needs both now and as future leaders of the 21st century.

We are a friendly, caring school with high expectations for all our pupils. Through our seven 'Behaviour for Learning' core values, which underpin all aspects of teaching and learning, children become confident, caring, independent, reflective, respectful and resourceful learners.

I hope that our website provides all the information that you require but it cannot replace the first-hand experience of coming to visit us. We would love to show you around and introduce you to everyone who makes Wisborough Green Primary School such a special place.

Kind regards,

Mrs Philippa Croucher
Headteacher



Curriculum



Here at Wisborough Green, we believe that alongside the teaching of the Primary National Curriculum, it is vital that we celebrate the strengths of every learner in our school and provide a range of experiences that will prepare them for their future. We seek to create valuable opportunities for children to explore and excel in a variety of activities that enrich and broaden their skills. Our aim is to develop independent and resilient learners who face challenge with a positive attitude and who are proud of their own achievements.

Our curriculum is split into a 2 year cycle to ensure a diverse and engaging learning journey for all of our children. We study a whole school topic termly which is divided into subtopics for each phase. Clear progression is established through this process as we are able to explore the topics in more depth and build upon the skills learnt in previous years. The Arts, Sport and Outdoor learning are highly valued at Wisborough Green and we teach much of our curriculum through these mediums.



Year 6 PGL Residential
Lodge Hill Residential
Educational Trips and Visits
Experience Days



Positivity



Early Years

At Wisborough Green we know how important it is to provide our children with the best possible start in life. Children come to school eager to learn and interact with people and the world around them. The ways in which they do this - playing, exploring, creating and actively discovering - underpin our approach to Early Years learning as we support the child to become an engaged and motivated learner.


We offer a creative and balanced curriculum which is based on the children's own interests. To encourage learning through play and exploration, we provide a combination of play-based learning, both inside and out, with adult-directed activities and opportunities for independent learning. We value and highly encourage children to learn independently as this helps to build up confidence in their ability to succeed. Our aim is to ensure that children develop positive attitudes to learning socially, emotionally, physically and intellectually. We wish to work closely in partnership with parents and carers to ensure that every child feels happy, safe and valued and develops at their own rate, in their own way, as a unique individual.







Experiences



In order to support the children's knowledge and understanding of the curriculum, our calendar is packed full of experience days that take place both inside and outside of school. These experiences have included an archaeological dig in the school grounds with a professional Archaeologist, trips to museums and castles, theatre trips

and immersive history days held at school. Our children also take part in locality sports competitions at our local secondary school, The Weald, which includes swimming galas, cross country races and football matches.

Some of our oldest children take part in our marketing club, where they experience the process of producing a school magazine.

This includes writing articles, taking photographs and calling local companies to request sponsorship through advertising.

We also have excellent links with our community. Our children are involved in holding services for Harvest and Remembrance Day at our local church, St Peter's, we celebrate Grandparents' Day in Year 1, and learn about local politics during Democracy Day. Each summer, we hold a fete on the village green with traditional Maypole dancing and a parade to begin the celebrations.



Friendship Friday

Peer Mentors

Year 5 and Reception Buddy Scheme



Respect



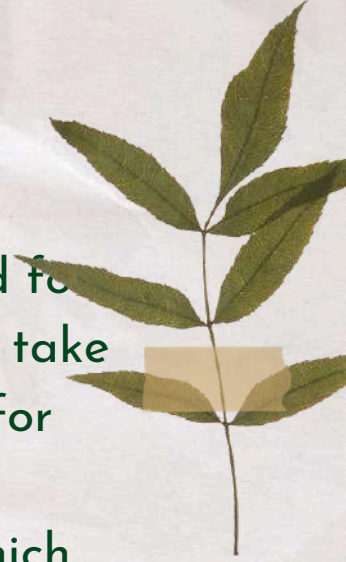
English

At Wisborough Green, we aim to ensure that all children foster a love of reading and writing to equip them with the skills needed for their future and to promote a lifelong enjoyment of the subject. Children take part in daily English lessons where they are taught the skills required for reading, writing, editing, drama and speaking and listening.

Our English provision is supported by the Power of Reading scheme which ensures that we provide an enriching and engaging learning journey through the use of high quality texts from the Early Years Foundation Stage through to Year 6.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 take part in daily phonics lessons using the Song of Sounds scheme to support word reading skills. We use the Reciprocal Reading approach to teach the skills of reading: Predicting, Clarifying, Questioning and Summarising. Children take part in individual, paired, group, whole class and teacher led reading. Through daily spelling lessons with a focus on phonics in Early Years and KS1 and spelling patterns in KS2, children are able to embed their knowledge into other areas of our rich English curriculum.

Through the use of drama, reader's theatre and immersion sessions, children are exposed to a broader vocabulary in which they can really express their creativity - which is evident in the writing process. This also provides the children with meaningful contexts and purposes for writing.





