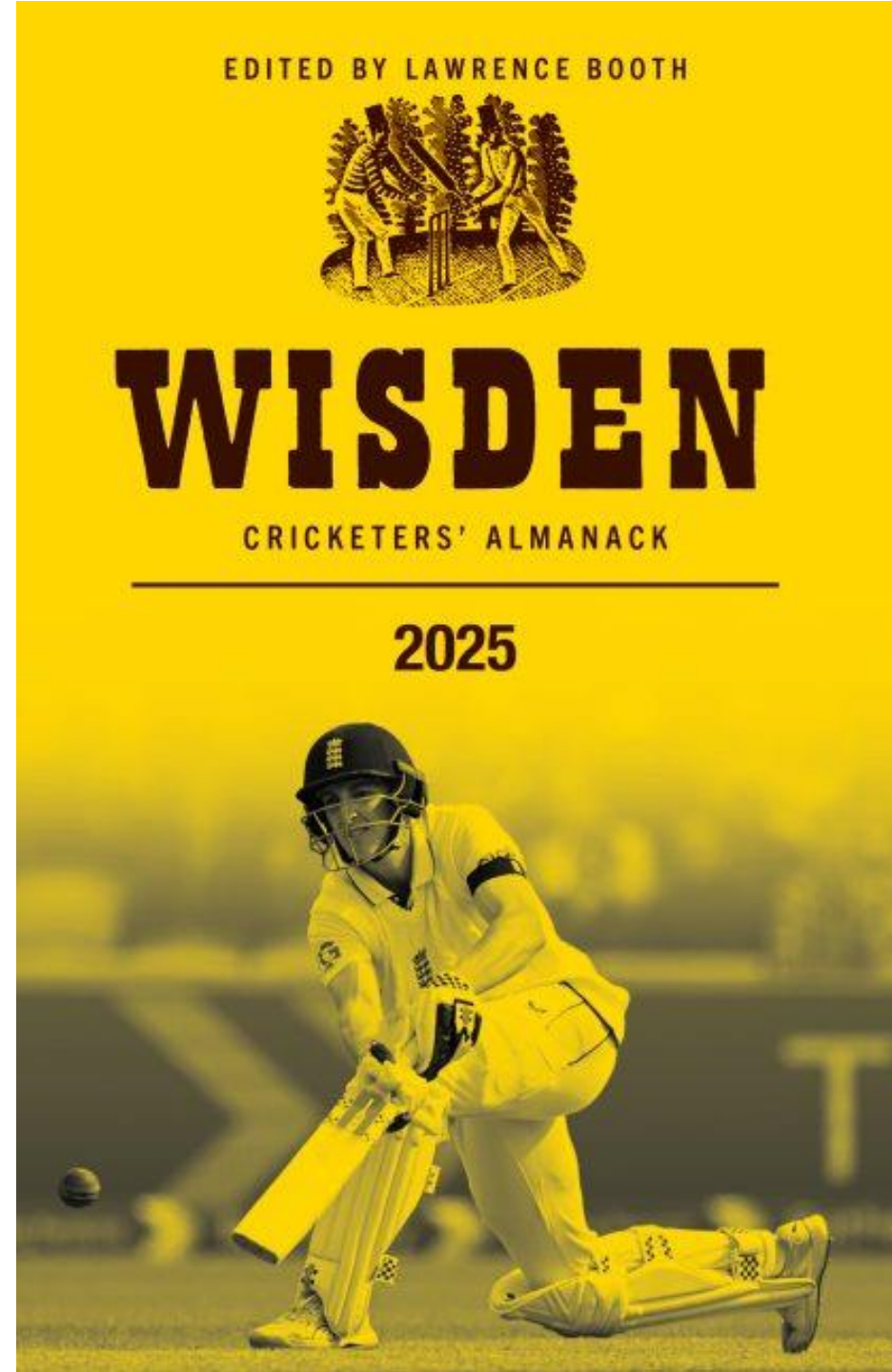


Wisden- a
guide to
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the form



SCHOOLS CRICKET IN 2024

REVIEW BY ROBERT MORRIS

For many schools, the 2024 season will be remembered for the rain that blighted its beginning and end. The Met Office announced that the meteorological spring – March, April and May – was the sixth-wettest since records began in 1884, and the wettest since 1986. Rainfall for the UK was almost a third higher than the 1991–2020 average, though there were huge variations. Areas such as Edinburgh and Dorset received twice the expected rainfall, while other areas experienced totals perhaps only 10% or so above the norm, notably in the South East.

Inevitably, the number of abandoned games increased. The 2024 figure of 14% – or one game in seven – was up from roughly 9% the year before. The worst-affected areas were the Midlands, the North and Scotland. Sedbergh, in the north-western (Cumbrian) corner of the Yorkshire Dales, had ten abandonments. So too, and less predictably, did Haberdashers' Boys' School, near Borehamwood in Hertfordshire. There are of course other factors at play: while exams are more foreseeable than the British weather, they forced some schools to call off fixtures at relatively short notice.

The form – part 1

2025 Schools Wisden Report - for inclusion in the 2026 Wisden Cricketer's Almanack

Please send this spreadsheet to wisden@schoolscricketonline.co.uk by Friday 15th August at the latest. Submissions after this date cannot be guaranteed inclusion in the 2026 Wisden.

2025 season. FILL IN YELLOW BOXES ONLY following the guidelines in red. **DO NOT TYPE IN THE GREY BOXES.** Once complete, save the file with your school name and 2025 in the title.

