



# Upham

Church of England  
Primary School



Founded in 1814



## **Welcome To Our Family School**

I hope you find this prospectus helpful in understanding how we nurture children here at Upham School.

We think of ourselves as a family; staff, children, parents and governors all working together for the same goals of high achieving, socially and emotionally aware children.

**David Woolley,  
Headteacher**



The Christian values of love, care for others and a response to the needs of the world are part of the everyday ethos of our school. This underpins everything we do. Our school vision is simply expressed.

## **Our Vision For Our School**

At Upham School we:



**Love and Care**

**Open our minds**

**Value all achievement**

**Encourage Independence**



*'It's really fun having a dog in school, Maggie-time is amazing. We also get to learn about how to understand dogs'.*

***Children in Years 2 and 4***



**Learning** We strive to develop children to be eager to learn and to want to achieve. We help them have the confidence to challenge themselves with a ‘have a go’ attitude, embrace responsibilities and opportunities, be resilient to adversity and self-regulate their own actions. In this way, they **‘open their minds’** to new experiences and new thinking.



Our classrooms are vibrant, stimulating spaces to learn collaboratively and independently.



We design our whole curriculum to bring together learning from different subjects so that children make meaningful links and achieve deep learning. This helps us to **'encourage independence'**.





## The Arts & Sport



‘When we do productions, we all work together. You really get to express yourself and be that character ... it’s like entering a whole other world.’

***Child in Year 5***



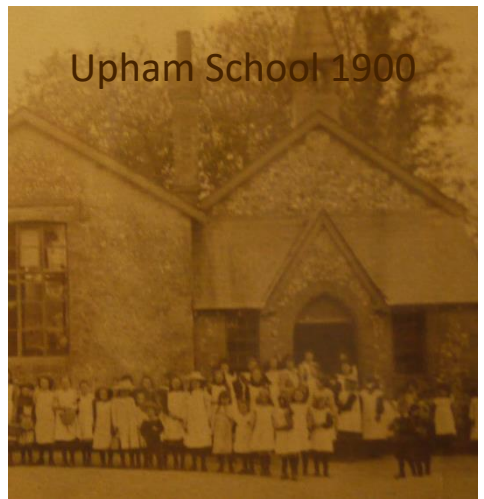
We believe that engagement in sports and in The Arts (ie dance, music, drama and visual arts) is essential for every child at Upham School.

These areas offer more than just National Curriculum learning; they encourage discipline, self-control, resilience, persistence, health, fitness, practice and through **'valuing all achievement'**, build self-esteem and confidence as well as fulfilling the human need to be creative.



Our school was founded over 200 years ago in 1814 by the National Society and our historic Christian foundation remains at the heart of our school.

## Christian Character



‘I love this school because the school is like a family to me.’

*Child in Year 3*



Spiritual development is nurtured at Upham, as part of the development of the whole child.

We have close links with the Church of England and in particular our Parish Church, The Blessed Mary, in the Diocese of Portsmouth.



We encourage all of our children to show **love and care** towards others.

In the knowledge that they themselves are **loved** and **valued**, children develop their self-respect and grow self-esteem.

We give **all** our children extensive opportunities to perform, participate and fulfil responsibilities, not just a selected few.

## Makes Our School So Special



‘This is a delightful school where pupils get on well with each other. They love having friends in every year group.’

**OFSTED**

We partner new Year R children with older 'buddies' from Year 6. These positive role models help build confidence in our youngest children as they take their first steps on their learning journey.

*'Upham School is amazing; the buddy system is fantastic and works really well. I love how welcoming they are to the whole family not just to the child who is the pupil.'*

*Parent of Child in Year R*

## Nurturing Our Children





‘They listen carefully to adults, follow instructions and behave well in lessons. Younger pupils learn these behaviours from older pupils who act as role models.’

**OFSTED**



*'If you want a family school to look after and teach your small people how to be brilliant, curious, thoughtful human beings, Upham is the school for you. Both of ours have enjoyed their Upham journey and left ready & prepared for the next steps.'*

***Parent of Child in Year 6***

## **Quotes From Parents About How Their Children Have Progressed Through Our School**



*'A caring and nurturing education and any problems are dealt with directly and quickly. Despite its size, pupils are provided with countless opportunities to partake in a variety of different subjects and activities.'*

***Parent of Child in Year 6***



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