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

Friday 21st November 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,
It's been a lively and joyful week in school as rehearsals for the EY/KS1 Christmas Nativity are now in full swing! The hall has been filled with singing, storytelling, and plenty of excited chatter as Reception, Year 1 and 2 prepares to share their performance with families very soon. Costumes are taking shape, lines are being learned, and the children are showing wonderful enthusiasm and teamwork.

Alongside all the festive preparations, we've also been reflecting on the importance of giving to our community. We've talked about how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference – offering a smile, sharing a kind word, or doing something simple to show you care. The children have been thoughtful about how they can spread positivity both in school and at home. It's been a week full of happiness, hard work, and heart, and we look forward to more festive fun as we move closer to our performances!

Whole School Attendance: 94.61%

Reception: 92.86%

Year 3: 98.57%

Year 1: 99.47%

Year 4: 96.8%

Year 2: 91.05%

Year 5: 90.69%

Year 6: 90.42%

Date	Event
November	
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 - except Choir
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	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
11 th	Friends Christmas Fayre



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Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Penny

Reception: Henry

Year 1: Summer-Raine

Year 2: Arthur

Year 3: Luna

Year 4: Riley-Dean

Year 5: Finley

Year 6: Lottie


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Poppy	Toby
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Luna	Scarlett	Ivy	Kayden



Daphne in Year 2 has taken part in a 'Movie Mania'
Dance Show with Company Dance Academy!
Well done!

Dottie in Year 2 has achieved Team Super Sports
Player of the Day and Newcomer of the Year at her
football club!
Congratulations!

Toby in Year 2 has achieved his Stage 1 Swimming
Award!
Amazing!

Spotlight on...Reception Class



Reception have had an amazing week this week!

Our families were invited into the class to take part in a maths morning. The parents and children were speckled frogs sitting on a speckled log and we had some fantastic acting and singing to help us learn 1 more and 1 less.

We have also been working on a new book 'I am Henry Finch' creating our own finger print Finches.

Amazing work Reception Class!



Forest School Fun!

Year 1: We shared the story 'It was a Cold, Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood. We discussed seasonal changes that we had noticed in Forest School and also what the word hibernation meant. The children were inspired to create leaf hedgehogs and homes for the hedgehog. Others spent their time working as a team to create a run for the cars.



Reception Class:

We continued with the topic of celebrations and today shared the story of Rama and Sita. We considered how Diwali is celebrated. The children made firework sticks as well as making mehndi patterns using mud paint. Others were inspired by the story and spent time constructing bridges like Hanuman and his monkey army did in the story.





Milk kindly donated
by Mr & Mrs Goodwin



Friday 28th November

**Come and find us on the playground after
school!**

£2.50 cash or card

Dairy free option available

Support the  **Friends**
of Upton Primary School

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...



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!



Children across the district can help reduce food waste with new Food Champ competition



Children across the Malvern Hills District are being encouraged to be more aware of what happens to their food with a new competition.

Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC) is challenging young people across the district to complete the ultimate Food Champ Checklist to learn more about food waste and how they can play a part to reduce it.

The checklist challenge involves checking expiry dates, making a meal, and creating a fun fruit and vegetable picture.

Completed lists will receive a certificate and the honour of becoming a Food Champ to impress friends and family.

Entries will also be entered into a prize draw to win an educational sticker book and a 'grow your own' seed kit.

According to 'Let's Waste Less', each year, UK households waste the equivalent of 15 billion edible meals and the average family in Worcestershire throws away an incredible £720 worth of edible food each year.

MHDC is aiming to spread the message that families could save money and help the environment by reducing the amount of food they throw away.

Cllr Jeremy Owenson, Portfolio Holder for the Environment at Malvern Hills District Council, said: "This competition is a great way to raise awareness of the impact of food waste and also encourage the reduction of food waste in the home, we are really looking forward to seeing completed checklists and fun drawings".

To enter the competition, visit www.malvern hills.gov.uk/food-waste to download the checklist and view competition terms and conditions.

The closing date for this competition is 1 December 2025.



The Hive Christmas Fayre Sunday

30th November 2025
10am - 3pm

Come along to The Hive Library on the 30th November and hear Father Christmas tell stories, watch Christopher's Christmas puppet show*, make some Christmas crafts, shop for Christmas gifts at our local market and much more. Make this a family day out and get into the Christmas spirit.

*Booking required for puppet show. For more information visit: <https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/events/hive-christmas-fayre> or use this QR code



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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

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