



# THE GANDER



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

Friday 10th October 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it's been in school! Our youngest learners in EYFS were thrilled to welcome a real police officer, sparking lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions about keeping our community safe. Meanwhile, Year 6 stepped back in time with a special visit from the History Man, bringing their Civil War learning to life in a fun and interactive way. It's been a wonderful week of learning and discovery – and we can't wait to share some fantastic photos with you next week!

*Anything is possible, we can all succeed!*

## Parking and gate reminder

Please could I remind families that parking in the staff car park on Price's Lane at drop off and pick up is not allowed. This includes dropping and collecting your children from our wraparound care.

Also, please do not use the black gates by the bins as there is no pavement there and the children's safety is our top priority.

Whole School Attendance: 97.12%

Reception: 98.1%

Year 3: 98.52%

Year 1: 92.11%

Year 4: 98.8%

Year 2: 96.84%

Year 5: 96.93%

Year 6: 95.85%

| Date                                          | Event                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October                                       |                                                                                                |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>           | Bikeability - Y6 (14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> )<br>Bikeability - Y5 (17 <sup>th</sup> ) |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                              | Friends of Upton Primary AGM<br>3:30pm                                                         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup>                              | Y6 Upton walk and visit to<br>The Tudor House Museum                                           |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                              | Last day of Autumn Term 1                                                                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> HALF TERM |                                                                                                |
| November                                      |                                                                                                |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>                               | Parents Evening: 3:30pm-5:45pm                                                                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>                               | Parents Evening: 3:30pm-5:45pm                                                                 |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>                               | Upton Remembrance Service                                                                      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                              | Pre-School Maths Stay & Play<br>2:15pm                                                         |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                              | Michael Rosen Poetry Party<br>(in school)                                                      |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                              | Children in Need<br>(More info to follow soon!)                                                |



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## Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Lily  
Reception: Henry  
Year 1: Mia  
Year 2: Grace  
Year 3: Edward  
Year 4: Tia  
Year 5: Freya  
Year 6: Bethany

  
Congratulations

## Our Flock Stars

*Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork*

| Pre-School  | Reception   | Year 1  | Year 2 |
|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| Coming soon | Coming soon | Sammy   | Aneeka |
| Year 3      | Year 4      | Year 5  | Year 6 |
| Leo         | Grace       | Georgia | Mason  |



# Spotlight on...Year 3



This week Year 3 have been scientific explorers! Using their science knowledge, they created and then carried out a Science experiment to discover why slate is the best roofing tile material.

Experiments completed were; what happens when water is poured on the three materials - slate, marble and chalk? What happens when we put the slate, chalk and marble into water and finally, if we scrape the slate, chalk or marble on the playground, what happens?

The class conducted the experiment with a great sense of cooperation and responsibility, discussing results as they worked.

The lesson was concluded with the class writing their explanations - in chalk - on the playground. Their conclusions mentioned how the water was 'repelled' from the marble and slate and how the chalk allowed water to be 'absorbed' which would cause it to 'fracture' if the water froze and then melted. Great use of rocket words class 3!



# Sporting super stars!

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Mrs. Davies, Mr Noble and Mrs. Wiggett took the whole of year 6 to a cross country event at Malvern Common. Despite the torrential rain and wind brought by Storm Amy, the children persevered to take part. The event was hosted by Dyson Perrins school and invited children to enter either an advance race, an intermediate race or a fun race. Something for everyone! We are proud to announce that Olivia came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 50 children in the advanced race and Elsie 11th and we wait to see if Olivia's time qualifies her for the county finals next year. All of the children ran with determination despite the awful conditions, some surprising themselves with how well they did!



On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October Mrs. Davies and Mr Hawtree took 2 teams of year 6 children to take part in a football tournament after school at Hanley Castle High School. There was a competitive tournament and a fun tournament ensuring all children had the opportunity to play. Mrs. Davies was delighted that the competitive team came runners up only losing on goal difference. Both teams played with enthusiasm and sportsmanship and were always the first to congratulate the opposing teams. A special mention for standout performances from Harry, Kayden and Olivia!



## Swimming Achievements

Mia in Year 1 has passed her Stage 1 swimming award!

Congratulations Mia!

# Forest School Fun!

Reception Class shared the story of Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and talked about the changes that happen in the autumn. After the children were inspired to make their own leaf people and friends. The children were also fascinated with collecting the sweet chestnuts and acorns.



Year 2 shared the story of 'Fiery Fox learns about fire safety' by Teresa Davis in preparation for our own 'Great Fire of London'. We completed our houses that we will burn as well as talking about the fire triangle. We found out that fires need fuel, heat and oxygen to burn but by taking one of these elements away we can stop a fire. We also discussed how we keep safe around fires.



# 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...**



# National Youth Guitar Ensemble Workshop



Grab your guitars and join the National Youth Guitar Ensemble for our big play-along. We will be creating a pop-up guitar orchestra and having fun learning some pieces together on the day ready for a celebratory concert at the end for friends and family. Whatever your level of experience, you'll be playing alongside our team of guitarists from the National Youth Guitar Ensemble and there's lots of new guitar-friends to be made!

**FREE**  
workshop  
opportunity!

**Who this is for:** KS2

**Experience level:** most suitable for players who have completed at least one term of guitar learning. No music reading required.

**What to bring:** acoustic or classical guitars (not electric). If you use a guitar support (e.g. footstool) bring that too.

**Timing:** 1:30 – 4:30 with concert at 4pm for parents

Scan the QR  
code to sign  
up!



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!



# **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 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – Celebrating creation**

## ***Continuing:***

*November 2nd - Light*

*December 7th - Waiting for Christmas*

*January 4th - Special Gifts*

*February 8<sup>th</sup> – Planting bulbs*

*March 1st – to be confirmed*

# 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

