

Wisborough Green Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd January 2026

Focus for this half term

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



A Note from the Headteacher

Congratulations to our Values Champions this week: Bella, Astrid, Oliver, Alba, Jack, Theia and Seth!

Unfortunately, the bad weather is continuing to be bad. Unless it is raining heavily, we like to try and get the children outside for fresh air and exercise as we find that this really helps with concentration and learning. With this in mind, please could you send your children in with a suitable coat and footwear. Wellies and spare socks would be great!

Year 5



This term, our topic is all about The Americas. We begin this term with Science Week where we were Botanists. We dissected plants to look at the different parts of flowers and we grew our own cress and beans. We discovered that the beans germinated best in the dark.

This is because the roots are usually in the soil where there is no light and are forced to grow downwards. We are now moving on to learn about animals and their habitats. We learnt about the different animal groups and how to classify animals based on their features.

We are thoroughly enjoying our English book - 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. It is about a boy called Stanley Yelnats who ends up going to a juvenile detention centre - Camp Green Lake. He is forced to dig holes - 5 foot in all directions. It's hot and dirty work but Stanley is beginning to make friends at the camp. We are currently writing our own Camp Green Lake Survival Guides.

In reading, we have started reading 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy. So far we have practised our reading skills of clarifying and summarising. We have also made predictions about what we think might happen in the story.

In PE, we are learning how to play netball. Every week at the end of our lessons, we have a netball match and our skills are improving each time. We have been practising the skills of shooting, defending and passing.

In art, we have been looking at the artist Frida Kahlo and we have been trying to replicate some of her self portraits by doing our own self portraits. Kahlo's paintings show us a lot about her life in Mexico, she used bright colours and gloomy colours depending on her mood.

We are looking forward to the rest of this term!



Forest School Area

Despite the battle with the weather, we are working hard to develop and extend our forest school area into a full outdoor classroom, which we can use for many different learning opportunities. A big thank you all the volunteers last weekend who helped with the clearing and to the Billingshurst 'Men in Sheds' who are making the school several planters. There will be further volunteering opportunities over the coming months - please contact Sarah Taaffe if you have some time or skills that you might be able to share with us. If you know any companies that could help, please could you pass on our requests.

Currently we are looking for help with funding applications.

We are also looking for help with donations of:

- 18 x 6 ft wooden fencing panels
- 18 x 6 foot concrete gravel boards
- 19 x 2.4m concrete slotted fence post
- 6 x 6 seater picnic benches
- Roof felting for the shelter
- 11m x 8m butyl/EPDM pond liner
- 11m x 8m pond liner underlay
- Skip or waste removal

At a later date, we will also be looking for large quantities of woodchip from any tree surgeons.



MOVIE NIGHT

29 | **£5**
January 3.15-5.15pm | Popcorn or Crisps Included

Tickets available on Classlist

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WOW Club

February Holiday Club - bookings open!

[Click here to book or scan below](#)

Discos
Sport
Pottery
Lego
Science

Mon 16th-Wed 18th February

School Day: 08:30 - 15:30 (£38)
Full Day: 08:30 - 18:00 (£43)

50% OFF THIS HOLIDAY ONLY!

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Key Dates

February

- Thursday 29th - PTA Movie Night
- Thursday 12th - PTA Silent Disco
- Friday 13th - INSET Day
- Monday 16th - Friday 20th - February Half Term
- Tuesday 24th - YR NHS Healthy Child Screening Programme
- Thursday 26th - Y4 Extra Swimming Lesson

March

- Thursday 5th - Y4 Extra Swimming Lesson
- Thursday 5th - World Book Day & PTA Book Sale
- Friday 6th - Y1 & Y2 Arctic Polar Explorers Workshop
- Friday 13th - YR Trip to Washbrooks Family Farm

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



HOUSE POINTS

GREEN - 159
YELLOW - 152
RED - 150
BLUE - 148

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