



Children in Squirrels Class enjoyed a visit yesterday from Southampton Art Gallery. One of their staff came out and talked to the children about artwork – Monet and Lowry in particular. The children then had a go producing their own impressionistic piece using oil pastels and then mono-printing ink outlines over the top. Really messy and lots of fun. The children were very proud of their artwork and the visitor commented in our visitor book that: *"The children in Year 1 & 2 were resilient, thoughtful and creative, working hard to learn new technique and very willing to experiment and try new things"*

Great to see the 'Open Our Minds' aspect of our school vision so evident in the children!

Tuesday 21 July am Drop Off at Church

Year 6 children will be holding their Leaver's Service on Tuesday 21st July so please can the children be dropped off at church (normal times). Children can still attend breakfast club, staff will walk them up.

The Leaver's service is most relevant to families of Year 6 and those who know them but everyone is welcome. Year R parents may be interested to see how your child's buddies view their journey through the school – in six year's time it will be your children! If you can't stay, staff will be ready to 'receive' children from 8.45am, they just need to come in and sit down.

Thanks for Report Slips

Thanks to everyone who has returned a reply slip confirmation – still time next week.



Last Day Upham Tradition -Bell Ringing!

Our end of term tradition is that following a normal 3.30pm collection from the playground on our last day (Wednesday), we encourage families to gather at the front of the school on the bank to watch Year 6 as they leave. Please be careful around the edge with the steep slope. They will hold back until everyone is gathered and then, as their last act as an Upham School child, will each ring the bell above the entrance. They will literally ring their way into our history using the bell which was part of the original school prior to our current building. A symbolic and always emotional ending!

Menu Changes

Y6 have chosen the menu for Tuesday:

Red - fish finger & chips

Green – Vegan meatball baguette & chips

White – Tomato pasta

Dessert - Iced buns

Note: Wednesday will be what should have been on Tuesday, email to follow.

Overview of 2026 2027 Academic Year

We are compiling overview dates for next academic year – INSET days, Christmas productions, parent's evenings, sports day etc. Look out for this email to all parents next week.

Communications this week:

- **Tue** – Welcome to next year classes letters
- **Tue** – Email to all re after school clubs next term

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Y6 Exit Questionnaires

Many thanks to those Year 6 parents who have already sent back a Year 6 exit review questionnaire (or email) – it really helps me (and governors) think about the journey children have had through the school and only you can provide this overview. There's still time to return and now you have the SATs results and can reflect on their achievements, this may galvanise your thoughts!



Upham win Platinum Award ... Again!

I received notification this week that we have again been awarded the highest Platinum School Games Award, something we've earned since 2017 which is no mean feat to retain the same high provision in a climate of ever shrinking and more stretched resources. It is awarded because of our commitment to sport and physical activity, in particular:

- **Extensive opportunities to represent the school in inter-school competitions**
- **Breadth of our physical education teaching**
- **Promoting active play across the day so children easily engage in the target of 30 mins activity per day**
- **At least 2 hours of sport education per week**
- **Development of our after school offer with opportunities to be active**
- **Opportunities for older children to lead and be role models for active lifestyles.**



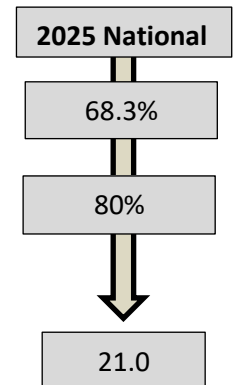
At this time of year all of the school performance assessments from statutory testing are finally in. Whilst we think about children holistically and support each one as an individual (a strength that the OFSTED report, when it's available, will describe further), achievements of a cohort are turned into numbers as that is the system. Our (or I should say the children's) are particularly strong this year at all phases across the school – here is an overview with 2025 national results as a comparison:

Year R Proportion achieving GLD (Good Level of Development)	87 %
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Year 1 Phonics Screening: Number achieving the required standard	87 %
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Year 4 Multiplication Screening	Scoring Range /25 marks	All scored 23-25 / 25
	Average score / 25	24.4

Year 6 SATs Results	Expected standard	High Pass
Reading (Test)	72.7 %	45.4 %
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	81.2 %	45.4 %
Grammar & Spelling (Test)	81.2 %	18.2 %
Maths (Test)	90.1 %	36.4 %
Combined in all Reading, Writing & Maths	72.7 %	36.4 %



2025 National Av	
EXS+	High/GD
75 %	33 %
72 %	13 %
73 %	30 %
74 %	26 %
62 %	8 %