

# Upham School Newsletter

16 May 2025

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



INSET Days for 24/25:

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



Photo: Badgers (Y5&6) enjoying some fun dance before school this week

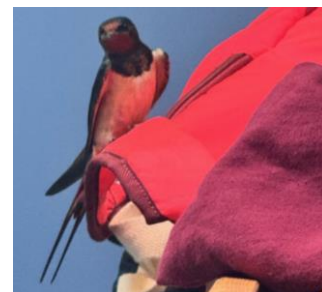
## A few words from the headteacher...

This week has been all about Year 6 and all their parents should feel very proud of them! They have all taken each exam in their stride and then got on with the rest of the day normally. This is actually really important modelling for everyone else, particularly Year 5, that doing the SATs tests really isn't too big a deal if you've worked hard and prepared! After each test I asked them if they felt like they had done the best they could have – that is really the goal here because it's that intrinsic motivation to learn and understand, and do your best that will set them up for secondary school. They all said they did! Thanks to Miss Leech who has built their confidence and prepared them enthusiastically, with tremendous subject knowledge and engaging activities – ably supported throughout by Mrs White & Mrs Hayward, who together as a team have instilled that positive work ethic!

## Hedgehog Class had a Visitor!



Hedgehog Class (Yr3&4) had an odd but wonderful experience during the week. They were working in class normally when suddenly a swallow flew in and did laps of the class. Unlike most trapped birds that flail and hurt themselves against the glass, it just flew around and seemed to hover! It settled in the toilet area (picture) where Mrs Bird and I gently encouraged it out of the door and off it flew! Amazing to see one so close though not sure the swallow enjoyed the experience! We've also got a few birds nesting in the grounds, blue tits in the eaves about the office entrance and also behind Hedgehog Class and Robins in a bird feeder in the Coronation Garden!



## Please help us keep children safe

Something children have started doing over the last few weeks during arrival before the 8.55am whistle is leaving the playgrounds to go up to the fence to speak to parents. Some parents have been calling their children over, particularly younger year groups. We do not let the children up on the bank at this time because it encourages them to talk to anyone who is outside the school going passed. This is not a safe safeguarding pattern of behaviour to be encouraging so please can you refrain from doing this. If you need to speak to your child, perhaps if you forgot something important, just mention it to Mrs Miller or myself and you can go up to the playground and share it. Since I've mentioned the bank, please avoid children playing here after school collection, home-time is not a playtime and I'm always 'against the clock' to secure the gate again once everyone has gone, ready to secure the perimeter again for after-school clubs.

Yrs5&6

Y3&4

Y1&2

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## Communication this week:

Mon – Letters to families re outstanding library books to return

