

# Upham School Newsletter

25 April 2025

Tues 29 April – Class 2 Trip  
Hilliars Gardens  
Thurs 1 May – Class 1 Trip  
to Longdown Activity Farm  
Mon 5 May – Bank Holiday  
Mon 12 – Fri 16 May – Year  
6 SATs Week  
Mon 26- Fri 30 - May Half  
Term  
Mon 2 June – INSET  
Closure Day  
Tues 3 June – First day back  
of Summer II



Photo: School grounds in bloom

## A few words from the headteacher...

I hope everyone enjoyed a good Easter break. The children have all returned full of things to share. What has been particularly nice is how spring seems to have transformed the grounds over the holidays. Most of the trees are now in full leaf, daisies cover the field, the grass is lush and dry and the apple trees are covered in blossom. Children described the scene on Tuesday as, 'like being at a wedding', as the ground was covered by either daisies or blossom petals! It's definitely starting to feel like summer is approaching.

## Friday Sport Continues

You will remember from last term that Mrs Harmer who was delivering sports sessions on a Friday left us. I am eager that our usual Friday provision continues and is predictable for all the children so I am delighted to share that from today Mrs Goodall will be covering. She is already well known to children in Years 2 and 3 as she covered Mrs Pilgrim's maternity leave last year in Class 2. Other year groups have all got to know her during this time so she is familiar to them and knows how we do things. Mrs Goodall is one of those rare teachers who has a proven ability to teach from Year R to Year 6 so she will ensure a continuity of experience for them. I am very grateful that she has done us another favour and agreed to cover the Summer term for us.



## INSET Days for 24/25:

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

## Communication this week:

Tues – Email Yr 2-5  
parents about  
Hampshire music  
lessons for September  
Fri – Class 4 bacon/  
sausage bap at  
breaktimes during SATs  
week, available for Year  
5 and 6  
Fri – FUS Flyer re Quiz  
Night 16/5 7pm

## Class 1 & 2 Trips next week

Classes 1 and 2 are going on trips next week - a reminder that they will need:

### Tuesday 29/4 Class 2 Hilliers Gardens.

Normal uniform but sensible shoes for walking around rough paths, trainers ideal. Children will be outside all day including if it rains so a raincoat is essential – please pack even if the weather looks good. Packed lunch & water bottle.

### Thursday 1/5 Class 1 Longdown

**Activity Farm.** Normal uniform top half but comfortable trousers/ joggers for the weather. Trainers ideal for walking around. A reminder that as it is a farm, any open cuts should be covered for hygiene.

Coaches are booked to arrive after school starts so if you arrive after 8.55am you may meet the coach manoeuvring at the front of the school.

## A reminder ...

The start of a new term is a good time to get into good habits. A reminder that school starts at ...

# 8:55am.

This is critical as at this point, children settle into class, get organised, adjust to the day and complete important consolidation activities. **If you arrive after 8.55am, once the children have left the playground, your child starts their day behind everyone else.**

Your child will miss out on this process, miss learning and the adjusting process is rushed for them.

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