Opportunities to learn an instrument

Specialist music teachers

Resident local artist



Creativity



Reading

At Wisborough Green, reading is taught in a variety of ways. In English lessons we focus on one text as a class and link this to both reading and writing. We have group reading sessions, where children are grouped according to their needs and sessions focus on teaching the skills of reading (decoding and comprehension). Children are also read to individually where appropriate - mainly in Key Stage One and the Early Years.

We encourage all children to read at home daily.




Perseverance



"Striving to be our best."



Maths



Maths is taught daily at Wisborough Green, as well as being applied across the curriculum. The emphasis is on developing children's mental arithmetic, investigative skills, reasoning and understanding of number, with real-life learning experiences. We use the frameworks of Big Maths, Numicon, White Rose and National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) to support teaching and learning.

At Wisborough Green, we aim to secure new learning by breaking it down into simple steps, before providing opportunities for children to apply and deepen their understanding. Every child is provided with their own Numicon in Reception to help support them at home in a multi-sensory way of learning, seeing and feeling connections between numbers.





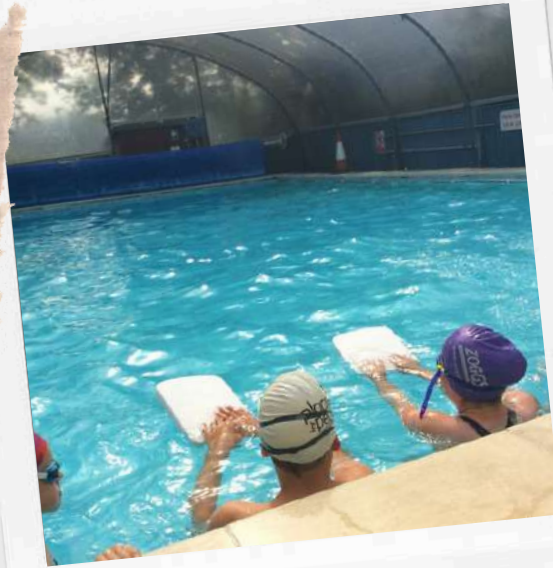
Weekly Celebration Assemblies

Maypole Dancing

Summer Fair

Active PTA

Supportive Governors



Unity

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



At Wisborough Green School we are proud that we welcome all children whatever their differences or abilities. The children's wellbeing is at the centre of our school life and the key to raising academic success. We believe that we make a difference by providing a safe and stimulating environment where our children and families feel happy and secure. We want every child to be engaged actively in their learning and able to reach their full potential in all areas of school life, knowing they are cared for and supported throughout.

Mrs Donna Barnard

Our Special Needs and Disability Co-ordinator



WHAT WORKS BEST IS ANYTHING THAT INCREASES THE *quality* AND NUMBER OF *relationships* IN A CHILD'S LIFE. PEOPLE, NOT PROGRAMS, *change people.*
-DR. BRUCE PERRY



Promoting Wellbeing



MRS BUTCHER COLLIER
- LEARNING MENTOR

Our Learning Mentor helps children by giving them a non-judgemental space to work through their feelings. She is trained in non-directive therapeutic play, Drawing and Talking and many other interventions to support our children develop and strengthen their mental health.

We have a fully stocked Sensory Room that the children can explore. It might be just for one session or a longer piece of work. We are here to support your child through restoring friendships, strengthening self-esteem, bereavement support, developing team working skills and much more...



MISS GAY
- EMOTIONAL LITERACY
SUPPORT ASSISTANT

We are proud that Miss Gay is one of the first ELSA's in West Sussex. She has been trained by Educational Psychologists to give emotional support to children. We know that children learn better if their emotional needs are addressed. Miss Gay also has a Yellow Kite Qualification in Attachment and the ability to help children develop trusting relationships.

Strong community links

Church festivals

Wellbeing committee

Sensory Room

Learning Mentor

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant



Empathy



Forest School and Outdoor Learning

Forest School is so much more than just learning about nature. In Forest School sessions, run by our own qualified Forest School Director, Mr Harder, children have the chance to develop and grow a deep connection to the world and people around them, improve their understanding of nature, practise physical skills which are useful in later life, and a lot more besides. They make crafts, role play, discover, and most importantly, develop a sense of their important place in our ecosystem.

There is no set curriculum for Forest School, and the children can explore and learn based on their own interests. This helps to develop their skills of curiosity and independence, which are essential skills for wider learning.

You can learn more about Forest School by visiting the FSA website, www.forestschoollassociation.org

In addition to Forest School, we also encourage learning outside the classroom, using outdoor contexts, games and activities to consolidate and learn curriculum objectives.

We aim for every pupil to have many rich and positive outdoor learning experiences during their time at Wisborough Green.



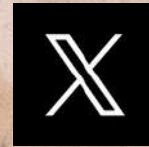


Honesty

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