



Wickham Common

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very busy January at Wickham Common, February promises to be no different!

So far, 2025 has seen children across the school take part in a number of musical and sporting events. Members of our KS2 choir attended a singing spectacular at the O2 Arena in London and performed to a packed crowd. Many thanks to all the staff who attended. Both our boys and girls football teams have played fixtures so far this year and every child has now taken part in curriculum dance lessons delivered by our expert coach.

Elsewhere, following hot on the heels of the Freshwater Theatre visiting Year 2 last week, both Year 1 and Year 5 are taking part in drama workshops on site this week. These exciting opportunities have been partly funded by our tireless PTA and we thank them for their support as always.

Our first class assemblies of the year take place this week – 3 Horse Chestnut, 6 Lime and 6 Oak are all welcoming their families in to share elements of their learning. All classes will have an assembly at some point during the academic year so if your child's assembly has not been announced yet, please be assured it will be communicated in due course.

Speaking of assemblies, children have taken part in an assembly in preparation for NSPCC Number Day this Friday. I know that that our Maths team, Mr Winter and Mrs Ruddell are writing to you separately about how they would like children to be involved in supporting a charity we have a long standing association with.

As you are already aware, Mrs Rodger is leading an Online Safety workshop on Tuesday 4th February. Sign up for both of these sessions (2.30 and 3.30) remains open and I'd highly recommend attending as Mrs Rodger is both knowledgeable and very up to date in her understanding of an area that we all need to be more aware of.

Our Spring Parental Survey also remains open and can be accessed [here](#). If you haven't already done so, please take the time to complete the survey if you can as it is an essential part in improving our communication with you and our understanding of the parental voice. Some of the initial feedback is that parents do not always feel up to date with what is being taught, term by term, to their children, so I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that year group curriculum maps can be found on the Curriculum Overview page of our website which you can



access [here](#). You will just need to select the relevant Key Stage from the menu on the right hand side.

You may remember that last year, Miss Williams met with our local councillor, Josh Coldspring-White to discuss, among other topics, the safety of the roads surrounding the school. Whilst a definite decision has not yet been made, Josh has sent through the following update which will hopefully progress towards a positive resolution in the coming months.

Following a review this month by the Traffic Engineers, a further investigation will take place to see if there is any issue with crossing at this location plus the viability of a 20mph flasher sign.

Finally, it would be remiss of me not to take this opportunity to reassure you that I fully intend on the transition into my acting headship to be as seamless as possible. I have worked closely with Miss Williams in the run up to her time away from Wickham Common to make thorough and strategic preparations for her absence. It is our hope that you will notice very little difference to life at Wickham Common during this time. Many thanks to the staff and parents who have offered their support – I'm very excited about embracing the role over the coming weeks. I know that you'll join me in wishing Miss Williams the very best of luck and welcoming her back in due course.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Slack', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr B Slack
Assistant Headteacher