

Upham School Newsletter

22 July 2025



Photo: Badgers (Y5&6) at Calshot

Dates for your Diary:

Tues 22 July - 3.30pm Y6
Bell ringing as they leave

Wed 23 July – Tues 3 Sept
Summer Holiday

Wed 3 Sept- INSET Closure
Day

Thurs 4 Sept – Y1-6 first day
back

Fri 5 Sept – 10 -11.30 YR
visit

Wed 10 Sept – YR – First
'Proper' Day

A few words from the headteacher...

The last two days have definitely been about our leaving year 6s. Their Leavers service yesterday was wonderful, some lovely memories and messages and their rewritten word to the song 7 years (by Lukas Graham) to become 'Five Years Old' was reflective, funny and moving. Today after school their final act will be ringing the bell at the front of the school. This most symbolic act marks their leaving but this isn't a sad moment; the children have taken everything they need from us and are ready to move on in the world and start the next exciting chapter of their lives. All of our love goes with them – good luck in all you do to Lydia, Darci, Felicity, Aithan, Honour, Monty, Harvey, George, Eva, Leila, Sofia, Caleb, Joseph Bangs & Joseph Goodman.

Goodbye to families

As well as saying goodbye to our Year 6s, we are also saying goodbye to some families as their youngest child leaves us. We have loved having your children at our school – please give us updates on how they all get on! Goodbye to the:

- Shaws (Lydia)
- Raingers (Felicity & Steph)
- Wilds (Honour & Logan)
- Ruddles (George & Nic)
- Harmers (Eva)
- Gregorys (Leila & Zac)
- Rappinis (Caleb & Caitlin)
- Bangs (Joseph & Sam)

Goodbye!

We have had to say a goodbye today to a staff member – to Mrs Lovell. She is relocating to Dorset and so will be leaving us. She has been an amazing support to so many children, mainly across Y3-6 but through supporting at lunch has got to know everyone. We will miss her calm, loving nature but wish her well in the next stage of life!

Work over the Summer

We are having some external redecoration over the summer. You may have noticed over the last few times you have been in school that some of the wooden windows overlooking the field need some work. We have been trying to complete this work for some time but have managed to incorporate it into the full external redecoration. Some of the work will be completed over the holidays whilst some will take place during the early part of the Autumn Term so don't be surprised if you see scaffolding in September!



Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

YR



Communication this week:

Mon – Letter re Meals
from Y3 onward –
lunch cost £3.20

Thanks for the gift!

Leaving Year 6 parents have kindly bought the school a gift as they have left. They have bought some library books which their children have chosen for a particular reason; a favourite book, an interest of theirs or one they have enjoyed they want others to discover. They have written messages in the front so that children, when they borrow them from September, will know who recommended it! Thanks from all of us!



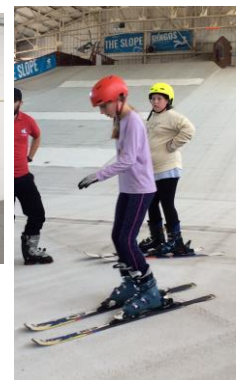
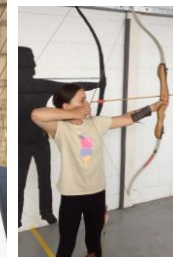
Calshot Adventure!



Children from Badgers Class (Y5&6) thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit last week. They enjoyed lots of different activities but throughout the theme was challenging yourself. For some children this was through the activities, such as coping with heights during climbing, the fear of dropping during the giant swing, the physicality of dry-slope skiing or the coordination for kayaking. For others, the main challenge was being away from home. Where ever it challenged them, all positive experiences and emotional learning. They were a pleasure to take away, their behaviour could not have been better! My thanks also to the staff who came along; Miss Leech, Mrs White & Mrs Hayward. Staff do not get paid extra, they give their time and without this commitment we couldn't offer this experience. We run the residential every two years so current Years 3 and 4 might like to participate in 2027!



Reminder
First Day back is
Thursday 4th
September (the
Weds being
INSET)



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From the School Governors

On behalf of the Governors we wish all of our community a joyful and peaceful summer holiday. We wish well those children and families who are moving on to their next adventures and we truly hope that they are an exciting next chapter for you all.

As ever, all of our Staff have worked tirelessly over the academic year to give our children a range of experiences and learning opportunities. We hope that they all have a restorative and relaxing break.

I would especially like to acknowledge Mr Woolley's dedication and tireless commitment to the School and on behalf of the Governors and School Community would like to take this opportunity to say Thank you.

Vicky Gardner, who has been a fantastic Governor for over 14 years, has stepped down from her Foundation Governor Role. During her time as Governor she has served as our Chair of Governors, SEND Lead Governor and Health and Safety Governor, Vicky has been a great asset to our Governor team and we will miss her greatly. Thank you for all of the support you have given to the school community Vicky.

I will continue to be the Chair of Governors as we move forward to the new academic year and I am delighted that Richard Shuker will be our Vice Chair of Governors.

Gemma Rainger, Chair of Governors

Year 6 Shared this poem they had written about each other in church yesterday, called 'Forever Friends':

Mrs White:

Year 6, it's time to say goodbye, But not without a tearful eye.

You've grown so much, you've made us proud, Your voices strong, your spirits loud.

Felicity, you're clever, calm, and true, With quiet wisdom shining through.

You think so deeply, dream so wide, With kindness always by your side.

Joe G you are gentle and kind, You always learn with a steady mind.

You make every room bright, In all our lives, you are a great light.

Aithan a truly funny boy, Who brings super sunny joy.

A loyal friend in every way, You always brighten everyone's day.

Leila you are loyal, inspiring and bright, You lead with incredible might.

You are strong and always fair, With gentle words and love to spare.

George you're a theatrical and courageous mind, You're unique and a rare find.

Follow your dreams, let nothing hold you back A bright future, a shining track.

Sofia, you're fierce, strong and full of fire, You challenge and inspire.

Your daring heart, sets you apart, And you're ready to make a new start.

Caleb, you are cool like snow, We'll be sad to let you go.

With his super football skills, You are brave just like Bear Grills.

Darci you are so kind, You have a very open mind.

Your helpful, funny and here to save the day We are so sad for you to go away.

Joe B – a kind boy, you're caring and bright If it was life vs you, you'd surely win the fight

Funny, sweet and always brave, We won't forget the joy you gave.

Harvey- clever, unique, strong and wise He keeps his eyes on the prize

You stand with courage and learn with pride With honesty your trusted guide.

Eva – full of love and care, Her smile and ethos, always ready to share.

Eva shows all of us her beauty and daring heart, You are ready for a fresh start.

Honour- Your wisdom shines so bright, Not many stars are so light.

You are unique and caring, A truly special soul who is worth sharing.

Lydia- a bright light that shines with courage and passion, Walking with pride and steady fashion.

Always present, thoughtful and funny, Bringing cheer and making everyone feel sunny.

Monty – a boy as bright as a star, with a pure soul, You always manage to score a goal

Your cheer and zest are pure delight, You make each day a little bright.

Miss Leech:

We've watched you grow, and now you'll fly, To secondary with heads held high.

You've left your mark upon these halls, In classroom corners and playground calls.

So take our love and all you've learned, For now it's your bright turn.

Primary days may now be done, But your new journey's just begun