

The Wimbledon Championships

Wimbledon is the world's oldest tennis tournament and is thought by many to be the most prestigious. Since 1877 it has been held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London. It is one of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments (majors), the others being the French Open, the Australian Open and the US Open. Wimbledon is the only major still played on traditional grass, the game's original surface, which gave the game its original name of 'lawn tennis'.



Events

The five main events are the gentlemen's singles, ladies' singles, gentlemen's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles.

There are also four junior events including the boys' and girls' singles and doubles matches.

In addition to this, there are invitation events where some former professionals return to compete. Wheelchair singles and doubles matches also take place.

Tickets

The majority of centre court tickets are made available by a public ballot where applicants are selected at random by a computer. Due to the popularity of the event, the public ballot has always been oversubscribed. Fans without tickets can queue up overnight to get seats on match day.

Schedule

In 2017, the championships began and ended in July, making the gap between the tournament and the French Open a little longer. Usually, there is no play on the 'Middle Sunday', however bad weather has sometimes forced play on this day. The middle Sunday is classed as a rest day for the players.

The Courts

The principal court, Centre Court, was opened in 1922. In 2009, a moving roof was added to this court which can be automatically closed.

The main courts, Centre Court and No. 1 Court, are generally only used for two weeks every year during the championships. The other 17 courts are used for other events hosted by the club.

Trophies and Prize Money

The gentlemen's singles champion receives a silver gilt cup which bears the inscription: 'All England Lawn Tennis Club Single Handed Championship of the World.' The women's singles champion receives a sterling silver salver which is decorated with figures from mythology. The winners keep a smaller replica of their trophy.

The prize money for the winners runs into the millions!



A Few Famous Champions

Martina Navratilova won a record nine Wimbledon singles titles. She often commentates on the women's matches.

Serena Williams, and her sister Venus, have won Wimbledon several times. They have even competed against each other in the singles final. The sisters have also paired up and won the Wimbledon women's

doubles title on a number of occasions.

Pete Sampras won seven singles titles at Wimbledon, all between 1993 and 2000.

Roger Federer won Wimbledon five times in a row between 2003 and 2007, a period where he totally dominated grass court tennis.

In 2013, Sir Andy Murray won the men's singles title. He was the first British singles winner since 1977 and the first male winner since 1936!



Did You Know?

- Wimbledon's Centre Court seats 14,979 people.
- An average of 86,000 ice creams are sold during the championships and 28,000kg of strawberries are consumed.
- A hawk called Rufus flies around the grounds to deter local pigeons.
- The longest ever match played at Wimbledon lasted for over 11 hours!
- During the tournament, 40 miles of string is needed to restring rackets!
- Tennis players' clothing must be all-white, or at least almost all-white.
- Players must bow or curtsy if HRH The Prince of Wales or Her Majesty the Queen is present in the Royal Box at Centre Court.



Friday 24th April

<p>Reading Mission 30 mins</p>	<p>Children to read or be supported to read 'The Wimbledon Championships'. After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are in bold.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. List all four Grand Slam tennis tournaments. The four Grand Slam tennis tournaments are: Wimbledon, the French Open, the US Open and the Australian Open.2. Outline the main events at Wimbledon. The five main events are the gentlemen's singles, ladies' singles, gentlemen's doubles, ladies' doubles and mixed doubles.3. Why did Wimbledon start later in 2017? To make the gap between the tournament and the French Open a little longer.4. What is special about 'Middle Sunday'? Usually, there is no play on the 'Middle Sunday', however bad weather has sometimes forced play on this day. The middle Sunday is classed as a rest day for the players.5. How are the main show courts used differently to the other courts throughout the year? The main courts, Centre Court and No. 1 Court, are generally only used for two weeks every year during the championships. The other 17 courts are used for other events hosted by the club.6. The Williams sisters have played against each other in the Wimbledon women's singles final. How would you have felt if you had been playing against your brother or sister in the Wimbledon finals? If you don't have any brothers or sisters, imagine playing against your best friend. Own answers
<p>Writing Mission 30 mins</p>	<p>YOU are a world champion tennis player. Next week you will be playing at Wimbledon. Write a short paragraph about how you will prepare for this championship. Remember, you are writing about what you will do to prepare so you are writing in the future tense. Consider what you might eat, exercise you might do, who you might train with, where you will train, what you will need to buy etc.</p> <p>Use the 'tense' mat to help you.</p>

Past	Present	Future
I ate my lunch an hour ago.	I eat my lunch at school.	I will eat my lunch at lunchtime.
Yesterday I built a tower.	I build towers from bricks.	I will build a tower when I get home from school.
I have sat on a bus.	I catch a bus.	I will catch the bus after school.
I climbed a tree earlier.	I climb the trees in my backyard.	I will climb a tree at the weekend.
I cooked pizza for dinner last night.	I cook in my kitchen.	I will cook dinner for my mom on Mother's Day.
I cried when I fell over.	I cry quietly.	I will cry if I feel sad.
I have done my homework.	I do my homework at my desk.	I will do my homework tomorrow.
I have danced on stage.	I dance in gym class.	I will dance to some music later.
I drew a picture at school.	I draw pictures at school.	I will draw a picture for you.
I drove home last night.	I drive a blue car.	I will drive home later.
I have been to the movies.	I go to the movies.	I will go to the movies on the weekend.
I helped my dad wash the car yesterday.	I help my friends at school.	I will help my mom cook dinner at the weekend.
I jumped over the jump rope.	I jump in gym class.	I will jump over the hurdles on Sports Day.
I kicked the ball over the fence.	I kick a ball on the playground.	I will kick the ball at soccer tomorrow.
I knew I would get a bike for my birthday.	I know it's my birthday soon.	I will know if I have got a bike on my birthday.
I laughed at my sister's joke.	I laugh at jokes.	I will laugh at a joke if it is funny.
I listened to the rain.	I listen to my teacher.	I will listen when I cross the road.
I looked at the book.	I look at books.	I will look at the book later.

Maths
Mission
30 mins

Your mission is to use the train timetable to answer the questions.

Trains to Twinkle Town

Monday to Saturday		Sunday	
Depart	Arrive	Depart	Arrive
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
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Use the train timetable to answer these word problems.

1. If Jamie catches the 11:00 a.m. train to Twinkle Town, what time will his train arrive? _____
2. Imrik needs to get to Twinkle Town for 6:00 p.m. What time train does he need to get? _____
3. Poppy arrives in Twinkle Town at 4:00 p.m.
Which train did she catch? _____
4. If Alice wants to get to Twinkle Town for 10:00 p.m., which train should she get? _____
5. Nashim wants to get to the cinema in Twinkle Town for a 2:00 p.m. film.
Which train should she get to make sure she is in time? _____

Topic
Mission

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