



THE GANDER



Upton upon Severn CofE Primary and Pre-School's Newsletter



Coats in school every day please!



Friday 12th September 2025

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts"

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new newsletter - *The Gander*! This is where we will share important dates and information about upcoming school and community events, as well as celebrating the children's achievements both in school and beyond the classroom.

It is a privilege to be the new Headteacher of Upton upon Severn CofE Primary and Pre-School and I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone in our school community. The warmest of welcomes also to all of the new families who have joined our flock! The last 8 school days have been a whirlwind of laughter, fun and learning and it has been wonderful to see how the children have settled quickly back into the school routines.

This term, our value is **Responsibility** and the children have been learning about the power of words. We need to use the value of *responsibility* to think before we speak and encourage each other with kindness. It has been uplifting to hear so much positivity and encouragement throughout the school this week from the children and staff alike; Upton really is a place with kindness in its heart.

Anything is possible, we can all succeed!

Date	Event
September	
17 th	Meet and Greet: 3:15pm in classrooms
23 rd	Open the Book worship
29 th	Cauliflower Cards—artwork coming home soon
30 th	FGB
October	
3 rd	Harvest festival: 9:30am start in St Peter and St Paul's church
7 th	Open Morning for new starters: 10:00am—11:00am
9 th	Individual School Photos
24 th	Last day of Autumn Term 1
27 th - 31 st HALF TERM	
November	
4 th	Parents Evening: 3:30pm-6:00pm
6 th	Parents Evening: 3:30pm-6:00pm



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Spotlight on...Reception Class



Our new Reception Class children have all settled in beautifully!

They have been exploring their new classroom, having fun on our brand new outside decking, practicing their gross and fine motor skills, sharing stories and creating masterpieces. They have even been out to our Forest School with Mrs. Gabriel!

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ward and the entire Upton team couldn't be prouder of them.





Our Super Stars of the Week!



Pre-School: Ellie

Reception: Florence

Year 1: Jae Jae

Year 2: Aneeka

Year 3: Logan

Year 4: Phoebe

Year 5: Ivy

Year 6: Sophie




Congratulations



Our Flock Stars



Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork



Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Teddy	Pearl
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Edward	Conner	Emily	Mason





Achievements outside of school



Piano

Chloe W has achieved her Entry Level Award in Music Performance—
Pre-Grade Introductory, passing with Distinction!

Rae-Anne has achieved her Entry Level Award in Music Performance—
Pre-Grade Higher, passing with Merit!

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Congratulations

Forest School Fun!

Reception had a great first session in Forest School. We shared the story of Let's make Faces by Hanoch Piven and made our own nature faces using materials that we found in Forest School. Some children also worked



together as a team
to create a floor is
lava course.



Year 2 shared the story of The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony and made London landmarks using the materials in Forest School. The children worked together to create London Eye's, Big Ben and the Shard.



Thank you to Mrs. Gabriel
and the team for enabling
our children to connect with
nature.



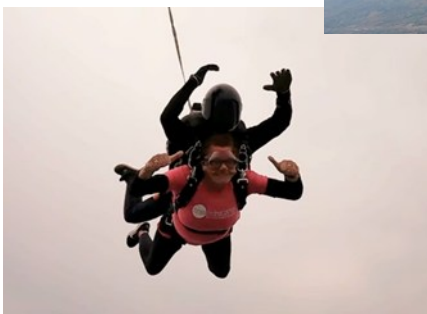
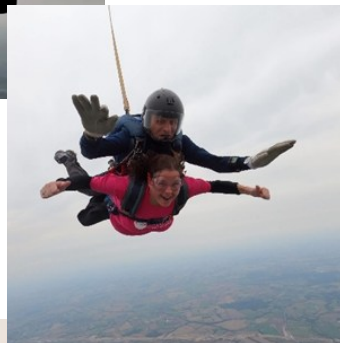
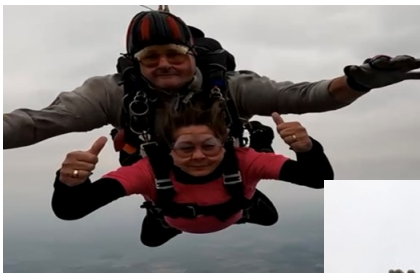
At Upton, it's not just the children who reach new heights, last weekend some of the staff did too!

