

Upham School Newsletter

4 April 2025



Photo: The winning easter Bonnets!

Fri 4 April – 2.30 Come and watch the Easter Egg hunt
7 – 21 April - Easter Break
Tues 22 April - First Day Back
Tues 29 April – Class 2 Trip Hilliers Gardens

A few words from the headteacher...

Our Lent & Easter Service was lovely this morning, of course the sunny warm weather helps. The children shared prayers, teachings and songs. Class 3 were particularly loud and energetic with their singing, especially during 'Shine, Jesus Shine' which was lovely to hear. We spoke about Lent and also Easter which is still some way off. Since we have one more week of Lent left, we have set the children one more challenge – to do something for someone else and make them happy. They will have all brought home a sticker in anticipation so can award themselves if they complete the challenge next week!

Dear God,

Thank you for your son, Jesus. At this time of year, we remember how he was tempted in the desert. He went without food and water and he did it for us. Help us to resist the things we want but do not need. We know that Lent is a time where we should lead a simpler life and be more positive. We try to take more time and reflect on the people that you want us to be.

We remember how Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we could be better people. We thank you for his resurrection and new life in heaven.

We look forward to spending time with our families this Easter time and pray for those who are ill and cannot be with their loved ones.

Amen.

Written By Class 3



Lent Challenge Week 5.

This week's challenge has been to have more empathy for others – to 'read' how someone is feeling by the way they look, the things they do and how they speak. If you know how someone feels you can then act accordingly.

Next Week's extra challenge is: Make someone happy



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:

Thurs – Class 2 Trip reminder; consent required

Fri – Tick Info with newsletter email

Easter Services

You might be interested in the following services taking place over the holidays **at Blessed Mary:**

6 April 10.45am Palm Sunday
Donkey procession – meet at pond
17 April Maundy Thursday Service
8pm

18 April Good Friday 12pm
Communion Service
20 April Easter Day Service 11am

And St Peters Rectory Garden:
Family Drop in Good Friday 18/4
10.30-1pm, games, Easter egg hunt, crafts

Sports News

Boys and Girls from Years 3,4,5 and 6 took part in an activity festival on Tuesday. We chose children we knew would really benefit from and enjoy this event and everyone threw themselves into the activities. It wasn't a competition as such, just having a go at the activities: archery, dodgeball and frisby golf. Thanks to Mrs Bird who organised and accompanied everyone and to all those parents who helped with transport.

Look Out For Ticks

We've attached to this Newsletter email some tick guidance which might be helpful to think about over the holidays. Where the weather is warmer and drier everyone is likely to be out and about around grassy areas where risks of ticks start to increase at this time of year. Hope this is useful.



*Don't Forget
First Day back is
Tuesday 22 April
(after Easter
Monday)*

Easter Competitions

Thanks to FUS for all of the Easter competitions. At the time of writing we haven't completed the Easter egg hunt yet but I am sure it will be lovely. Competition winners will be announced this afternoon but I judged the Easter bonnet competition this morning so well done to:

- Year R: Celia
- Year 1: Callie
- Year 2: Eve
- Year 3: Harriet
- Year 4: Betsy
- Year 5: Violet
- Year 6: Lydia

Goodbye ...

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Harmer today, as I mentioned last week, but also to Miss Dollery who has been working in Class 4 completing her student practice. We often have students working in school, partly because this gives us 'another pair of hands' which is never a bad thing but mainly because as a successful school we have a moral obligation to help train the next generation of teachers. Every one of us teachers can remember our student experiences and it's important that we give rich experiences to the future workforce. She has had an excellent practice and leaves us with an excellent report! Thanks for all of your hard work.

...from our governors

The Governors hope that you are all looking forward to the Easter Holiday. It has been a busy term for all - and as Governors we have been very fortunate to visit lessons to see the wonderful and inspiring learning in all of the classes.

We have been working with our School Uniform provider, Skoolkit - for those who choose to purchase logo uniforms following the concerns of the quality with the PE t-shirt and the durability of the logo. If any garment purchased from Skoolkit has not lasted as you would expect - please do return to the shop as this is how they can work with their suppliers to improve the uniform in the future.

As part of the work we have made a few changes to simplify the School logo and we are hoping that this will make it possible to embroider the logo on the t-shirts again. We are hoping to receive the samples over the Easter Holiday and these will be available for parents and children to see at pick up on the first Friday once we are back from the holiday -so please do come and have a look and give your feedback.

On behalf of all of the Governors, we wish all of the school community a relaxing and enjoyable Easter Holiday.

Gemma Rainger, Chair of Governors