

Newsletter September 2026



WICKHAM
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Latest News and Reminders

- **We are a nut-free school.** We kindly ask parents and carers not to send nuts, or products containing nuts, into school in packed lunches, snacks or treats.
- Please use the KS2 playground gate to enter the school grounds at drop off and pick up. Pedestrian access is not permitted through the front gates at these time.
- bring a named water bottle into school each day
- label all school uniform

Welcome from Mr Cutter

A very warm welcome to the new school year!

I hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable and restful summer. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school, and especially lovely to meet those pupils and families who are joining our school community for the first time.

A new school year brings fresh opportunities, new friendships and exciting experiences. Our staff are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that every child feels happy, safe, valued and supported to achieve their very best.

Thank you for the important part you play in your child's education and for your continued support of our school. Good communication between home and school makes such a difference, so please do get in touch if there is anything we can do to support your child or family. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about our upcoming Parents' Evening. This is an important opportunity to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they have settled into their new class and find out more about their learning for the year ahead. We encourage all parents and carers to attend.

I am looking forward to another happy, positive and successful year together.

Harvest Festival

Our KS2 children walked to the church to take part in our Harvest Service. We enjoyed singing harvest songs together, and each class presented some information about why we collect food at harvest time and where our donations go. With so many children attending, we certainly filled the church!

The children walked brilliantly to and from the church and joined in with the service beautifully. We were very proud of the way they represented our school.

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Harvest collection. All donations will be going to the Meon Valley Food Bank.

New Drop Off & Pick Up Arrangements

Thank you for your support in using the Key Stage 2 playground gate rather than the pedestrian gate alongside the vehicle entrance. Since introducing this change, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of people crossing the car park, which has greatly improved safety for our pupils and families at busy times of the day.

We have, however, received some feedback from parents and carers with health or mobility needs who have found the new arrangement more challenging. If using the driveway pedestrian gate would make access to the school easier for you, please contact the school office. We will be happy to discuss your circumstances and provide permission for you to use this entrance.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to keep our site as safe and accessible as possible for everyone.

Rotary Shoe Box Appeal



We are, once again, participating in the Rotary shoe box appeal. For those of you who are not familiar with the project, the idea is that you fill a shoe box with gifts and these are delivered to disadvantaged children and adults in Eastern Europe. You select the recipient i.e. age and gender and fill the shoe box with gifts suitable for them such as toys, books and toiletries. Please see the advice on filling your shoebox¹.

The boxes have been provided and can be collected from your child's class teacher if you would like to participate. There are enough boxes for one per family so please only take what you need. The boxes need to be returned to school by **18th October**.

If you are not able to fill a whole box, you are welcome to send into school any gifts suitable for a box and we will put some boxes together from your donations. Please find attached an

¹<https://www.rotaryshoobox.org/suggested-box-contents/>

information leaflet with everything you need to know. Don't forget that £2 needs to be attached to the box to help with delivery costs.

We look forward to receiving your donations.

Family Tours

If your child is currently 4 years old, or will turn 4 before 1st September 2027, they will be eligible to start school in September 2027.

Applications for Hampshire residents open on **1st November 2026**. The national closing date for primary school applications is **15th January 2027**.

We will be holding family tours of our school throughout October and November. These are a great opportunity to see the school in action, meet our staff and learn more about life at Wickham Church of England Primary School.

To book a tour, please visit our school website or contact the school office.



The poster for Wickham Church of England Primary School features a purple and yellow wavy background. At the top left is the school's logo, which includes a sun and a cross, with the text 'WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL'. The main title 'DISCOVER WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL' is written in large, bold, purple letters. Below the title, there are three circular images: the first shows two children in school uniforms working in a garden; the second shows two children sitting at a desk with a laptop; the third shows a child writing at a desk. To the right of these images, the text reads: 'Is your child starting school in September 2027?', 'Join us on one of our family tours taking place in the autumn', and 'Places can be booked through our website or by contacting the school office'. At the bottom left, there is an Ofsted logo with a QR code and the text 'Read our report'. At the bottom right, the contact information is listed: '01329 833065', 'www.wickham-primary.co.uk', and 'adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk'.

October Half-Term Football Coaching

Attached to this newsletter is information about the Winchester Football Project October Half-Term Coaching Programme, delivered by Winchester City Council and ActiveMe 360.

Children aged 6-13 can take part in fun football sessions designed to help them develop skills, play matches and make new friends during the half-term break.

There is a local session taking place at Wickham MUGA, Mill Lane, from 11.00am-12.15pm, Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026. The programme costs £1 per day and places can be booked directly with the organisers.

A Small Change to How We Share School Life

You may notice that our website and social media posts look a little different this year.

As a school, we regularly review how we protect and safeguard our children in an increasingly digital world. Following careful consideration, we have made the decision to significantly reduce the use of identifiable photographs of individual pupils on our public-facing platforms, including our website and social media channels.

We will continue to celebrate the wonderful learning, achievements and experiences that take place at Wickham Primary School, but we will do so in ways that place children's privacy and online safety at the forefront. This may mean using group photographs, images taken from behind, photographs that do not identify individual children, or sharing examples of work and activities rather than close-up pupil images.

We are currently in the process of updating our school website to reflect this approach, so you may notice some changes over the coming weeks.

Thank you for your support as we continue to balance celebrating school life with protecting our children in an ever-changing digital landscape.

Dates for the Diary

Parents' Evening

15th and 20th October

Half Term

26th - 30th October

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