



# Wickham Common Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through what has been a truly wonderful term, it has been a pleasure to see our school community thriving. The children have approached their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity, and positivity, and it has been delightful to witness their progress across all areas of the curriculum. With the Easter holidays approaching, we are embracing the season with a sunny outlook and looking forward to the exciting opportunities and activities still to come before the break.

The children have made excellent strides in their learning this term. From developing key skills in English and Maths to exploring new topics across the wider curriculum, their growth has been evident in both their confidence and independence. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the effort they continue to show each day. We are working on an increased focus in handwriting and number formation across our school and would encourage you to support your child with this at home when they are writing in script and any number work they are completing.


Home reading remains a vital part of your child's development, and we greatly appreciate your continued support. Encouraging regular independent reading at home helps to build fluency, comprehension, and a lifelong love of books. Our book-banded reading books are intentionally repetitive, as this repetition is key to increasing word exposure and strengthening sight vocabulary. Your involvement in this process makes a significant difference and will ensure that your child reads with more independence at a greater pace. I accept that the books are not always fun, but the children so desperately need to be heard to read regularly and your part in this development cannot be replaced. So please, put down the devices and sit with your child and enjoy the wonderful process of hearing them becoming more fluent readers daily!

Years 3 and 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their recent art workshops with Mrs Cipiciani. The children have been working with clay, developing their creativity while refining their artistic skills. It has been fantastic to see their engagement and the pride they take in their work.



We are also very excited to introduce our new bees to the school this week. They will be settling into their new environment in the pond area over the coming days and will be a fantastic and enriching addition to our school community. This provides a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about nature, responsibility, and sustainability.

Our recent sponsored bouncy castle event was a huge success, raising valuable funds for the school while providing great enjoyment for the children. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces including on our staff, and such enthusiasm throughout the day. A heartfelt thank you goes to our PTA for organising this event and for their continued support.

We are also pleased to share information again about the upcoming Easter holiday camps being held here at Wickham Common.  which will offer a mix of sports and creative activities. Please see the link provided for what promises to be a truly exciting opportunity for the children to stay active and engaged during the break. You are able to book directly with the provider 6soccer using this link and can learn more about this below.

<https://www.6soccer.com/school-holiday-courses>

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your cooperation in keeping children off the banks to ensure their safety and to allow our hedges to continue growing, once planted this weekend. Your support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment is greatly appreciated.

Following the Easter holidays, children may return to school in their summer uniform, weather permitting. Can I please also remind you that children will all need to be equipped with their own clearly labelled water bottle to support them in keeping hydrated in the warmer weather. We are seeing an increase in the number of fidget toys being used in school. I reiterate that these are toys and no pupil should be given these to use in class at any point unless this has been agreed through discussions with the class teacher and SENDco as an agreed identified need.



## This week we have celebrated Values Assembly

Class	Child's Name	Value
Acorns	Lola-Valentine	Fun
Conkers	Rose	Kindness
1 Lime	Delilah	Effort
1 Oak	Leo	Effort
2 Ash	Penelope	Kindness
2 Maple	Arya	Kindness
3 Elm	Cece	Fun
3 Holly	Henry	Effort
4 Horse Chestnut	Annabel	Creativity
4 Cherry	Bertie	Fun
5 Hazel	Jessica	Kindness
5 Poplar	Becky	Integrity
6 Beech	Louis T	Acceptance
6 Willow	Nathan	Honesty

### Assembly Themes this week:

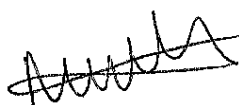
Sustainability Assembly  
Ports of London Assembly

### REMINDERS

- ❖ Parents and carers of children in year 2, will this week be receiving an email from [reports@wickhamcommon](mailto:reports@wickhamcommon) with details of their own child's performance in their recent assessment papers. Please check your inbox and junk mailbox for these.
- ❖ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wear something **Green** to support CASPA (in addition to school uniform). See attached poster
- ❖ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 trip to The Golden Hinde
- ❖ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Pre loved Uniform Sale before and after school
- ❖ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> - Musical Soiree 17.30 start. Book tickets via Arbor/school shop
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - EYFS Spring Walk
- ❖ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Own Clothes Day & PTA Doughnut Sale after school. (Pre orders for doughnuts close on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> @ midday <https://pta.events/doughnuts>)

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,



Becky Williams  
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