



Wickham Common

Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You are warmly invited to our:

WICKHAM COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL
SPORTS DAY & PICNIC – FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2026
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, to access the school field we will be using the **Queensway** gate entrance to lessen congestion at the front of the school. This can be found between house 211 and 213 on Queensway BR4 9DX. The gates will be open from 9.45 am.

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.

At the end of the school day at 3.25pm, children in years 1-6 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.

The only toilets that can be used are the two disabled toilets by the main hall. Please note that they are only accessible via the steps down to the playground.

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 (off the playgrounds) at 12.00pm to take them onto the field for their picnic lunch.** A member of staff will be on hand to direct parents to classrooms.

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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, your child will only have a school packed lunch if this was ordered in advance. As this pre order time has now passed, if you have not already placed your order with the school office you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch.

If a family member or other adult is not available at the picnic lunch, children will be able to sit outside with the Midday Supervisors.

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 lunchtime 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 located on the field 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 17th 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 3 field events (howler throw, lacrosse throw and standing long jump). The top male and female 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 feel free to ask a member of staff on the field if you need assistance finding their event.

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 for both our children and families.

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 19th June. Please note that our reserve date for sports day is Thursday 25th June.

Yours sincerely

Miss Williams and Mrs Horton

