



THE GANDER



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

Friday 17th October 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,
This week at school has been truly wonderful, filled with enthusiasm and determination from every child. From mastering skills in Bikeability to confidently debating their ideas, the children showed focus and perseverance in everything they did. Their hard work shone through as they carefully segmented sounds in phonics and brought their stories to life by writing dialogue. It's been inspiring to see their confidence grow and their determination to succeed in every challenge they faced. We are a very proud staff team!

Anything is possible, we can all succeed!

Winter bedding plants

If you happen to have any spare winter bedding plants (pansies, primulas etc.) then Mrs. Malpass and the Eco Council would gladly take them off your hands!

Please drop them into the office.

Whole School Attendance: 96.27%

Reception: 96.67%

Year 3: 98.52%

Year 1: 94.21%

Year 4: 95.6%

Year 2: 92.11%

Year 5: 97.59%

Year 6: 95.83%

Date	Event
October	
22 nd	Y6 Upton walk and visit to The Tudor House Museum
24 th	Last day of Autumn Term 1
27 th - 31 st HALF TERM	
November	
4 th	Parents Evening: 3:30pm-5:45pm
6 th	Parents Evening: 3:30pm-5:45pm
7 th	Y2 Multi-skills Festival (more info to follow soon)
9 th	Upton Remembrance Service
10 th	Pre-School Maths Stay & Play 2:15pm
13 th	Michael Rosen Poetry Party (in school)
14 th	Children in Need (more info to follow soon!)
19 th	Reception Class Maths morning 9:30am
25 th	Open Morning 10:00am



Useful Contacts

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Catering Company: CaterCater Ltd – 01452 527888



Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Arlo

Reception: Lennie

Year 1: Teddy

Year 2: Daphne

Year 3: Kyran

Year 4: Stasii

Year 5: Erica

Year 6: Ezra


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Esmee	Ellie
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Freddie P	Austin	Michael	Mason



Spotlight on...Year 4

Year 4 have explored aspects of life in Roman Britain this week.

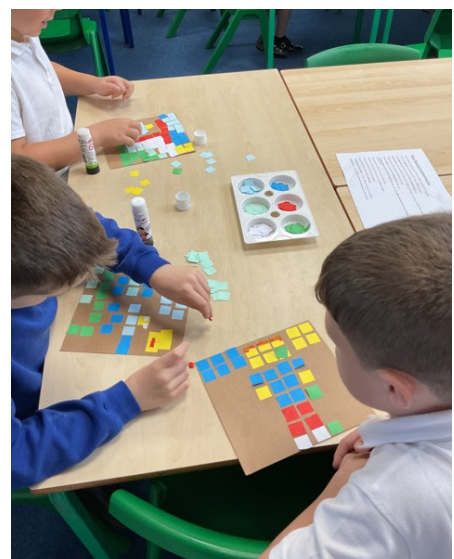
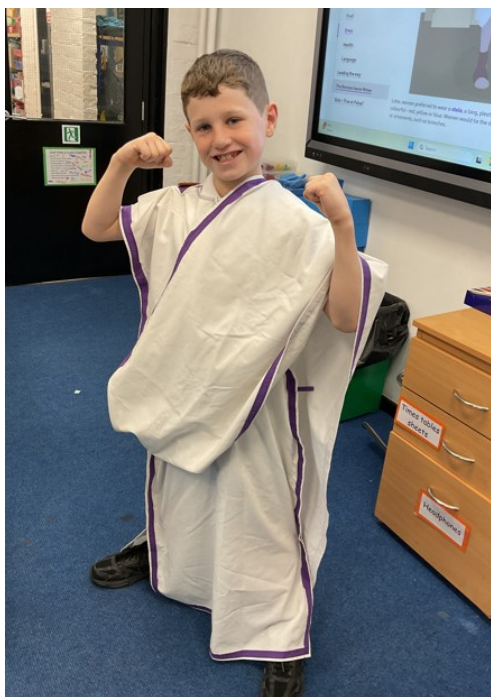


The class were split into two groups and each was given a description of a home of an Ancient Roman living in Britain. They had to say what they would have enjoyed and what they would not have liked about it. Those 'living' in a domus - a large home for the wealthy - were sure they would have enjoyed having their own pool and large garden area. Those living in insulae - very modest two-roomed apartments - tried to look for the positives of being cramped together with many family members in unsafe buildings!

