

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 3rd July 2026



Diary Dates

9th July – Fox Class to CVS sports event, packed lunch needed

15th July – Fox Class trip to the Harbourside

16th July – 150th anniversary, Victorian day. Music, dancing and history. Parents invited from 2.40pm.

Children may dress in Victorian outfits if they wish.

22nd July – Fox Class leavers' service 1.30pm for parents

Mobile Library

15th July – all books to be returned please

Sports Council fun run

Congratulations to Penny T, Wren, Pru and Phoebe for making the fun run a great success. The total raised was £200.00!! All the organisation and setting up was done by the sports council, a big well done to them.

Thank you to the year 6 who gave their buddies in Hedgehog's a helping hand.

Thank you to the Sports Council for showing great leadership and fantastic courageous advocacy.



Sports Day

Sports days this year was a great success, the weather stayed dry and it was lovely to see so many parents, families and friends. Thank you to the PTA for the refreshments. Thank you to the parents for their tug of war efforts.

Congratulations to Yeo House for winning the cup this year.



Celebration Assembly

These children received perseverance awards this week:

Fox Class – Phoebe for mastering tricky algebra this week.

Otter Class – Mia for her determination in writing.

Squirrel Class – Ruby for always sticking with tasks and encouraging others.

Hedgehog Class – Jay for his perseverance with writing when it is hard.

Caring, Capable and Confident

Fox Class – Trixie for always being kind and thoughtful and working hard.

Otter Class – Fia for showing huge determination and perseverance.

Squirrel Class – Arthur T for always being caring and working hard in everything.

Hedgehog Class – Freya for helping to get the classroom ready in the morning.



Ready, respectful and safe

Georgina, Toby, George and Teddi all received a treat with Mr Harvey, along with the Sport Council





Doodle Maths

Congratulations to Otter Class who won the trophy this week.

1st place – Otter Class with 301 stars

2nd place – Squirrel Class with 292 stars

Joint 3rd place & 4th place – Hedgehog and Fox Class with 166 stars each,

Fia collected the trophy for her class for spending the most time this week on Doodle Maths

House points this week

1st place goes to Yeo with 137 points

2nd place Mendip with 128 points

3rd place Chew with 72 points

Overall, this term Yeo are in the lead with 467 points.



Korean Club

Congratulations to Wren for her Certificate of Completion



Inset days for 2026/2027

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 15th January 2027

Monday 22nd February 2027 (Trust training day)

Monday 7th June 2027

Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice. Please follow this link for the attendance policy.

<https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/page/?title=Policies&pid=109>

CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



From September 2026, more families will be eligible for Free School Meals

Applying could save you up to £495 per child, per year, on school lunches

FREE SCHOOL MEAL EXPANSION

More families may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026, when families receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals. There will be two types of Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026:



TARGETED FSM
Continues to be based on the existing £7,400 income threshold.



EXPANDED FSM (NEW)
Applies to meals only. Covers pupils whose households are in receipt of Universal Credit

IMPORTANT: While eligibility to Expanded FSM will be automatically granted to all recipients of Universal Credit, families will still need to apply to receive this benefit.

RECHECKS FOR ALL PUPILS CURRENTLY IN RECEIPT OF FSM

Since 2018, there has been a Free School Meal transitional protection policy to ensure that children didn't lose their free school meals if their family's income increased. This meant that free school meals entitlement has been typically locked in until the end of the child's current phase of education (e.g. end of primary or secondary school). This protection is ending at the end of the 2025-26 academic year. This means that all existing pupils in receipt of free school meals will need to have their entitlement rechecked before the start of September 2026. If your family's earnings exceed the FSM threshold, your child(ren) will lose their eligibility and pay for school meals from September 2026.



In most cases, these rechecks will be automatic and no action will be required by parents



NORTH SOMERSET SCHOOLS ONLY
Anyone who was awarded FSMs over 2 years ago would have applied via an old system. These parents/carers will need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account.



ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS THAT BENEFITS PUPILS
Pupil Premium is extra funding given to schools for every child whose family is entitled for Targeted Free School Meals. This money makes a big difference to schools and the eligible pupils. It is often used for extra resources, school trips and additional staff. Pupil Premium will continue to be paid to schools for those pupils who have been covered by the transitional protection arrangements outlined above.

FIND OUT MORE: WWW.LSP.ORG.UK/FSM-CHANGES

Term Dates 2026/2027

1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
3	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
4	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
5	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
6	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027