

Upham School Newsletter



Photo: Finding Ladybirds!

13 June 2025

Thurs 19 Jun – Hedgehogs (Y3&4) trip to Lepe Country Park Beach

Wed 25 Jun – pm Sports Day (exact timings tbc)

Sat 28 Jun – Upham Village Fete

Tues 1 July – pm Reserve Sports Day

Tues 8 July – Wyvern Y6 new intake day

Wed 16 – Fri 8 July – Badgers (Y5&6) Residential visit

Mon 21 July – 13:45 Y6 Leavers Service

Tues 22 July – Last Day of Term

example of



INSET Days for 24/25:

• All completed

Yrs5&6



Y3&4

Y1&2

YR

Communication this week:

Fri - FUS Flyer re

• Sports day refreshments

• Teddy tombola Upham Fete

• Raffle during Festival

Fri – with Newsletter

ActiveMe360 summer holiday info

A few words from the headteacher... I wonder if the children have been mentioning finding ladybirds to you? A few weeks ago, lots of children were finding bugs and I explained they were ladybird larvae – this prompted many of them to search for them. Some of them have been rather ‘heavy handed’ in their handling so I talked to them about caring for ‘precious life’ this week – as well as showing them photos of different types of ladybirds. This sparked some wider interest and I couldn’t be more pleased to influence and pass this love of the natural world on! I have always loved minibeast and bugs – as a child I traumatised my mum with the spiders, slow worms and insects I took to my bedroom!

A concerning YouTube Animation to be Alert For

I received an update this week from the Local Authority Safeguarding Officer which I wanted to pass on to all of you. It concerns a YouTube animation called ‘Jeffy’. This might seem at first sight a child friendly animation, using a puppet style, but it is anything but. The character is a derogatory stereotype of a non-specified learning disability and the animations feature nudity, sexual language, drugs and violence references. I would recommend you keep an eye on what your child is watching on YouTube, perhaps check history if you haven’t for a while. If you think your child might have seen one please would you mention this to me so I can see if this is widespread or if we need to support a child.



Reminder
Hedgehogs (Y3&4)
Trip – remember uniform top half, own trousers/shorts, footwear for walking, coat/hat/suncream (depending on weather), packed lunch

Y6 Leavers Service Timings

The timing of the year 6 Leavers service has been less straightforward than normal because the residential falls in the last full week, when we would normally hold the service. This also affects how easy it is to prepare the children and help them organise everything, especially as it’s Miss Leech’s first. However, we have settled on the afternoon of Monday 21st July – a 1.45pm start. We plan to walk the children up and then walk the school back afterwards – though Year 6 parents might like to remain/take children afterwards. More details nearer the time.

Please don’t confuse this with the Cathedral Leavers service on 9th June– this is when we take Year 6 to Portsmouth Cathedral and join a worship with all the Year 6s from other CE schools, lead by Bishop Jonathon (more details nearer). This is just for the children.

Sports News

On Tuesday, a team of boys and girls from Hedgehogs (Y3&4) took part in a tennis festival. They all got to try some different skills and have a go at some matches. The festival wasn’t really a competition but everyone really threw themselves into the contests and did their best. Two Year 5/6s also went along as competition leaders and helped to run the tournament and coach the children. They did this role brilliantly!

Thanks to Mrs Bird for taking everyone and organising everything. Thanks to everyone who helped transport the children.