

## **Start of the New School Year at Ubley**

I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for what promises to be an exciting year ahead.

It has been heart-warming to see how beautifully all the children have settled back into school life. Our new Reception children have been absolutely wonderful, settling in so well as they take their first steps into their educational journey with us. A warm welcome also to our new families who have children in other year groups.

I am delighted to inform you about some important collaboration leadership and staffing changes that will further strengthen our team. Mrs Beck has taken on the role of Assistant Headteacher at Ubley School, and we are thrilled to welcome Mrs Lynette Banks as our new Collaboration Deputy Headteacher and English leader. Additionally, Mrs Mundy joins us as our new teaching assistant and HLTA, bringing valuable skills and experience to our team. It is also wonderful to welcome back Mrs Stanford to Fox Class, who will also be serving as our Collaboration SENDCo. Each of these colleagues brings unique strengths that will undoubtedly benefit all our children.

Our school development priorities this year are comprehensive and exciting. We're introducing a new phonics scheme alongside a fresh approach to spelling instruction. We're also making thoughtful adaptations to our White Rose Mathematics programme and incorporating new Geography units into our curriculum. Throughout all of this, we're committed to providing ongoing training and coaching support for our staff to continuously develop their teaching expertise.

Our Collaboration theme this year focuses on the power of reading, which is particularly timely as 2026 has been designated as the national year of reading. We are excited to explore this theme together and help our children discover the magic and possibilities that books can open up for them.

I am also delighted to share that this year marks a very special milestone for Ubley School, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the school in 1876. A wonderful opportunity to bring the community together in celebration.

Next week presents a valuable opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher, discover what will be taught this year, and ask any questions. We truly value the partnership and cooperation we have with our families, as it makes such a difference to your child's success and well-being.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to the year ahead.

Ian Harvey  
Headteacher

## Ubley C of E Primary School

### Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

THANKFULNESS 

Our school value this term is thankfulness.

#### Diary Dates

Fox Class Bikeability 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> – information sent regarding groups  
25<sup>th</sup> September – individual school photographs (pre-school siblings invited at 8.45am)  
30<sup>th</sup> September – immunisations  
1<sup>st</sup> October – Fox class drama workshop  
9<sup>th</sup> October – Otter Class trip to the Roman Baths  
23<sup>rd</sup> October – Fox class to Literature Festival  
3<sup>rd</sup> November – INSET day  
10<sup>th</sup> November – swimming starts for Otter Class

#### Mobile Library

10<sup>th</sup> September  
25<sup>th</sup> September

#### Parent Tours

We are holding some tours of the school for any parents looking for Reception places in September 2026, please spread the word to any families you are aware will be looking.

Thank you

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 12pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am – 10.30am

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am – 10.30am

#### Meet the teacher next week

Squirrel Class – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 3.30pm until 4pm

Otter Class – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm until 3.45pm

Fox Class – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 3.15pm until 3.45pm

## **Clubs**

The clubs' letter will follow next week.

Most clubs will start the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September.

## **LSP home school partnership**

Please see the attached information from LSP

## **Save the date**



## **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/site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf>

### **Inset dates**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

### **Term dates 2025/2026**

<b>Term</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End date</b>
<b>1</b>	Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
<b>2</b>	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
<b>3</b>	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
<b>4</b>	Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026
<b>5</b>	Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
<b>6</b>	Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22 July 2026