

Upham School Newsletter

18 July 2025



Photo: Butterfly identification



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 21 July – 1:45/2pm Y6 Leavers Service Hometown collection from Church

Tues 22 July – Last Day of Term

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...

In worship on Monday we talked about butterflies; how wonderful they are but how they are also in decline – and they are key indicators of healthy biodiversity ... or lack of. I gave them some identification charts at playtime and many children enjoyed spotting peacocks on the buddleia (pictured), small whites and meadow browns on the field and hedge browns near the woods. This is all in preparation for the big butterfly count, a real piece of science enquiry running between 18 July and 10 Aug that children might like to do at home. Just watch the garden for 15 mins on a sunny day and record what you see and then upload results to the website. I attach with the newsletter an ID guide which also has a QR code link (also right). If you want to know more, download the 'iRecord Butterflies' App.



Last Day Tradition

Our end of term tradition is that following a normal 3.30pm collection from the playground on our last day (Tuesday), we encourage families to gather at the front of the school on the bank to watch Year 6 as they leave. **Please be careful around the edge with the steep slope.** They will hold back until everyone is gathered and then, as their last act as an Upham School child, will ring the bell above the entrance. A symbolic and always emotional ending!



*Reminder
Monday home-
time collection
from church*

Menu Changes – Mon & Tues

Year 6 have chosen the menu choices for their last day of term and Monday will also be different. Please see the separate email sent today which details choices.

Report Slips

My thanks to everyone who has returned report slips and also the Year 6 survey sheets – there is still time to return them if you haven't yet.

Sports News

On Sunday, boys and girls from Years R to 6 from Dance club took part in a 'dance Off' in Winchester. They performed their pieces brilliantly and won a trophy for the most versatile. A reminder that Dance club has now finished, it is not on next Monday.



Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

YR



Communication this week:

Mon – Wyvern College Open Evening (Current Yr5)

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Diary Dates

Attached to the parentmail today are diary dates for next year – the obvious ones to put in your diaries, INSET days, Christmas production and sports day. Please note I have put INSET days around holidays to make life easier for childcare and possibly even availability of flights for holidays – I hope this helps!

Samba Concert

Well done to Hedgehogs Class (Y3&4) for their performance in their last Listen2Me concert of the year on Wednesday. Samba drums are always loud and this didn't disappoint but it is the strong sensory experience that makes drumming so much fun. This is current Year 4's last concert but Year 3 can look forward to three more new instruments next academic year!

Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church – Hometime Monday 21st

Year 6 will be holding their Leavers Service on Monday 21st in the afternoon, a 1.45-2pm start, depending on how long it takes us to walk up to the church. Parents of families of Year 6 children will of course be eager to attend (information around timings was previously shared), but everyone else is welcome to attend.

We had planned to walk the children back to school but so many people are parking up even before 3pm that our walk back to school could take a very long time. With this in mind, it will be safer for us to ask for hometime collection (3.30pm) to be from the church. If you come to the entrance of the church you can collect your child. Please note children attending after school clubs will remain in the church and we will walk those children back to school once traffic has dispersed.