School Name -Exactly as the school is known. Don't worry if you run out of space. It's there.

Don't touch! It will automatically calculate

Include everything - including T20 etc - except overseas tours out of the normal season. It should be for your 1st XI only. Do not include Under 17 cup games.

Greyfriars School			P	10	Won	0	Lost	10	Tied		Drawn		Abandoned	1	that started but did not finish
Boys	X		Girls		Please mark with x as appropriate						Draws: for declaration games only		Cancelled	3	Matches that were called off before the scheduled start

Name of Teacher i/c Cricket
J. E. Smith

Please use initials of forenames and surname e.g. P. B. H. May, noting the space after the full stop to fit with Wisden's editorail style. Please restrict this to one person.

Name of Coach/Professional
E. A. Jones

Please use initials of forenames and surname e.g. P. B. H. May, noting the space after the full stop to fit with Wisden's editorail style. Please restrict this to one person.

This box is for games that started but did not finish

This box is for games that were called off before they started due to exams, unavailability etc.

Please ensure that initials and surnames are used as above, observing the Wisden style of punctuation

The report

Report for 2025 Season

Wisden has requested that you refrain from writing about the weather, instead focusing on the cricket and the performances of individuals. They suggest that you describe a memorable match that defined your season, if you are struggling to fill the space.

Once again, the 1st XI struggled to come to terms with the strength of the opposition. Heavy defeats by the MCC and XL Club were countered by narrow losses to the county Under 13 side and the Prep School. Arthur Green captained the side with good humour and was also the leading run scorer and wicket taker. A pre-season tour to the Isle of Sheppey awaits next year's squad.

Star typing in the box. Please keep this to about 80 words maximum if possible. Reports will be edited if they go over this. Please write in the third person and use both forename and surname of any players mentioned to meet the Wisden editorial style. Do not quote statistics as these will feature in the averages below.

Rating Averages

Batting Averages

- Please enter the batter's forename initials and surname in the first column.
- Enter the number of innings, not outs, runs, highest score and number of 100s if appropriate.
- The averages should be calculated once this is done. Please denote captain with an asterix before their name *.
- Please include School Year as this helps with administration such as awards and selection for representative cricket.
- If possible, please reorder into Average order rather than runs scored.
- Alternatively, it is possible to send me a link to your Play Cricket website and I can download your averages from there, subject to the games being 1st XI only fixtures.
- The space for the link can be found beneath the bowling averages.
- For boys, only batters with 150+ runs should be included, while for girl's teams include only those with 100+ runs.
- If no batter scores 150+ for boys or 100+ for girls, please include your leading batter as they will get a mention in Wisden.

Bowling Averages

Full initials with a space after each full stop. *Captain					Best Bowling	Don't touch	School Year i.e Year 12
Name	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets		Average	
*A. B. Green	90.1	3	496	16	5/97	31.00	13
P. Z. Brown	47.4	1	295	11	3/11	26.82	13
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Play Cricket Link

Bowling Averages

- Please enter the bowler's forename initials and surname in the first column.
- Enter the number of overs bowled (or sets in Hundred format), maidens, runs conceded, wickets taken and best bowling performance.
- The averages should be calculated once this is done.
- Please denote the captain with an asterisk before their name *.
- Please include the School Year as this helps with administration, such as awards and selection for representative cricket.
- If possible, please reorder into Average order.
- It is possible to send me a link to your Play Cricket website, and I can download your averages from there, subject to the games being 1st XI only fixtures.
- The space for the link can be found beneath the bowling averages.
- For boys teams, only bowlers with 10+ wickets should be included, while for girls teams, this should be 7+ wickets.
- If no bowler takes 10 wickets for boys or 7 for girls, please include your leading bowler.

Wisden – Things to remember

Send it in asap after the end of the season

Statistics

- Separate forms for Boys and Girls
- Full initials
- Spacing of initials
- Don't touch the grey boxes
- Please enter the year groups
- Ensure the highest score and best bowling are added
- * for the captain, but only needs to be used once

Report

- 90-word limit
- Please don't write about the weather
- Write about the cricket, the players and possibly a match that defined your season.
- Write in third person and in the past tense
- Write for the audience – it won't be read until the following April
- First and last names for any players mentioned
- Don't quote statistics in the report - they will be removed
- Save the file as *Wisden2026your_school* and send to wisden@schoolscricketonline.co.uk

As it will appear in Wisden

Please note that Wisden still uses pre-1965 county boundaries that may differ from the administrative area you are in now.

Greyfriars School *Greynshire*

J. E. Smith

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Coach : E. A. Jones

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Batting: *A. B. Green 256 at 25.60, E.H. Black 157 at 19.63, J.T.E. White 156 at 15.60

Bowling: A. B. Green 16 at 31.00, P. Z. Brown 11 at 26.82

Photos

- Wisden will publish around 10 photos in the Schools section – normally of candidates for the Wisden Schools Cricketer
- High Resolution only – phone photos not always good enough – anything > 2.5mb in size is likely to be unsuitable
- Head and shoulders – preferably in whites, no hat or sunglasses
- Ideally taken outside with nothing in the immediate background
- If taken indoors, avoid shadows and with a plain background
- Action shots – taken in a game situation rather than practice and ideally wearing white or full coloured kit
- Bowling shots are better than batting as helmets obscure faces
- No team photos