

Upham School Newsletter

23 May 2025



Photo: Hedgehogs (Y3&4) learning about Bees!

Mon 26 - Fri 30 - May Half Term
 Mon 2 June – INSET Closure Day
 Tues 3 June – First day back of Summer II

A few words from the headteacher...

What an exciting visit Dormice (YrR) had on Monday – a huge tractor! They got to climb up into the cab and enjoyed trying to sit in the wheels! This helped compliment the learning about farms started earlier in the term and as a result of the experience lots of play around tractors has followed over the last few days. Our thanks to Steven Carpenter and Paula Purkiss for taking time out of work to bring the tractor over and talk to the children about how it is used. Squirrels (Yr1&2) also got to have a quick look at the end of the session and were very excited by how big it was.



INSET Days for 24/25:

- Mon 2 Sept
- Fri 25 Oct
- Mon 6 Jan 25
- Mon 24 Feb 25
- Mon 2 June 25

Learning About Amazing Bees!

Hedgehogs (Y3&4) had a lovely visit on Monday from Rebecca Hall with Mrs Ford. Together, they are raising awareness of bees and using them as a source for thinking about being calmer. They are starting 'Bee Mindful' and used us as a willing test. The children had a lovely afternoon, learned loads about the amazing life of honey (and other) bees (photo above), how they work together, their physiology, how they produce honey and how they live. They also produced some observational paintings of flowers (part of the mindfulness aspect) as part of their reflections. I hope they told you all about it!

Upcoming Parent Panel

We warmly invite you to join our upcoming **Parents Panel** on **11 June at 14:30pm**, where you'll have the opportunity to learn more about how finance is managed in schools and receive an important update on our attendance policy. This is a great chance to hear about the school's financial priorities, ask questions, and be part of the discussion on key aspects of school life. Please let the office know if you would like to join us.
Gemma Rainger - Chair of Governors



Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

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Communication this week:

Fri – Hedgehogs (Y3&4) Letter (email)
 re Lepe Geography Trip in June

Summer Uniform

We have enjoyed some warm weather already but the summer should start 'properly' after half term. Just in case you are updating uniform over half term, a reminder that summer uniform doesn't change dramatically though many children start wearing gingham-style blue dresses in the warmer months. Shoes should still be black leather style (of course vegan alternative materials are fine) but open section shoes/sandals are not permitted.

