



THE GANDER



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

Friday 14th November 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,
What a week, a week of rain, rain and more rain, but this has not stopped the whole school from going out and scootering for Children in Need. Our aim was to virtually scoot from Upton all the way to Tanzania; as the crow flies this is approximately 4,800 miles. Each lap of the school playground has been counted as 1 mile and we are absolutely blown away to say the whole school total so far is a whooping 4,763 miles! Children are welcome to bring their scooters in again next week so that we can reach our target. We're also thrilled to share that the grand total raised for Children in Need is £366.49! A huge thank you to everyone for your generosity and support – it really will make a difference.

Whole School Attendance: 97.56%

Reception: 96.67%

Year 3: 99.29%

Year 1: 100%

Year 4: 97.6%

Year 2: 92.11%

Year 5: 99.31%

Year 6: 96.25%

Date	Event
November	
18 th	Y6 Height and Weight checks
19 th	Reception Class Maths morning 9:30am
24 th	Y2 visit to the library
25 th	Open Morning 10:00am
28 th	Friends Hot Chocolate sale after school
December	
1 st – 5 th	Last week of clubs
5 th	Musical Theatre Club performance of Wicked
6 th	Carol Singing at Warners - more info to follow soon
9 th	Pre-School Nativity 2:15pm - 2:45pm
11 th	Friends Christmas Fayre



Useful Contacts

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Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Louis

Reception: Millie

Year 1: Riley

Year 2: Finley

Year 3: Artie

Year 4: Emmie

Year 5: James

Year 6: Archie


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Mia	George
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Logan	Thomas & Edward	Samuel	Jason & Kayden



Remembrance

On Sunday 9th November, the Upton community came together with a deep sense of unity and respect for this year's remembrance service, creating a truly moving occasion. From the poignant parade to the heartfelt moments of silence, there was a powerful feeling of togetherness shared by all who attended. Many of the children represented their community groups with pride and dignity – from Brownies to Cubs and pupils from our school – each playing an important role in the event. Their touching recital of *The Soldier* by Rupert Brooke, followed by a beautifully sung rendition of *We Will Remember*, brought a special warmth to the service and perfectly captured the spirit of remembrance.



Finley, Michael and Ethan represented our school wonderfully when they decorated the statues of The Unknown Tommy with the poppies created by the children at school. A huge thank you to them their family for taking the time to do this on our behalf.



Spotlight on...Year 2



Last Friday, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting morning at the KS1 multi-skills festival held at Hanley Castle High School. The children threw themselves into a wide range of exercises and games, all led brilliantly by the High School's enthusiastic Young Leaders. From energetic challenges to fun team activities, everyone took part with smiles, energy and a fantastic attitude. They represented our school wonderfully, demonstrating perseverance, teamwork and a real determination to succeed throughout the festival. It was a brilliant experience for all involved!



This week Adventure Club were given the challenge of making a marble run to get from the Year 5 classroom door to the Year 4 classroom door!



Initially, we thought it would be easy but with a huge amount of determination, perseverance and a dollop of teamwork, Adventure Club successfully managed to get a marble all the way down.

Such good fun!



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.

Forest School Fun!

Year 1: We read the book *Martha Maps It Out* by Leigh Hodgkinson. Together we discussed maps and the different illustrations in the book. Children were inspired to create their own maps using natural materials, that included streets and buildings. There was also much excitement with the discovery of many worms! We demonstrated stamping our feet to charm worms to the surface. The children had lots of discussion comparing the length and width of the different worms and many just enjoyed watching them move. Some children also enjoyed exploring Forest School using the small magnifying glasses. It was really interesting to see bark and leaves so close up.



Reception Class: We started our session thinking about Children in Need. The children were then inspired to create their own spotty leaves as eye patches. Others created a large Pudsey using a collection of yellow leaves. Other children created rockets and space vehicles which were linked to their learning in class.



THE UPTON STAFF PET COLOURING BOOK!

Looking for the perfect stocking filler?

Enjoy hours of fun with our exclusive
colouring book featuring the adorable pets
of the Upton School Staff!

✨ £3.50 minimum donation per book ✨

 Pre-orders only! Order yours before
Friday 28th November.

 Payment and registration at the school
office!

 All profits go towards the iPad fund! 

Don't miss out — order today and make
someone's Christmas colourful!





Wildcats Girls' Development



Hello! My name is Maisie Kay, and I'm passionate about football and helping more girls get involved in the sport I love. I started playing when I was 7 years old and it has given me confidence, teamwork skills and amazing friendships along the way!

My goal with the Wildcats girls' development training sessions is to inspire other young girls to give football a try - whether you have played before or are completely new to the game. Football is for everyone and together I would love to build a fun, supportive and empowering community for the girls. This opportunity is created for girls, by me! A young female coach who wants to give all girls the experience of what I had growing up. A chance for girls to learn, play and grow in a friendly, girls-only environment

Information

Saturday Mornings
9-10am

At Welland Spitalfields
WR13 6LY

First two weeks are free
of charge

Always ensure your child
has shin pads,
appropriate footwear
and a drink

Contact Information

info@wellandjuniorf.co.uk



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...

