

# Wisborough Green Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Focus for this half term  
**READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE**

### A Note from the Headteacher

Congratulations to our Values Champions this week: Ruby, Jack, Charlotte, Lois, Maisie and Grayson!

This week we have been enjoying our 'Science Week' as part of British Science Week 2026. The theme has been 'Curiosity: What's your question?'

The children have been exploring lots of exciting science experiments, learning about what different scientists do and finding out about the contributions of famous scientists. We are also having a special 'Curious Scientist' award in today's Celebration Assembly! The children have been asking lots of amazingly curious questions:

'Is there anything smaller than atoms?' Hugo

'How was gravity created?' Lyra

'Why does the world spin round?' Matilda

'Why do trees re-grow?' Alfred

'Why are most plants green?' Monty

'What was the first animal that evolved and what did it change into?' Russell

'How does salt melt snow?' Charlie



### Summer Fair

We would like to inform you all that the Wisborough Green School Summer Fair will now take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

### Spring Cleaning

Are you planning a spring clean of your wardrobe? We would like to remind you about our new textiles bin in the staff car park. The Astra Recycling textiles bin will take clothing, accessories (hats, scarves, gloves, handbags, belts etc), bed linen and soft toys. Everything they take is reused or recycled so less than 1% goes to landfill! And the school is given a financial reward for each kilo donated!





We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a very Happy New Year! We have had a very exciting first week back in Reception, as it was Science Week. Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of hands-on science experiments and investigations.



We explored sinking and floating, making predictions about what we thought might happen before testing our ideas. We also investigated magnets, again predicting and then checking our results:

*"The stone sunk to the bottom of the water and the balloon went to the top of the water. It was floating."* Oscar and Dougie

*"I thought the ball was going to float and it did. I thought marble was going to sink and it did."* Amelia and Jack

*"If it was made of wood it was not magnetic, but the metal things were."* Otilie



The children also learnt about parts of the body, discussing how we have grown and changed over time. We even became doctors and nurses and practised our first aid skills!

We used torches to create some wonderful shadows and experimented with building using dry sand versus wet sand, exploring how they behave differently.

As a class, we built a volcano using playdough and created our own eruption using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and red food colouring:

*"We made the volcano out of playdough. We all put a bit on and made it together."* Alice and Bella

*"The lava came all the way over the top and down the sides, but it is only pretend!"* Wilf

We also learnt about how bees pollinate flowers and used our own bee puppets to collect pollen:

*"The bees go around and collect the pollen, but we did it with cheese puffs!"* Remy

Finally, we explored what happens when oil is added to water, blew bubbles in colourful water, and created a beautiful rainbow experiment using water and Skittles.



To finish off the week, we were delighted to welcome parents, carers and family members to our Numicon workshop. The children enjoyed showing how we use Numicon to support our Maths learning. Thank you to everyone who joined us, it was lovely to see you all. The presentation is on our [website](#).

### Key Dates

#### January

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Rivers Workshop
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Rivers Workshop
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - PTA Movie Night

#### February

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> - PTA Silent Disco
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - February Half Term

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



Congratulations to the winner of this week's PTA Cake Raffle!

#### HOUSE POINTS

YELLOW - 127  
 BLUE - 126  
 GREEN - 135  
 RED - 108



## WOWSI

Join a WOWSI Parent Chat Session



### Welcome

We know that parenting a child who struggles with anxiety can feel overwhelming – especially when they're trying to make sense of big emotions. If your child is finding things tough, please know you're not alone.

At West Sussex Parent Carer Forum (WSPCF), we're here to support families of children and young people with SEND. We provide information, signposting, workshops, and opportunities to connect with other Parent Carers, so you feel informed and empowered.

Our WOWSI sessions and resources are designed to help you every step of the way. Whether you're looking to connect with other parents, build your confidence, or simply find a moment to breathe – we've got you.

### WOWSI Online Parent Chat Session

WOWSI (Working on Worries Support and Intervention) is has been designed by clinical psychologists to help parents support their children with anxiety and big emotions, using practical, evidence-based tools and guidance.

Join our next WOWSI Online Parent Chat with Vik Machin, Mental Health and Wellbeing Advisor at West Sussex County Council. Vik will explain how WOWSI works and how it can help your child. If you're not currently taking part in the programme but want to learn more, this is your chance to find out and ask questions.

### Join a WOWSI Parent Chat Session

These relaxed, friendly online meet-ups are a space just for parent carers.

Come along to talk, listen, or simply connect with others who "get it."

No pressure, no prep – just come as you are.

#### Upcoming Dates (Online):



Tuesday  
13th January  
6.30 – 8pm



Tuesday  
10th February  
9.30 – 11am



Tuesday  
17th March  
8.30 – 9pm



Tuesday  
28th April  
10 – 11.30am

We will be joined by

**Vik Machin - Schools and Colleges Mental Health & Wellbeing Advisor, WSCC**

Our Working On Worries Support Intervention (WOWSI) parent chat sessions are led by Parent Carers with lived experience of supporting their own children through fears, worries, and anxiety. It's a relaxed, understanding space to share, listen, and connect with others who truly "get it."

If you're not taking part in WOWSI but are interested to know more join us and hear from Vik Machin who will explain how WOWSI works and how it can help your child.

#### Upcoming Dates (Online):

Tuesday 13th January  
6.30 - 8.00pm

[CLICK TO JOIN](#)

Join us for a relaxed online chat focused on what WOWSI is all about and how it can help you to support your child with their worries.

You don't need to prepare anything - just come as you are.



## MAKING SENSE OF CHANGE



### What's changing for SEND families - locally and nationally?

Local government and the NHS are going through some big changes, and we want to help you understand what this could mean for you and your family.

#### Join one of our upcoming events to:

- ◆ Hear about the latest updates on local government and NHS changes, SEND reforms, and the Wellbeing Act
- ◆ Find out how Parent Carer Forums across Sussex are working together to support families
- ◆ Share your views, questions, and concerns with us.

We will take your questions and thoughts and share them directly with the local authority and NHS Sussex.

Your voice matters! These changes could affect your family, and we want to make sure you're heard.

#### Dates and Locations:

Tuesday 27 January 9:30 -11:30 (Refreshments available from 9am)  
 Crawley - The Charis Centre, West Green Drive, RH11 7EL

Friday 6th February 12:00-14:00  
 Online - Via Microsoft Teams

Monday 2nd March 9:45-11:45 (Refreshments available from 9:15am)  
 Worthing - Heene Community Centre, Wordsworth Lounge, 122 Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 4PL

Tuesday 24th March 19:00-21:00  
 Online - Via Microsoft Teams

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**West Sussex Parent Carer Forum**

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