



THE GANDER



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

Friday 7th November 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term!
It has been wonderful to see everyone return to school rested, refreshed, and ready to learn. This half term, our value is **Community** - a reminder that we are strongest when we work together, support one another, and celebrate the contributions of every member of our school family. Whether in the classroom, on the playground, or beyond the school gates, we will be encouraging our pupils to show kindness, cooperation, and respect, helping to make our community a place where everyone feels they belong. I look forward to a positive and inspiring few weeks ahead.

Anything is possible, we can all succeed!

Whole School Attendance: 94.63%	
Reception: 95.24%	Year 3: 98.93%
Year 1: 94.74%	Year 4: 96%
Year 2: 90.53%	Year 5: 91.25%
Year 6: 92.08%	

Date	Event
November	
9 th	Upton Remembrance Service
10 th – 14 th	Children in Need Fundraising Week Scooting to Tanzania! (details on newsletter)
10 th	Pre-School Maths Stay & Play 2:15pm
10 th	Y5 visit to the library
13 th	Michael Rosen Poetry Party (in school)
14 th	Children in Need Non-uniform day
19 th	Reception Class Maths morning 9:30am
24 th	Y2 visit to the library
25 th	Open Morning 10:00am



Useful Contacts

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Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Alfie

Reception: Alice

Year 1: Ayda

Year 2: Jonty

Year 3: Oscar

Year 4: Charlie

Year 5: All of them!

Year 6: Elsie


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Summer-Raine	Dottie
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan	Austin	Chloe	Penny



Rae-Anne in Year 6 achieved second place
in a mountain biking race!
What a Super Star!



Save the dates!

Pre-School Nativity:

Tuesday 9th December

2:15pm—2:45pm

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity:

Monday 15th & Tuesday 16th December

10:00am—11:00am

More details to follow soon.

Spotlight on...Pre-School



On Wednesday afternoon some of the Pre-School children went on their regular visit to the library. Karen shared the story of Bob and Bunk; 2 cats who were the same but different. They then played a game that helped them to learn about themselves and how they are different to their friends. Finally, they went on a book hunt around the library and Mrs. Wiggett's team won!

The children were beautifully behaved as always and are looking forward to their next visit. Thank you Karen!



A Big Thank you!

Our school community would like to thank We Flourish Garden Centre, Crowcroft, Leigh Sinton for the generous donation of winter flowing pansies that now adorn many of the planters around school. I am sure you will all agree that they add a splash of colour to the darker days.



Children in Need 2025

Our aim—to scoot the distance of Upton to Tanzania

This is a distance of about 4,800 miles.

1 lap = 1 mile distance covered.

Monday 10th and Wednesday 12th November

Children in years **R, 2, 4, and 6** are invited to bring their scooters and helmets into school for a donation in the bucket on the gate.

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th November

Children in years **Preschool, 1, 3 and 5** are invited to bring their scooters and helmets into school for a donation in the bucket on the gate.

Friday 14th November—come to school wearing home clothes for a donation on the gate

Forest School Fun!

Reception have started their half term topic of celebrations so it felt right that we should start with Bonfire Night. The children learned about the Gunpowder Plot and why we celebrate this event. The children were inspired to make their own leaf sparklers and made a hot chocolate party in the mud kitchen.



Year 1 had their first session of the half term this week. We learned all about November the 5th and Bonfire Night. The children were inspired to make leaf sparklers, fireworks and build their own bonfires (pretend only). Other children enjoyed exploring the autumn leaves.



Attendance

Green (97.0% and above)

Amber (95.5% – 96.99%)

Red (95.49% or below)



What YOU must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence and leave a message on the absence line (we may call you back if we need anymore information).
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, **send them in anyway** as they often perk up on arrival. **If they are unwell we will call you.**
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

