



THE GANDER



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

Friday 28th November 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we've had in school! One of the highlights was Mrs. Moroni leading the school in the making of the Upton Primary Christmas Pudding! Every member of the school community had the chance to stir the mixture and make a special wish, filling the tradition of 'Stir Up Sunday' with warmth and joy.

We've also held another successful open morning. We have places available in all of our classes so spread the word; we'd love to welcome new families to this supportive school community.

As we look ahead to the season of Advent, we're reminded of the hope, kindness, and reflection this time brings, and we're excited to share these moments together as a school.

Whole School Attendance: 94.75%

Reception: 99.52%

Year 3: 96.07%

Year 1: 95.26%

Year 4: 94.4%

Year 2: 86.32%

Year 5: 97.59%

Year 6: 92.08%

Date	Event
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
9 th	Pre-School Nativity 2:15pm - 2:45pm
11 th	Friends Christmas Fayre
12 th	YR/KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
15 th	YR/KS1 Nativity Performance - 10:00am
	KS2 Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
16 th	YR/KS1 Nativity Performance - 10:00am
	KS1 Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
17 th	Whole School Christmas Panto - Memorial Hall
18 th	Christmas Dinner Day
	Christmas Jumper Day
	EYFS Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
19 th	Christmas Church Service 9:30am

Useful Contacts

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Chair of Governors: Dr Andrew Walker – office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk

Catering Company: CaterCater Ltd – 01452 527888



Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Cooper

Reception: Evie

Year 1: Wilber

Year 2: Leo

Year 3: Tullah

Year 4: Harry

Year 5: Ivy

Year 6: Penny


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Jago	Ronny
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Henry	Stasii	Connie	Rae-Anne



Spotlight on...Year 3

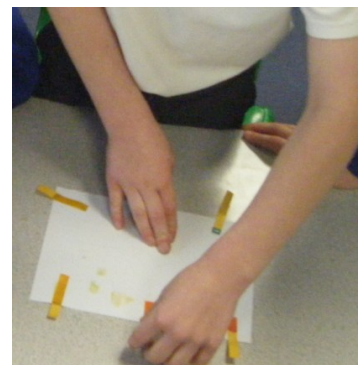


On Monday, Year 3 became scientific investigators. Their task was to discover which was the best at getting coins clean - an acid or an alkaline, using PH indicator strips

Using toothpaste, lemon juice, vinegar, coke, cold tea and indigestion tablets the class planned and completed an experiment to discover which was most effective.

Many of the results surprised the class, we imagined the coke would be effective as it was acidic, but the toothpaste with Ph7 was much more effective!

Many great discussions followed from this, a great afternoons work Year 3!



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.

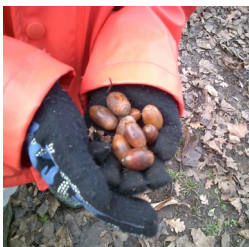
Every day in school counts...

and every minute counts...



Forest School Fun!

Year 1: We started our session by sharing the story *The Leaf Thief* by Alice Hemming. The children talked about the changes they noticed in the seasons and also discussed that we would be moving into winter next. The children were inspired to collect items like the squirrel such as acorns and sweet chestnuts as well as creating stunning homes for a hedgehog and a fox. Others demonstrated great teamwork and problem solving when moving items around the site and created a seesaw. They considered the risks and what could be done to make it safer.



Reception Class: This week we continued with the theme of celebrations and read *The Scarecrow's Wedding* by Julia Donaldson. The children were inspired to create a wonderful feast for the wedding in the mud kitchen, including a wedding cake! Others were inspired to create a vehicle together while others worked together as a team to move some large logs. Others had a brilliant time exploring pipettes and water, developing their fine motor skills and creating such amazement.





BREAK THE RULES DAY!!

Extra play

Ssssh! - Mrs Arthur is not at school on Wednesday 3rd December so let's break some school rules!

Swap out an item of uniform (trainers, sparkly top, funky socks or a crazy hat etc!)

Squash instead of water

In exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas Fayre (bottles, unwanted gift items, sweets, biscuits/ chocs etc!)

**A sweet treat for snack time
Must be
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£1 Each

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- Chocolate • plus many more prizes •

Tickets can be purchased from the school office or your class rep.

The draw will take place at Upton Primary Christmas Fayre on Thursday 11th December



Our Christmas Service

St. Peter and St. Paul's Church

Friday 19th December

Please join us to celebrate this festive time of year together.

The service begins at 9:30am

Friends will be serving refreshments.

All welcome!

On Tuesday, Year 2 went to the library!

They had a great time with Karen, who showed them how the library works and shared some wonderful books with them.





Christmas FAYRE

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER
3.30PM - FREE ENTRY

UPTON UPON SEVERN
PRIMARY SCHOOL,
SCHOOL LANE WR8 0LD

- JUMBLE JARS • TOMBOLA •
- GIFTS & CRAFTS • STALLS •
- HOT DRINKS & MINCE PIES •
- SWEET TREATS •

SANTAS GROTTO VISIT £5
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4 - 14

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must be in
reception at
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