

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 19th December 2025



What a wonderful end to term 2. We've been blessed with so many magical moments that truly capture the spirit of our school community.

Our youngest pupils delighted everyone with their joyful Nativity Performances, showing incredible confidence and bringing festive cheer. The children's singing, narration and performance were absolutely heart-warming.

Our whole school trip to the Tobacco Factory theatre to watch Rapunzel was a delight, with our pupils being exceptionally well-behaved and engaged throughout.

We have been active in our local community too, singing to families at the Ubley Community Coffee morning yesterday. Fox class have been particularly creative, making beautiful decorations to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust charity.

A massive thank you also to our marvellous PTA for their incredible fundraising efforts and for organising the Christmas Market a few weeks ago. Their hard work makes such a difference to our school.

I want to thank all our children, staff, parents and governors for their tremendous efforts this term.

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Ian Harvey
Headteacher

Important dates for your diary: we return to school on Monday 6th January 2026. Please note there are two LSP training days next term - Friday 16th January and Friday 13th February 2026.

Christmas Coffee Morning

A big thank you to parents, family, friends and members of the community for supporting our coffee morning yesterday. The year 6 children all worked very hard setting up the hall, serving teas and coffees, washing up and selling mistletoe and decorations.

They raised an astonishing £344.08! This will be sent to the Teenage Cancer Trust.



Celebration Assembly

These children received trust awards this week.

Fox Class – Wren for always being trustworthy, treasuring her friends and always doing the right thing.

Otter Class – Robbie for always being ready and respectful.

Squirrel Class – Chloe for always being trustworthy and her maturity in class.

Hedgehog Class – Jay for being trustworthy and doing the right thing.



Caring, Capable and Confident

Fox Class – Phoebe for being capable before, during and after the coffee morning.

Otter Class – Atti for his amazing singing this week.

Squirrel Class – Caelan for his fantastic singing and performance in the nativity

Hedgehog Class – Lola for her confident performance in the nativity and looking after her friends.



Book reviews

Thank you to Charlie for his review of the 'Mr Penguin and the tomb of doom', and Alisa for telling everybody about the book 'The Small Wonder'.



The winning house this week is

1st place **Mendip** with 131 points

2nd place **Chew** with 92 points

3rd place **Yeo** with 73 points

The house with the most points this term is Yeo with 1105, followed closely by Mendip with 1035 and Chew with 1005.

The treat for the winning house is to wear non uniform with an item which is orange (if you can) This will be on the 1st Friday back, which is the 9th January.

Nativity – A Bundle of Joy

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 gave amazing performances this week of their nativity play, 'A Bundle of Joy'.
A big well done to all of the children and the staff.





Santa & Sven - A Magical Christmas Show

Families are invited to **Bishop Sutton Village Hall** on **Saturday 20th December 2025** for an enchanting festive performance of Santa & Sven. Now in its 6th year, comic actor Stewart Wright brings Father Christmas to life with laughter, music, and sleigh bells, joined by Ben Kirby as Sven the Reindeer Handler.

This interactive 50-minute show is perfect for children aged 2+ and guarantees festive fun, surprises, and plenty of Christmas spirit.

Bishop Sutton Village Hall

Show times: 2:00pm & 3:30pm, running time 50 mins.

All attendees need a ticket. Tickets available via our Ticketsource page at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts>



A red poster for a New Year's Day Concert. The title 'A NEW YEAR'S DAY CONCERT' is written in large, gold, serif capital letters. Above the title is a decorative border of musical notes and a red ribbon. Below the title, the text 'THURSDAY 1st JANUARY 2026 - 3.00pm' is in gold, followed by 'St. Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin, BS40 6JQ' in white. A horizontal line separates this from the text 'Celebrate the beginning of the New Year through music!'. Below that, it says 'Compton Martin's own mini orchestra will be playing lots of well-loved melodies both Christmas themed and from different films.' Another horizontal line follows, with the text 'Join us for an afternoon of music and festive fun followed by refreshments.' At the bottom, it says 'FREE ENTRY' and 'All donations made will go towards the restoration of the Old School Room'. The bottom right corner contains the text 'For more information: admin@chewvalleysouth.org'.



A light blue poster for 'Families @ 4'. The title 'Families @ 4' is in large, black, hand-drawn style letters. Below it, the text 'Celebrating and enjoying God's beautiful world' is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. In the center, there is a cartoon illustration of a boy and a girl sitting on the ground, hugging a green globe. The background features green leaves and butterflies. At the top, it says 'Church of St Michael the Archangel, Compton Martin, BS40 6JB'. Below the title, it says 'Games, crafts, nature, Bible story and food'. A horizontal line follows, with the text 'First Sunday of the month 4.00pm - 5.00pm'. Another horizontal line follows, with the text 'Come along and join us on 7th September * 5th October * 2nd November 4th January * 1st February * 1st March 3rd May * 7th June * 5th July'. The bottom right corner contains the text 'For details, please contact: admin@chewvalleysouth.org - 07724 627654 helen@combebeam.co.uk - 01761 221020'.



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>

Inset dates

Friday 16th January 2026

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Term dates 2025/2026

Term	Start Date	End date
3	Monday 5th January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
4	Monday 23rd February 2026	Thursday 2 April 2026
5	Monday 20th April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
6	Monday 1st June 2026	Wednesday 22 July 2026