

Sporting Events

Last week our Year 5 and 6 boys football team competed against other local schools in the Swanmore cluster football event, hosted here on our all-weather pitch. They were very excited to play in our new football kits, kindly sponsored by Wickham Parish Council. The boys competed in three football matches, scoring four goals and securing them a well-earned third place.



Some of our pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 also recently ventured to Swanmore College to compete in a cross-country competition. There were over 30 competitors in each year group race, so competition was tight. Our children put fantastic effort into the races, some placing in the top five runners of each race! Well done to all the children who took part – we are incredibly proud of them!

Children in Need



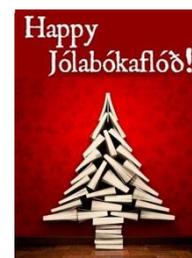
We are pleased to announce that we raised an amazing £509 for Children in Need this year, which is more than double our target! The children had great fun participating in Joe Wicks' online keep fit session and we saw lots of Pudsey ears and sparkle on the day. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Book Flood

Once again, we will be running a 'Christmas Book Flood' this year. Christmas Book Flood is an Icelandic tradition where, on Christmas Eve, the Icelandic people practice something called 'Jolabokafloð' (translating to 'Christmas Book Flood'). Jolabokafloð involves giving books as presents on Christmas Eve so that friends and family can spend a cosy night curled up with a good story.

This year, we have asked Father Christmas and his elves to help us organise and deliver the books. Every child in school will receive a book on the last day of term to be put under the family tree, opened on Christmas Eve and shared with a family member.

We are asking parents, staff, governors and the local community to get involved so we know there will be enough books for every child in the school. We would love it if you could donate a book to school (new or second hand in a very good condition), suitable for your own child's age group. Please send any book donations by Monday 6th December, along with any rolls of wrapping paper for the elves to use.



Butser Farm Trip



Last week Otters and Kingfishers Class (finally!) visited Butser Ancient Farm to learn more about the Romans and Celts of early Britain. Thankfully the weather remained dry, although a little cold! The children were able to explore both a Celtic



roundhouse and a Roman villa. The children also took part in four workshops: Archaeological dig, Chalk carving, Jewellery making, Mosaic making which they thoroughly enjoyed and were able to bring home some of their creations.

Christmas Lunch

This year we will be holding our Christmas lunch on Thursday 16th December. The cost of the meal will be £2.50 for children in KS2 (there is no charge for children in KS1 or those in KS2 who are receipt of Free School Meals). Please pay for your child's meal in advance by adding £2.50 to their dinner money balance using Scopay. The menu will be:

Roast turkey and chipolata sausage or

Vegetarian Wellington with vegan sausage

Served with roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy

Christmas Chocolate Cracknel

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch please place an order using [this link](#) by Wednesday 1st December.

Wickham Historical Society

Recently Key Stage 1 had a special visitor from Wickham Historical Society, to start their next history unit 'What was Wickham like to live in in the past?' Vanessa came in dressed in historical clothing and showed the children photographs of what Wickham square is like now before they time travelled to look at photographs of Wickham in the past. The children talked about what they would have seen, heard and smelt if they had been in Wickham square 100 years ago.



The children learnt that, back in the Middle Ages a 'greedy king' wanted more money, so he made the Lord of the Manor in Wickham give him extra money in exchange for permission for a market to be held every year in the square. 800 years later that market still exists as the Wickham horse fair.

Parent Feedback Survey

Thank you so much to those parents who have already taken the time to respond to our Parent Feedback Survey. We are delighted with the positive comments that we have received so far and also very grateful for the constructive feedback. The survey will close on Friday 3rd December so there is still time to respond. Please follow [this link](#) to give your feedback. Once we have collated the results, we will produce a summary of the feedback received and the actions we are taking in response.

Toys in School

We are becoming aware of a new craze for fidget toys in the form of 'monkey puzzles' and fidget cube puzzles. We ask that children do not bring any form of fidget toy (or card game etc) into school from home. There are a very small number of children in school who benefit from having access to a fidget toy. These are provided by the school. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

5 th December	Patronal Festival St Nicholas Church at 10am Wickham Christmas Lights Switch On from 4 to 6 pm
6 th - 10 th December	Year 6 Bikeability
9 th December	Messy Church at St Nicholas Parish Church at 3.30pm
14 th December	Year R Nativity Performance - 2pm
15 th & 16 th December	KS1 Nativity Performance
16 th December	Christmas Lunch
17 th December	Last Day of Term
4 th January	INSET Day
5 th January	First day of term