



THE GANDER



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

Friday 26th September 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by now and we are hard at work preparing for our Harvest Festival service in church next Friday—we would love to see you there!

This week, some of the children have enjoyed the first staff-led clubs. It is wonderful to see the variety of clubs on offer here at Upton and I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff for giving up their time to enable our children to extend their learning beyond the curriculum.

This half term, our school value is **Responsibility**, and one important aspect of this is learning to take responsibility for our emotions—especially anger. Feeling angry is a natural part of being human, but how we respond to that feeling is something we can learn to manage. At school, we're encouraging children to recognise when they feel angry, pause, and make choices that are safe, respectful, and kind. Taking responsibility means owning our actions, even when emotions run high, and understanding that we are in control of how we behave. By developing these skills together, we are helping our children grow into thoughtful, resilient individuals who can handle challenges in positive ways.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs. Arthur

Whole School Attendance: 97.19%

Reception: 96.19%

Year 3: 94.44%

Year 1: 100%

Year 4: 99.2%

Year 2: 93.16%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 95.42%

Date	Event
September	
30 th	FGB
October	
1 st	Pre-School Phonics - Stay & Play: 2:15pm
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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Spotlight on...Year 6



This week in science we have been learning all about microorganisms and in particular the different ways bacteria can be both harmful and helpful. We conducted an experiment to see how quickly mould grows on bread in different conditions. The children worked in pairs to create a variety of conditions from cold to warm, wet to dry. Over the next week we will be carefully observing and recording our results.



Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Eddison

Reception: Luca

Year 1: Oliver G

Year 2: Dottie

Year 3: Anna

Year 4: Esmond

Year 5: Bertie

Year 6: Olivia


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Teddy	Blake
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Terry	Hetty	Finley	Nazar



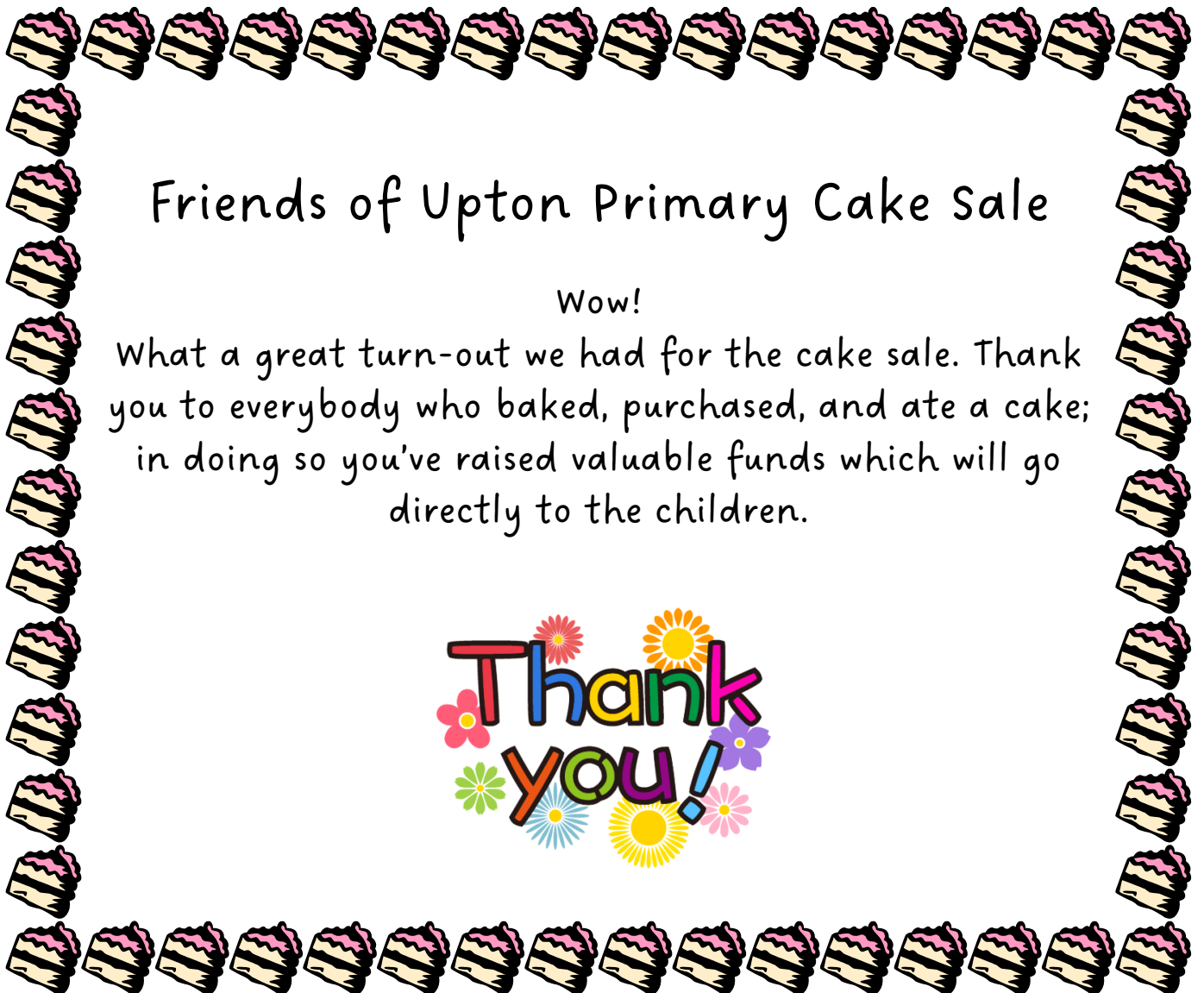


Achievements outside of school



Elsie in Y6 has been a gymnastic super star! She's trained incredibly hard, battled early mornings and has represented Worcestershire County—winning 1st overall!


Congratulations



Friends of Upton Primary Cake Sale

Wow!

What a great turn-out we had for the cake sale. Thank you to everybody who baked, purchased, and ate a cake; in doing so you've raised valuable funds which will go directly to the children.


**Thank
you!**

Reception Phonics morning

On Wednesday Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ward welcomed some of the Reception children's parents and grandparents into their classroom to join in with their phonics lesson!

The children were super stars and were very proud to demonstrate their every-growing phonic knowledge.



Forest School Fun!

Year 2 read the story The sun thief by Alice Hemming. We enjoyed the story and noticed the changes in the season from summer to autumn. Some children created characters from the story - squirrel and bird. Others enjoyed a rather large muddy puddle! We ended the session with a true or false quiz about the sun and the seasons.



Reception Class

This week we have been looking at our senses in Forest School. We used our ears to listen to the story Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see? By Bill Martin Jr. We used our eyes and noses to collect some nature treasures and find something that smelled interesting and we used our sense of touch to describe our natural treasure. The children used some great describing words such as rough, smooth, warm, cold, soft, squelchy and hard.





HARVEST

Festival Service

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER

**CHURCH OF ST
PETER & ST PAUL**
9.30 AM START

Refreshments being
served in the church
from 9am

CASH & CARD
PAYMENTS ACCEPTED



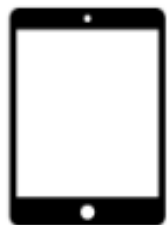
Friends
of Upton Primary School

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!





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,
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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



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Children's Centre

