

Upham Primary School

Church of England (Aided)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware our school is taking part in the Primary Schools Ceilidh in Bishop's Waltham on the afternoon of Friday, 26th June.

Children need to be collected from school at 12:30pm to arrive at Bishops Waltham Palace, West Gate for 12:45/1pm where they will be met by school staff. Unfortunately parents are not allowed to stay for this part of the event. The children will need to be collected at 3pm when the event has finished.

There is further information on the attached sheet.

Dates for your diary:

Currently there are only three more after-school country dance sessions due to take place on

- **10th June**
- **17th June**
- **24th June**

Bishops Waltham Ceilidh Festival – Friday **26th June** 1-3pm

Upham Fete - **Saturday 27th June** 12-3.30pm. We hope to have more details available for you soon.

Please return the attached slip or email the office, to confirm your child's attendance at the Ceilidh and the Church Fete.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mason and Mrs Miller

2026 Primary Schools Ceilidh
BISHOP'S WALTHAM PALACE GROUNDS
FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2026, 1.15 -2.45 p.m

Location and transport

Bishop's Waltham Palace SO32 1DH. Entry is from the **West Gate in Station Road** i.e. not the small car park entrance which is opposite the Crown pub on Winchester Road). The Festival team are stewarding the entrances to guarantee there will be no public access allowed before or during the Schools Ceilidh.

Follow the exit for Station Road from the Old Station Roundabout where the B2177 meets the road to Corhampton, so that vehicles can queue and school groups disembark safely without obstructing the main road. The section of Station Road alongside the Palace will be kept clear all day so that school groups can leave quickly and safely after the ceilidh.



Timetable

12.45 to 1 p.m arrival. School groups arrive at the West Gate on Station Road to be escorted inside by members of the team.

1.15 to 2.45 p.m Ceilidh

2.50 to 3 p.m Children being collected by parents or carers will be kept with their teachers on-site until called to the West Gate. School staff will co-ordinate with members of the Festival Team on the gate to ensure that children are returned safely to their responsible adults.

There are car parks within walking distance of the Palace grounds which should help to avoid congestion in Station Road: [Parking and Public Transport | Bishop's Waltham | Love Bishops Waltham](#)

The Schools Ceilidh is **not** open to the children's families or the wider public. **Adults collecting cannot enter the Palace site - this is part of the risk assessment and vital to the smooth and safe running of the event.**

Drinks

Please ensure children bring their own drink bottles: there are facilities to enable them to be refilled as necessary

Weather

There will be gazebos to provide some shade but the children will need the usual protection from the sun such as suncream and a hat. In the unlikely event of rain, we expect that the event will still go ahead, so please come prepared if rain is forecast.

What to wear

Summer school uniform is ideal, with trainers or shoes which must be safe to dance in, bearing in mind that the children will be dancing on grass which won't be completely flat.

UPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 1-6 Primary Schools Ceilidh

Country Dancing - Friday 26th June 2026 1:00 – 3:00pm

My child..... Class

* I will deliver my child to and from the event

* I have arranged for..... to deliver and
.....to collect my child.

Signed..... Date.....

Year 1-6 – Upham Village Fete

Country Dancing/Maypole

Saturday 27th June – afternoon – Actual timings to be confirmed

My child.....

Class

Is able to attend

Signed..... Date.....