On Sunday 7th September Sarah Fletcher (Teaching Assistant), Shirley Dobbin (Admin/Receptionist) and Jo Martin (Ex Teaching Assistant) jumped out of a plane to raise money for Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven! **Why?** Jo was diagnosed with Breast Cancer this time last year and Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven were there for her every step of the way.

Over dinner just before Christmas, Jo announced that she was going to be doing a skydive as soon as she was medically allowed; Sarah and Shirley agreed to do it with her, thinking that there was no way Jo would do this as she is absolutely petrified of heights!

In February Jo announced that she had signed up, so Sarah and Shirley honoured their discussion and signed up too. **They have raised over £3,500 for Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven** which will help other people like they have helped Jo.

What an amazing achievement ladies—we are all really proud of you!



Worcestershire Breast Unit Haven
Everybody Knows Somebody



OPEN MORNINGS

Is your child starting school in
September 2026?

If so, then come along to one of our
open mornings and see Upton in
action!



Date

Tuesday 7th October and Tuesday 25th November



Time

10.00am - 11.00am



Location

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary and Pre-School,
School Lane,
Upton upon Severn
WR8 0LD

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- Our own pre-school
- A Church of England school
- Forest school on site
- Before and after school care
- An Ofsted 'GOOD' school (April 2025)

THE YEAR OF THE IPADS

🎉 Help Us Bring iPads to Upton Upon
Severn C of E Primary! 📱💡

We're aiming to raise £12,000 to purchase
40 iPads for our pupils – and we need
your help to make it happen!

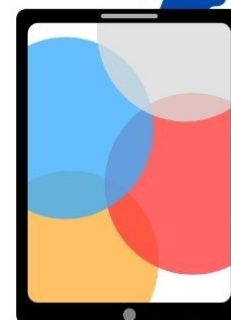
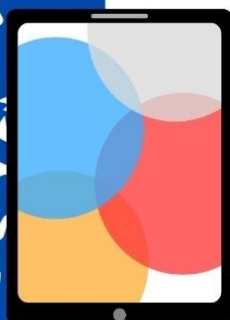
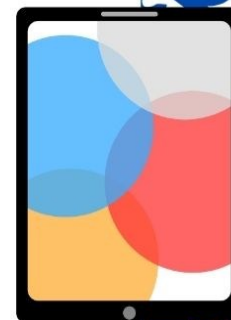
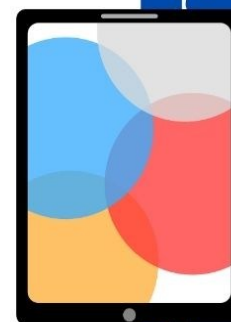
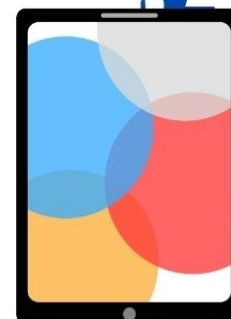
Whether you're a parent, past pupil, local
resident, or just someone who cares about
our community's children, you can make a
real difference.

- 👉 Sponsor an iPad (£300) or donate any
amount you can – every pound counts!
- 👉 Sponsors can include a name,
message, or business logo on the iPad and
be featured on our school thank-you
display.

Together, we can give our children the
tools they need to learn, create, and thrive
in a digital world. 💻🌟

✉️ To get involved, email:
office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Please like, share, and spread the word –
let's make this happen as a community!



THE UPTON CHURCH FLUSH FUND

The Anglican church of St Peter and St Paul in Upton upon Severn has rallied a team of some 20 volunteers to raise money for a loo in the Church. At the moment people have to walk down to the Church Room – not much fun when it's dark and raining!

We're on a roll now and the official launch will take place on 19th September. So far we've raised money through sales of cakes and drinks at the various music and bell-ringing festivals – it's amazing how people flock for home-made cakes, especially Barry's Millionaire's Shortbread (he made 12 trays of it for the Blues alone!) It's a lot of work and hard on the feet, but we had a lot of fun and met some lovely visitors to the town.

