

Upham School Newsletter

27 June 2025



Photo: Sports Day – Buddies encouraging Dormice obstacle race!

Sat 28 Jun – Upham Village Fete
 Wed 2 July – 10-11.30am New YR visits
 Tues 8 July – Wyvern Y6 new intake day
 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
 Wed 16 – Fri 18 July – Badgers (Y5&6) Residential visit
 Mon 21 July – 13:45 Y6 Leavers Service
 Tues 22 July – Last Day of Term

A few words from the headteacher...

I hope everyone enjoyed sports day this week – what a lovely atmosphere on a hot, humid afternoon!

The children all performed brilliantly, participating fully and with healthy competition. It was lovely to see the smiling faces as they won but even nicer to see smiles and congratulations from those who didn't.

The competition between the different teams, all representing different countries from across Europe attending UEFA Women's Euros, was really close but three teams emerged as bronze, silver and gold medallists. Well done to these winning children and to everyone else:



Spain

Bronze Medallists: Spain

Dexter (YR), JacobJoe (Y1)
 Sid (Y1), Ozzie (Y3),
 Albert (Y4), Betsy (Y4),
 Esther (Y5), Harvey (Y6)



Sweden

Gold Medallists:

Sweden

George (YR), Andrii (Y1),
 Holly (Y2), Abraham (Y2),
 Evelyn (Y3), Theo (Y3),
 George (Y5), Leila (Y6)



Finland

Silver Medallists: Finland

Atticus (YR), Caitlynn (Y1)
 Charli (Y1), Oli (Y2),
 Poppy (Y3), Dylan (Y4),
 Emi (Y5), Joseph B (Y6)

example of



Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

YR



Communication this week:

Tues – Current YRs invite to New YR picnic 10/7
 Tues - FUSTival food order form
 Thurs – HMS Piano lesson reports



Village Fete - Saturday

The Upham Church Fete is taking place tomorrow from 12 to 3.30pm. It's taking place at the rec this year with parking in local fields – will be signposted.

Our children will be country dancing at 12.40pm and there are lots of stalls, attractions, food & drink and events. We've sent through a flyer today with further details. Look out too for FUS running a teddy tombola (thanks for all your donations).

Thanks FUS!

Firstly, a thanks to everyone who helped serve refreshments at sports day – and to everyone who donated things.



FUS also provided lollies at playtime yesterday (those children who were at a sports event had theirs today). It turned into quite a hot afternoon so a lovely treat in the sun!

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Noticed the Gap?

You might have noticed the gap on the bank today where a tree has been removed. Unfortunately, we had a tree that died over winter – it has had honey fungus for years but it was only in the spring when it didn't leaf-up that the damage became obvious. The tree was carefully removed by tree surgeons which caused a spectacle for the children who watched at playtime from the field and playground! We have kept some of the wood and bark chip to use on site to refurbish an area – more news in due course!



New Year Rs meeting new buddies

Our new Year R children joining us in September joined for their first visit this week. This meant that the new buddies got to meet their Year R partners. Everyone in current Year 5 plus a few children from Year 4 were carefully selected. We match the children based on what we know about both parties and try to match similar personalities or interests or the type of encouragement the Year R seems to need. Everyone did really well and all our children were welcoming, friendly and really helped to build confidence. Another visit takes place next week.

Since the new Year R children need to use the classroom, the current children need to leave. We use this as an opportunity for them to join with current Year 1 in the next class. They spent the morning together with Mrs Pilgrim whilst Year 2 were elsewhere. This will repeat over the next few weeks to build their confidence about their upcoming transition too.

Sports News – Hampshire Games

Yesterday, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 attended the Hampshire Games in Winchester. We were invited to participate because of the high commitment we demonstrate as a school to ensuring our children have so many opportunities to participate in inter-school competitive sport.

The children were able to take part in a range of activities, hockey skills, target games (consisting of archery and also nerf-shooters) and golf. Everyone enjoyed the day and represented our school brilliantly. Thanks to Mrs Bird and Mrs Hayward for taking the children and to everyone who transported and made this work!

