



Wickham Common

Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

10th June 2025

You are warmly invited to

WICKHAM COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY & PICNIC – FRIDAY 27th JUNE 2025

Lower School Sports Day (Foundation Stage, Years 1 & 2) – starting at 10am

Lunch for all years: 12.00-1.00pm

Upper School Sports Day (Years 3-6) – starting at 1.10pm

As per last year, we will be using the Queensway gate to lessen congestion at the front of the school. In order to keep the site safe, the gate will only be open at the following times:

9.45 – 10.10am for arrival of Lower School parents

12.00 – 1.00pm Lunch for parents and children of all years

1.00 – 1.15pm for departure of Lower School parents and arrival of Upper School parents (who did not come for lunch)

3.00 – 3.20pm for the departure of Upper School parents.

If you need to arrive or leave at any other time, please ensure that you use the front of school entrance via the office.

Please note that all children will be expected to enter and leave our school in the usual way at the usual time. If you have a child in the lower school who is staying with you for the picnic, please ensure they are with you at all times. Their class teacher will collect the lower school children from you at 1pm and take them back to class for the afternoon.

At the end of the school day at 3.25pm, children are to be met at the **front of the school by their parents and will be dismissed in the usual way**. EYFS children will be collected from their class doors at 3.10 as usual. Please be patient with us if dismissals take longer than usual.

General Health and Safety

To ensure the safety of the children, we are asking parents to stay on the outer edge of the activities so that staff have a clear view of all the pupils all the time, and can move classes from one activity to the next without losing sight of the children amongst groups of spectators. A line will be drawn on the field so that this is clear to everyone. This will also ensure that the central area is kept clear in the event of an emergency. The bank is not to be used at any time as this is too steep and dangerous.

Lower School Sports Day

This will begin promptly at 10.00am. There are six activities and the children move round with their teachers. After the activities have been completed, children go to the running track to compete in sprint races. If time allows, we will have a toddlers' and a parents' race. After this, teachers will take children back to their classrooms. **Parents/Carers will then meet the children at the external classroom doors at 12.00pm to take them onto the field for their picnic lunch.**



Picnic Lunch

Parents and relatives are invited to have a picnic lunch with their children on the school field. Lunch will be from 12.00pm until 1.00pm. The school caterers will NOT be serving the usual menu on sports day, but are able to provide a packed lunch for Lower School children and for those pupils in Years 3-6 who usually have a school meal if required. If a family member or other adult is not available, children will be able to sit outside with the Midday Supervisors. If your child requires a school lunch, **please return the attached Harrison's form by 10.00am on Monday 16th June.**

Please ensure that children do not play with the equipment on the field as we need it in the correct position for the Upper School sports in the afternoon. During the lunch time all children, including Foundation Stage, may use the school quiet garden and the field. Please ensure supervision of any younger children, especially near football pitches and the steep bank area. During the joint lunch, the outdoor gym equipment will also be out of bounds and not monitored by the midday team.

If you are not able to attend and your child requires supervision during the picnic lunch, please let the school office know by Wednesday 25th June.

Upper School Sports Day

The Upper School Day will begin promptly at 1.10pm. This year, we have made some changes so that events are both inclusive and competitive.

Throughout the week, children will have the chance to experience 4 field events. The top child from each house in each class will qualify for the field finals that will take place whilst the remainder of the children are taking part in our traditional sports day carousel. The final results will contribute to the house totals. If you know that your child has qualified for one of the field finals, please ask a member of staff if you need assistance finding them.

When the carousel finishes, children will be escorted to the track by their teachers and sat in their house areas. The sprint finals – which children will also have had the opportunity to qualify for - and shuttles races will then take place, with the results also contributing to the house totals.

Following this, we will be hosting our inaugural Individual Races, a long-distance event made up of the top 8 fastest runners in each year group. As the top 8 may be made up of more than one child per house, the race will be separate from the house totals but will give those children who relish sporting competition the opportunity to do so.

Final reminders

If it is hot and sunny, please ensure your child comes to school with sun lotion already applied, a named sun hat and a named bottle of water. Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E kit, including a shirt that corresponds to their house: Attenborough (Green), Bowie (Red), Hanbury (Blue) and Malala (Yellow).

Finally, we would be grateful if parents could help us by bringing their chair down off the field at the end of the afternoon.

Thank you, as always, for your co-operation. We are looking forward to an enjoyable day.

Should the weather be poor and we decide to postpone sports day, we will inform you by email by 8.30am on the morning of Friday 27th June. This information will also be available on the school website. Please note that our reserve date for sports day is Friday 11th July.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Winter and Mr. Slack