

# Upham School Newsletter

11 July 2025

Fri 11 July – 3:30pm  
FUSTival  
Mon 14 July -3:30pm  
parents invited in to share books

Wed 16 July – 3pm  
Hedgehogs (Y3&4)  
Listen2me concert

Wed 16 – Fri 18 July –  
Badgers (Y5&6) Residential visit

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

Tues 22 July – Last Day of Term

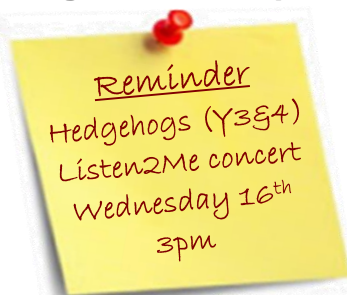
Tues 22 July - 3.30pm Y6  
Bell ringing as they leave



Photo: Year 6s at Portsmouth Cathedral with Bishop Jonathan

## A few words from the headteacher...

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 attended a special leavers service at Portsmouth Cathedral. During the service Bishop Jonathan (pictured above with our Year 6) spoke of the value and importance of the living world around us. The children had previously produced some animal artwork with prayers on which had been hung around the cathedral (a few are visible above). A lovely afternoon and a nice experience to sing and worship in a cathedral setting!



## Don't Forget ... Monday Pop-in

Don't forget that after school on Monday, once you have collected, you are welcome to come into school and your child can share their books with you and talk through their achievements. Find a spot inside or out and your child can grab their tray from class.



## Years R-5 Experiencing their new class

On Tuesday morning, children spent time in their new classes. This gave them a chance to get to know how the new class feels and start to get to know new staff – particularly important for Years R, 2 and 4 who are changing class. Staff answered any questions they had to help them feel confident. Some information for Year 2 and 4 children who are moving into junior classes was sent home with them today about their next class which might help discussions over the summer if you child has a question or thought about the next class.

Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

YR



## Communication this week:

Thurs – A4 brown envelope with end of year school report  
Fri – Library Summer Reading Challenge info cards

## Badgers Class (Y5&6) Calshot Next Week – Coaches!

Children from Badgers class will be enjoying a residential visit to Calshot Activity Centre next week. They will arrive as normal on Wednesday - you may notice them with cases and in their own clothes! They can bring the cases straight into the hall as they arrive. They will then depart mid-morning.

They will return on Friday afternoon – the coach is aiming to arrive at 3pm, depending on traffic. **Please can everyone be aware of this as you arrive** – there will be cones out the front in the afternoon to ensure there is space for the coach. Please also ensure you park so that the coach has enough space to reverse into Elm Crescent and then turn (i.e. not directly opposite).

## Sports News

On Tuesday, a team of Year 4 boys and girls took part in a multi-skills festival. They completed different stations in a rotation. You might notice that in sports news sometimes I use the word 'festival' rather than 'tournament' which means it was about joining in and doing their best rather than being competitive with the other schools there. Thanks to Mrs Pilgrim for taking the children and organising them and to everyone who helped with transport.

## **Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church – Home time Monday 21st**

Year 6 will be holding their Leavers Service on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon, a 1.45-2pm start, depending on how long it takes us to walk 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 home time 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.