



Photos: Badgers Class (Y5&6) enjoying their Viking day this week!

Badgers Class (Y5&6) enjoyed a day as Vikings this week. They worked all day with a visiting History Specialist who helped bring the learning alive and get them to think about what Viking life might have been like. The stereotypes of fierce, aggressive attackers might work for stories but Vikings were far more than just invaders. Through playing games, looking at artefacts, analysing myths and exploring the evidence they concluded Vikings were artistic, organised, sophisticated people with a rich mythology! The specialist commented in our visitor book that the, "Children (Badgers) were attentive, interested and asking insightful questions".

Armistice Day Silence

We held a remembrance worship on Tuesday where we all gathered to remember those who gave their lives in the past and also those who have been injured and affected by loss / injury now. The children had written either a prayer or a word onto a paper poppy which they laid as part of the worship - these have been combined into a display in the hall - a 'peace wall'. We all observed the silence at 11am, it was lovely to see every single child participating in this moment of reflection. As you can see from the photo, Maggie joined too, proudly wearing her poppy as well!



Next Friday – FUS Dress Down Day

In preparation for the Christmas Fair in a few weeks, next Friday (21st) will be a dress-down, wear what you want including crazy hair – day! Come in your own clothes and FUS would appreciate a donation of something they could use for the fair. This could include:

- *Donations for the chocolate stall – packets / boxes of chocolates etc.*
 - *Drinks tombola – alcoholic or soft drink bottles*
 - *Toy tombola – donations of good quality, clean, soft toys*
 - *Presents for Parents – at the fair there is a stall where children can buy a gift for a parent – unwanted or duplicate gifts would be perfect*
- There will be a table at the gate on Friday as children arrive so they don't need to carry anything in!

Sorry for the Newsletter Glitch last Friday

We had a bit of a glitch sending the Newsletter last week – the Arbor system did not complete but we thought it was sent. It's an opportunity to remind everyone however that if, for some reason, you don't receive the Newsletter on a Friday as expected, you can always check the school website where it's published or the A3 copy in the noticeboard at the front.

Dates for your Diary:

- Fri 14 Nov** – 4-5:30pm FUS Disco
- Wed 19 Nov** – 2.45-3.40pm Drop in to find out more about Parent Governor role
- Fri 21 Nov** – FUS Dress Down / Crazy hair day – bring an item for fair
- Fri 28 Nov** – Deadline for Return of Parent Governor application forms
- Sat 6 Dec** 2-4pm FUS Christmas Fair



INSET Days left for 25/26

- Mon 5 Jan
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

Check you haven't missed these communications this week:

- **Tues / Wed** – Santa's Grotto at the FUS Fair
- **Wed** – School Photos registration card for your child
- **Fri** – Letter to all parents re Parent Governor Vacancy

Emails:

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Parent Governor Election

We sent out a separate email today regarding a parent governor vacancy due to a current governor's term coming to an end. If you are interested and would like to know more about what this role involves and what you need to commit to, our chair of Governors Gemma Rainger will be holding a 'drop-in' information session on Wednesday 19th between 2.45pm and 3.40pm. If you are interested in applying, please email the office on adminoffice@upham.hants.sch.uk for an application form. The deadline for returning this application is 28th November.

Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Children were given leaflets before half term but the books can also be browsed here: <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/upham-ce/digital-book-club>. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. They'd make a great Christmas present and there may be some of the 'Recommended Reads' available. Please place your order online by **November 24th, 2025**.