

# Upham School Newsletter



Photo: Year 6s exploring at forest school!

**4 July 2025**

- Tues 8 July** – Wyvern Y6 new intake day
- Tues 8 July** – Moving up morning
- Weds 9 July** – pm Y6 to Portsmouth Cathedral re Leavers
- Thurs 10 July** – 11-12 New Year Rs with current Year Rs
- Fri 11 July** – 3:30pm FUSTival
- Mon 14 July** -3:30pm parents invited in to share books
- Wed 16 July** – 3pm Listen2me concert
- Wed 16 – Fri 18 July** – Badgers (Y5&6) Residential visit
- Mon 21 July** – 1:45pm Y6 Leavers Service
- Tues 22 July** – Last Day of Term

## A few words from the headteacher...

Our Year 6 had a nice afternoon this week enjoying some forest school! This was a trip down memory lane for them as when they were in Year R they had some forest school experience because Tom Gregory (parent of a Year 6) was doing his training and we benefited from this ‘free’ provision. Tom was eager to give the children a last opportunity to celebrate their time at Upham, to finish their journey through the school as they started. They enjoyed doing the same activities – the monster hunts, the den building and exploring the undergrowth (photo above)! Our thanks to Tom for arranging, to Ian Small & John Wild who also supported and especially to Jane Perrott who kindly allowed us to use her land.

## Moving Up Morning - Tuesday

Next Tuesday morning, children in Years R to 5 will form into their new classes for the 2025/26 academic year. Much of our transition is actually done ‘in stealth’ where children interact with their new teachers, join up for other sessions and start to interact. This step enables those year groups moving class (ie R, 2 and 4) to experience the new classroom and how it will feel to be in the new space. Children will complete some nice simple activities as they start to get to know the new team.

## Final Listen2Me Concert

A date for your diary – Hedgehog’s (Y3&4) final Listen2Me concert of the year will be on Wednesday 16th at 3pm.

## Notice of Dates for Next Year

We hope to send out dates for next year soon, once they have been finalised. This will include INSET days as well as Christmas production days etc. However, I thought it would be helpful to confirm that the first day in September will be an INSET day (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>) so the **first day for years 1-6 will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**



Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

YR



## Communication this week:

None

## Hedgehog’s Amazing Creations



Hedgehogs class have enjoyed modelling the elements of coastal erosion they have explored in Geography over the last few weeks. Some lovely collaborative work to build the models and label them

up. This is a good example of how our curriculum often works; using artistic and collaborative language skills but learning about geographical features.



## Country Dancing Displays

It was definitely a week for country dancing last week! On Friday afternoon a team of boys and girls from across Years 1-6 attending a Ceilidh (pronounced kay-leigh) festival in the grounds of the palace in Bishops Waltham. They enjoyed dancing with the many other schools there. On Saturday they performed some of these dances at the Upham Church Fete, along with a traditional maypole weave. They did brilliantly and supported each other throughout. A particular thankyou to Hugo who stepped in at the last minute to balance numbers and did the whole thing from memory! My thanks to Mrs Mason and Mrs Miller who have helped the children learn the dances in readiness over the last few weeks after school.



## Year 6 – Cathedral Leavers

Every year, the Diocese of Portsmouth holds a leavers service for Year 6 children at Portsmouth Cathedral. Our Year 6 will be attending this on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July. They will travel to Portsmouth by minibus (there is no cost to parents for this) and will be accompanied throughout by school staff. This simple service, led by Bishop Jonathan, will be the first of the leaver's events and will start the children properly considering this important time of change. They will leave around 12.15pm after a slightly early lunch and return by home-time so usual home-time/afterschool arrangements apply.

## Reports Due Out

We are planning to send end of year reports out next week on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, assuming our photocopier does not let us down! These reports will contain an information letter, the report itself, a full record of your child's attendance for this academic year and the results of any statutory assessments where they apply to your child.

Look out for the sealed brown envelope your child will leave school with (please note separated families, where we have additional addresses provided, will receive copies posted).

We would also like to invite families in after school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm** to share your child's work. Once you have collected from the playground you can come back in and your children will get their tray of books – find a comfy spot inside or outside and they can talk you through things they are proud of.