



THE GANDER



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

Friday 15th September 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it's been in school! The sound of singing has filled the hall as children across the school rehearse with great enthusiasm for our upcoming Harvest Festival – it's been a joy to hear their voices lifted in celebration and gratitude.

Alongside this, our PE lessons have been full of energy, from netball in Year 5, gymnastics in year 1 and a very exciting game of dodgeball in Year 6—all the children have shown real determination and teamwork.

This week, we've also been focusing on our core value of **responsibility** – particularly how we take responsibility for our time and use it wisely. Whether it's practising songs, giving our best in lessons, or helping others, the children have shown just how much can be achieved in a week when we make every moment count. Well done to everyone!

Whole School Attendance: 96.82%

Reception: 96.58% Year 3: 98.37%

Year 1: 98.79% Year 4: 97.23%

Year 2: 93.32% Year 5: 99.34%

Year 6: 95.03%

Date	Event
September	
23 rd	Open the Book worship
25 th	Cake Sale after school
26 th	Cake sale after school
30 th	FGB
October	
3 rd	Harvest festival: 9:30am start Y6 Cross-Country trip
7 th	Open Morning: 10:00am
9 th	Individual School Photos
10 th	Disco - more info to follow soon
13 th - 17 th	Bikeability - Y6 (13 th -16 th) Bikeability - Y5 (17 th)
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



Useful Contacts

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Catering Company: CaterCater Ltd – 01452 527888



Spotlight on...Year 1



Year 1 are currently enjoying Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson. In the story, the baby becomes bored and decides to paint all over the cave walls! Mum and Dad were furious! We decided to paint like Cave Baby but decided to take the painting outside so we didn't get in trouble with the cleaners. We have also been writing sentences that have capital letters and full stops. We are starting to read our sentences to check that they make sense too. Mrs. Goode is very proud of you!



Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Lara

Reception: Isla

Year 1: Sammy

Year 2: George

Year 3: Evelyn

Year 4: Sebastian

Year 5: Samuel

Year 6: Poppy


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Wilber	Grace
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Harriet	Joe	Erica	Olivia





Achievements outside of school



Grace and her pony Tom have been excelling in the arena!
Together, they won 2nd place at Cross-pole and 1st place
at High-pole!



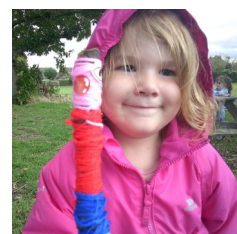
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Congratulations

Forest School Fun!

Year 2 shared the story of the Bog Baby by Jeanne Wilis. We discussed how we can look after creatures and how important their own habitats are to their survival. The children then made their own bog babies using dough and natural materials found in Forest School. They look amazing!



Reception shared the story of The Colour Monster by Anna Llana. The children made their own stick colour monsters and discussed the feelings that the colours represented. We even thought of our own to match new colours such as worried and excited. The children also had the opportunity to explore colour mixing with different coloured water. It was magical to see their reactions as the water changed colour!



Author visit

Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to have author Kerry Adams in school on Monday. She shared her book with us which she has written and illustrated. She kindly donated 2 copies of the book to school which she has signed. Her book is all about her dog Rusty who she rescued from the charity High Hopes UK. Coincidentally, Mrs. Goode's dog is also from this charity!



What we can collect

Are you having a clear out? Do you have any clothing, bags or shoes to donate?

We will be collecting donations of textiles at the school gates on Wednesday 24th September



What we cannot collect



Support the



Friends
of Upton Primary School



20 years at Upton!



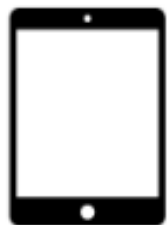
Miss Lacon celebrated her
twentieth year as a teacher here
at Upton at the start of
term...what an achievement!
Thank you Miss Lacon for your
dedication to the school and to
the children.

Could you spare a little time to help our
school this year?

If so then come along to the Friends of
Upton Primary School's AGM...a warm
welcome awaits!



THE YEAR OF THE IPADS



Christmas Artwork Fundraiser with
Cauliflower Cards! 🎄



Children will soon be creating their own festive masterpieces - but why let the fun stop there? Why not turn their artwork into personalised Christmas cards, mugs, gift tags, wrapping paper, and more!

✨ We're partnering with Cauliflower Cards, and a portion of every order goes straight back to the school. Last year we raised nearly £200 - can we beat it this year?



Please return all completed artwork to school by Tuesday 7th October.

(We get an extra 20p per product purchased by doing it this early!)

Let's make this Christmas extra special - with a little creativity and a lot of festive cheer!



CAKE SALE

Thursday 25th &
Friday 26th
September

After school on the
playground

Donations of any
homemade or shop
bought baked
goods gratefully
received.

Please ensure any
items are Nut Free.



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)

Extended hours!!!

Toddler Tuesdays

Stay and play

Every Tuesday 1.30-3pm 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



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