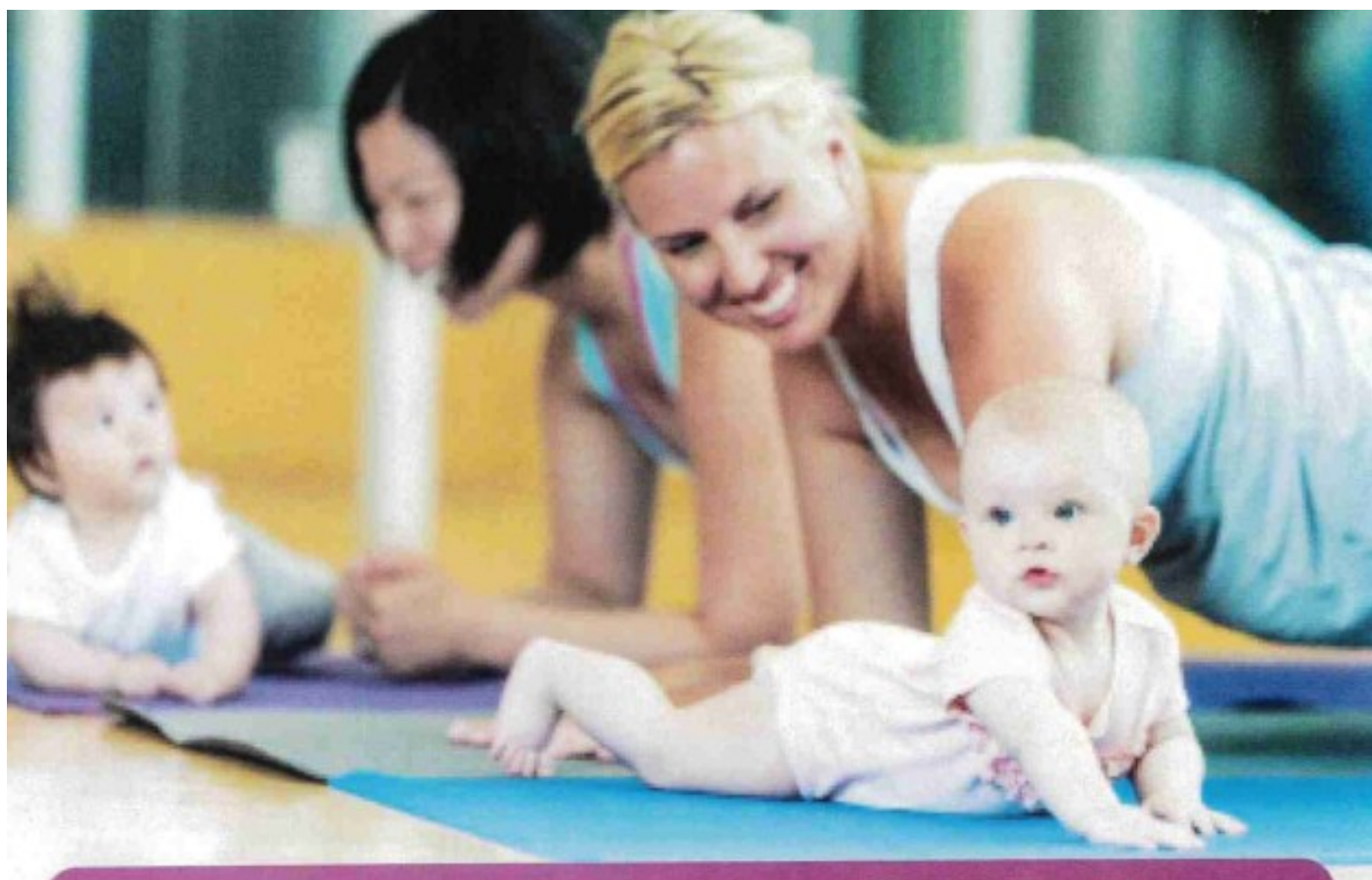
What WE will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you and/or write a letter to you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

Every day in school counts...

and every minute counts...





Mummy & Me

Postnatal Exercise Class

Keep fit & healthy with your baby.

Baby gyms are available to keep them occupied.

Thursdays 09.30-10.30am

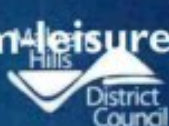
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per session

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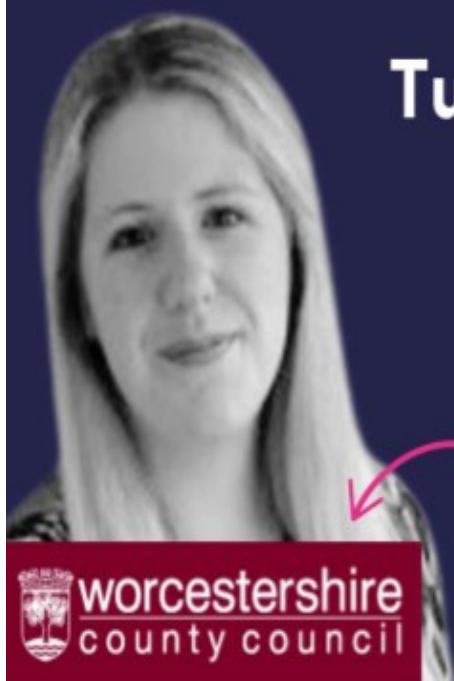
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**Tuesday 2nd December 2025,
9.30 – 11.30am**

At Pershore Riverside Centre,
King George's Way, Pershore,
WR10 1QU



**Plus meet Gemma Halstead, Autism
Team Lead in the CCN Team from
Worcestershire County Council**



Friends
of Upton Primary School



Meet your Class Rep

What is a Class Rep? Essentially a volunteer parent who acts as a liaison between the school, the friends, and the parents in a specific class.

**Reception & Year 2
Elsa Acock**



Year 1 - Sarah Chandler



Year 3

Heidi Sullins & Lisa Oram



Year 4 - Sally Ritchie



Year 5 - Helen Redding

Year 6 - Alex Drury



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



Men, women and children are welcome at St Peter and St Paul, Upton Parish Church

A new Sunday Communion Service for All
followed by coffee / tea/ juice / biscuits



Upton Parish Church at sunrise

Beginning
October 5th 9.30am – Celebrating creation

Continuing:

November 2nd - Light

December 7th - Waiting for Christmas

January 4th - Special Gifts

February 8th – Planting bulbs

March 1st – to be confirmed