The children then designed mosaics, using small paper 'tesserae' (Roman square tiles).

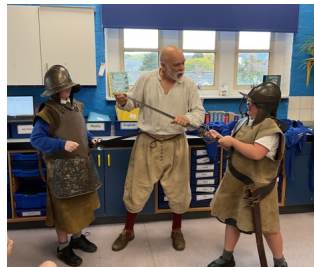
They enjoyed dressing up in a toga or a stola, although they were distinctly unimpressed when Mrs Vizor told them that these clothes would have been washed in urine to keep them white!

Mrs Cox brought in two genuine Roman fibula (brooches) and showed how detailed they are and how being in ground for almost 2,000 years had caused the bronze to turn green. Amazing!



Enriching our learning

On Friday morning we were delighted to invite The History Man into year 6 to teach us all about the English Civil War. David Cadle has his own really special and unique way of bringing history to life. The children were invited to try on armour, dress in traditional dress and test out artifacts from the period. The children were totally mesmerized by this experience and it really helped them to understand the complexities of the period. We're looking forward to furthering our local knowledge of the period with a visit to the Tudor House museum soon!



Pre-School and Reception Class had a visit from the local police last week to help bring to life their learning about people who help us. PC Johns talked to the children about his job and how he helps the community. The children loved seeing the car and hearing the sirens. A memorable moment was when Miss Jones was 'arrested' but don't worry...it was all pretend!



Forest School Fun!

Year 2

As part of the children's learning about The Great Fire of London we made our own houses and then set them alight in the fire pit in Forest School! The children recalled lots of interesting facts about the event. They also observed how sparks can be made using the fire steel and how the spark started the fire in the bakery in Pudding Lane. As the fire grew so did the children's excitement! We considered what it might have been like for the people of London with the heat, the smell and the ash. The children then became fire fighters and passed water in cups along the line (imagining they were buckets of water from the Thames).



Reception Class

We shared the story 'It was a cold, dark night', which is about a hedgehog trying to find a home. We learned about being nocturnal and about hibernation. The children used the sweet chestnut cases as little hedgehogs and made leaf houses for them, as well as using some of the autumn leaves to create hedgehogs. We also explored and investigated different leaves in Forest School consolidating their learning about big and small.



Reading: the research

The National Literacy Trust have this week published the finding of a new piece of research into reading for pleasure: *Children and young people's reading for enjoyment is at an all-time low.*

Did you know...?

- Only 1 in 3 (32.7%) children and young people aged 8 to 18 say they enjoy reading in their free time
- Only 1 in 5 (18.7%) say they read something daily in their free time

FOCUS ON READING



Change your story

If you'd like to find out more then please follow the link below to read the full report:

[Reading For Pleasure | National Literacy Trust](#)

However we have some Summer Reading Super Stars!

These children successfully completed the library's Summer Reading Challenge:

Florence in Reception Class

Ellie in Year 2

Ollie in Year 2

Evelyn in Year 3

Phoebe in Year 3

Bertie in Year 5

Sammy in Year 1 has completed his Stage 3 swimming award!

A fantastic achievement!

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Congratulations

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...



BRIDGES OF LIGHT.

Presented by Severn Arts

Part of the Local Voices Creative Choices programme



Worcester City Centre

Free to Attend

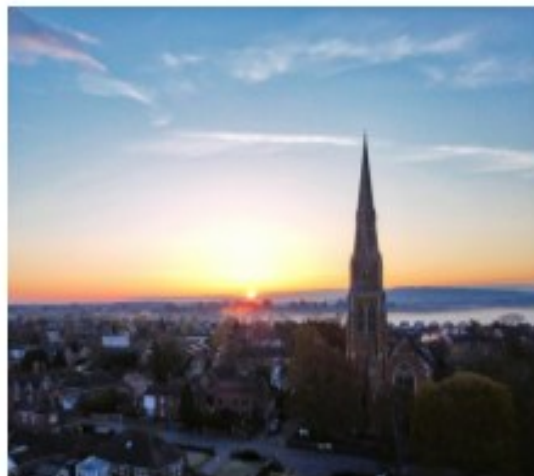
**29 and 30
October
6pm-9pm**

Bridges of Light is a new, two-day light festival, with a focus on communities, creativity and collaboration.

Severn
Arts

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

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