

Upham Primary School

Church of England (Aided)

Upham Street, Upham, Southampton, Hampshire SO32 1JD
Telephone: (01489) 860355 Fax: (01489) 860776

E-mail: adminoffice@upham.hants.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr David Woolley, B.Ed. (Hons)



Thursday 18 June 2026

Dear Parents,

Please find below arrangements for our Sports Day on Thursday 25 June. Although the date has been advertised for some time, the details below confirm timings and information, which will be of particular interest for our new families and a useful reminder for everyone else.

Sports Day will run very similarly to last year. We are inviting families to join us just after 1pm for a 1.15pm start (following normal lunch arrangements for the children) with activities finishing by 3.30pm. Please note the after-school clubs will be available as normal.

Activities

The activities will be split into two halves to provide a balance between participating as a team, competing as an individual and enjoying participation. The first half will consist of children in mixed aged teams of 8 or 9 with approximately one child from each year group. Our Year 6 buddies will be with their Year R children to guide them and show them what to do. These teams will represent a country – this year they will be drawn from countries participating in the World Cup, currently running. These teams will participate in activities, earning points for their team, rotating around all of the stations.

In the second half, children will re-form in their classes and participate in competitive races against children in their class. Points will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, contributing towards the team total from earlier. At the end, gold, silver and bronze winning country teams will be crowned!

Families

Families are welcome to sit / move around the outside of the team activities. Please do not sit against the fence at the top of the field where activities are set up. During the races in the second half, we will seat classes together on the field side of the running track (where the shade is) so if families can please sit on the building-side of the running track. It is really difficult for us to ensure we know where all children are when families sit the same side as the children – they just can't resist being close. This is an occasion with so many people on site (often including wider families) so we need to keep supervision on every child. Please feel free to bring folding chairs / rugs etc. to make yourself comfortable. A reminder that it is inappropriate to bring alcohol onto a school site. It is also prohibited to smoke or vape on the school site.

FUS will be selling some refreshments and cakes – a flier was sent out last week requesting donations. These are just for spectators, please do not purchase anything for your child as they will be completing the activities.

Please note that if you bring younger pre-school children for any part of the day, you are responsible for their safety when they are on the site and you must ensure that they are not able to run off (the playground being used for parking being a particular hazard) or use any climbing equipment.

Parking on the Playground

I will open the gates ready for families to arrive from 1pm. At this point I will also open the main gates to make the playground available for parking – please make use of this so we do not block the road for local residents. A reminder that wherever you park, you must ensure an emergency services vehicle would still be able to pass. There is always space at the top of the village by the rec to walk down from.

Cancellation in the event of poor weather

We would need to cancel sports day if the ground is wet, to ensure children do not slip over during activities. Should rain on the day or heavy rain over-night cause this, we will let parents know our decision to cancel as early as possible through email and an updated calendar entry on the website. Our reserve day is planned for Thursday 2 July, arrangements would be the same as detailed in this letter, if this were to also to be wet, we would not be able to complete sports day with parents.

Warm Weather

I hope that the weather will be kind to us, we seem to be moving into a warmer period and forecasts at the moment look positive. The children will be able to take their water bottles around with them but if it is particularly warm, we will add in rest breaks in the shade. Please ensure children have sun hats and drinks bottles on this day.

Please also note that we have colonies of solitary mining bees which live in small tunnels on the grassy banks and can get quite busy in the sun. These small bees are completely harmless and do not have stings – the children often sit on the banks and enjoy them landing on them! Do not mistake them for wasps and please look after them, they are becoming rarer and we want to protect them.

Photographs

Similar to the Christmas productions, families are welcome to take photographs of their children but I ask that you pay regard for those children who may be in the background and to protect these individuals by ensuring such images are not shared afterwards electronically or posted on social media.

Collection at the End

Once we have finished, children will lead into classes to gather their belongings. We won't get them to get changed out of their PE kits, they will bring their clothes home with them. If families can wait on the field, the children will meet you there. The playground will have cars moving and leaving so please be careful as you depart.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Woolley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'D' and a stylized 'Woolley'.

Mr David Woolley
Headteacher