We've had a couple of concerts too and for one of them we cooked a meal with wine and a lovely choice of desserts for those who wanted to stay afterwards. Then the Gloucester Police Male Voice Choir with our very own soprano Jayne Swann was a sell-out.

Now, for a complete change, we'll be holding a **Harvest Ceilidh on Friday 26th September** (see poster on the next page). It's aimed at families and children under 14 go free with an adult.

The band, from Worcester, is **THE WHOLE CABOODLE ELECTRIC CEILIDH BAND**. You can see them on their own website and also on YouTube. They're pretty impressive! There's a caller to tell you what to do, plus they will play some 60s music during a break so you can rest your feet.... or you can come along to watch as the rest of us make fools of ourselves while you have a drink from our licensed bar - beer from The Three Kings, Hanley Castle, Cider from Clive's Fruit Farm, wine direct from France, soft drinks etc all at a very reasonable price - we promise!

Our local supermarket, Warner's, is providing the ingredients at cost for our individual Ploughman's Suppers, and we are very appreciative of their support. If you have a special need e.g. Gluten Free, you hate cheese etc, just let us know and we'll cater for you.

Tickets are available from Christine Lamb at uptonlambs@gmail.com or 07873 553531

Bacs payments are preferred – email or text for bank details. We can take cash or cheques too if you don't want to do bacs. **YOU NEED TO BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR CATERING PURPOSES** as we can't have more than 120 people for this event, so you need to book soon. (We catered for nearly 140 for our last concert).

We hope to hear from you.

The Upton Church Flush Fund Team

THE
**WHOLE
CABOODLE**

Electric Ceilidh Band

**Upton Church Flush Fund
Harvest Ceilidh**

Friday 26th September

7pm - 10.30pm

Upton Parish Church

Tickets £15 to include ploughman's supper
and first drink

Accompanied children under 14 free

Licensed bar *Bring your own glass if you like*

Raffle *Cash only for raffle & bar*

Tickets in advance only from

uptonlambs@gmail.com

Or **07873 553531** or any Flush Fund member



On the beat in The Malvern Hills

Schools edition.

September
2025

Welcome back to school!

The Malvern Hills Safer Neighbourhood teams have a good working relationship with schools in the local area. We visit schools for educational inputs or just to have a chat with the kids and tell them what we do and how we can help if needed. We like to provide some presence occasionally outside school at drop off and pick up so don't be alarmed if you see us!

We would like to give you a bit of information about how we can make the journey to and from school safer for everyone.

In relation to parking outside schools, please park considerately, ensure others around you can move their cars safely and you aren't blocking any local residents in. Please adhere to local speed limits. "School Keep Clear" restrictions ensure a clear line of sight for motorists and children, no vehicle (even blue badge holders) can stop on the zig zagged markings.

As mornings and evenings become darker please ensure children can be seen if walking or cycling to and from school. This can be achieved by wearing brighter or fluorescent clothing or by adding a light or reflective strip to their bags. If cycling, please ensure sure they are using a serviceable set of lights in order to see **and** be seen.



A quick word about internet safety.

Do we really know what our children do when they're online?

In order to make the internet a safer place for them, encourage regular conversations about the good and not-so-good things about the internet. Don't shy away from potential issues but try not to make it scary. Keep it general so as to not get your child curious about specific sites.

It's important that children know that not everyone they meet online is who they appear to be, whether that's on social media, while gaming or even on YouTube. Be aware that changes in mood or behaviour may be a sign of online abuse.

Talk to children about oversharing, do they need to share personal details in their posts, profiles and chats? Unfortunately, once something is shared or posted online, like it or not, it's there forever.

For more information relating to online safety visit www.getsafeonline.org

Lastly, please don't make your children scared of the Police. While out and about in the community we often hear children being told that the police will "lock you up" or "catch you if you're naughty". We want children to come to us if they are scared, lost or in danger. We don't want them to run away from us.

If your little one is just starting in Reception or in Year 6 about to make the jump to big school next year we hope they have a fun and safe year.



Toddler Tuesdays

Stay and play

Every Tuesday 1.30-2.30pm in
term time

Hands on sensory, creative and
imaginative play for 0-5 year
olds and parents/carers

Storytime and snack
led by Mrs Berryman



At Riverboats Children's Centre
Prices Lane, Upton, WR8 0LD

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Children's Centre

