Short Report for the Collaboration of East Harptree and Ubley Church of England Primary Schools to the Annual Parish Meeting of Ubley – 8th May 2025

Ubley School works in collaboration with East Harptree Church of England School, sharing the one Head, Mr Harvey. The collaboration has been of great benefit to both schools with joint INSET days, staff meetings and joint subject leadership roles. There is one local governing body (LGB) across the two schools.

Ubley currently has 70 pupils with four mixed age classes. We are looking forward to hopefully welcoming approx. 10 new pupils into out Reception Class in September and are always open to receiving new pupils, subject to our pre-prescribed limits by the Local Authority. We will again be arranging our popular new parent breakfast which is held at St Bartholomew’s Church. This is an opportunity for both new and some current parents to meet, along with members of the PTA, governors and some members of staff.

The highly supportive PTA have had another busy year and successfully raised money for the school. Some of their main events have been the quiz at Compton Martin Hall, a very busy car wash, refreshments at our world book day event. The PTA arranged for the author Guy Bass to visit school on world book day; the children had a great afternoon listening to stories of when he was a child and how he started writing books. Other fund-raising events have included a Christmas market, selling food at the Ubley Beer Festival and providing crowd control stewards at Glastonbury.

We have a weekly assembly with the Rector, Katrina Dykes, who is also a Foundation Governor on the Local Governing Body and part of our Ethos committee. Year 6 will be taking their SATS tests in the week beginning the 12th May, they will enjoy pre-exam breakfast and to celebrate at the end they will have a SATS party.

It has been a very busy academic year and hard to believe that we are fast approaching the final term. The children have enjoyed a maypole dancing workshop this term, they have also had several workshops with Valley Arts. Reception and Key Stage 1 had a visit to Nempnett Pastures farm in October. Otter Class have recently been to Stone Henge and Squirrel Class have a trip in June to the Bristol Zoo Project and Hedgehog Class to Noah’s Ark to look forward to. This year there will be a school production, this is alternated each year with a school camp. We also have sports day booked for 10th June and the Year 6 Leavers’ Service on the final day of term.

Finally, we welcome volunteers at Ubley to help with reading and other activities and also committed governors to sit on the LGB. Ubley currently has a vacancy for a Co-Opted governor, if anybody is interested in more information and what is involved, then please contact the Clerk to The Governors at school or Reston Smith, the Chair of the LGB.