



THE GANDER



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

Friday 5th December 2025



Coats in school every day please!



Dear Parents and Carers,
Community spirit is shining brightly this week as some of us gather for carol singing at Warners tomorrow, sharing music and cheer with friends and neighbours.

Adding to the joy, we were delighted by the generosity of Nuyard Country & Garden Centre, who kindly donated a beautiful real Christmas tree for us to decorate. The arrival of the tree sparked excitement among children and staff alike, filling our school with festive cheer and reminding us how *small acts of kindness can brighten the whole community.*

Moments like these show the strength of our community and the joy of supporting one another.

Whole School Attendance: 94.45%

Reception: 90%

Year 3: 98.93%

Year 1: 100%

Year 4: 96.4%

Year 2: 87.89%

Year 5: 95.52%

Year 6: 93.33%

Date	Event
December	
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 - 9:30am
	KS2 Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
16 th	YR/KS1 Nativity Performance - 9:30am
	KS1 Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
17 th	Whole School Christmas Panto Don't forget to buy your child's ticket!
18 th	Christmas Dinner Day
	Christmas Jumper Day
	EYFS Christmas Party - more info to follow soon
19 th	Christmas Church Service 9:30am
January 2026	
5 th	TED 3 - school closed to pupils
6 th	School reopens

Useful Contacts

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Catering Company: CaterCater Ltd – 01452 527888



Our Super Stars of the Week!

Pre-School: Poppy
Reception: Oliver G

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Jonty

Year 3: Harriet

Year 4: Elias

Year 5: Erica

Year 6: Ollie


Congratulations

Our Flock Stars

Awarded to children, by children for outstanding teamwork

Pre-School	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Coming soon	Coming soon	Jae Jae	Oliver
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Artie	Arthur	Emily	Sophie



Jude in Y3 completed his Karate
grading and is now a red with white
striped belt!

Congratulations!

Grace in Y2 has been awarded 'Most
Improved Rider' on her pony Tom!

Amazing work Grace!

Roman in Y6 has completed the
Talkabout Me programme!

You're a Super Star!

Spotlight on...Year 2



This half term's writing journey in Year 2 has been based upon the text 'A Walk in London'. We took a trip around Upton town to learn more about the local landmarks.

We visited our local Baptist church, fire station, Memorial hall and the River Severn!

After this we came back to write about our adventure and recorded facts to inform our reader.



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...



A MASSIVE thank you to the Hobbs family who have provided and installed the new signage outside of school.

It looks great and we are truly grateful to you both.

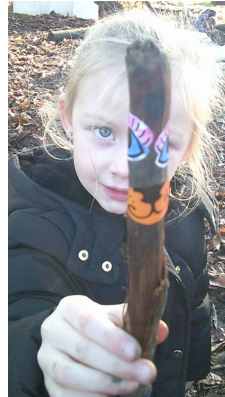
Thank you!

Our Christmas tree...kindly donated by Nuyard Country & Garden Centre.



Forest School Fun!

Year 1: Year 1 started the session by reading Stickman by Julia Donaldson. We talked about all the different ways a stick could be used. Some children were inspired to create their own stick characters while someone had the idea to create the Gruffalo bauble from the story. Last week some children noticed some brambles and wanted to remove them, so this week, a team took it in turns to safely use the loppers to cut them back.



Reception: We shared the story Little Robin Red Vest by Jan Fearnley. We talked about how kind Robin was and why he was rewarded for this kindness. We were inspired to make our own robins, using oak leaves as wings. Some children worked together as a team to create a train and role played being passengers. Others got creative in the mud kitchen making some delicious Christmas food.



Dynamic Dodgeball in Year 6!

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Dobbin took a team of 10 Year 6 children to take part in the School Games dodgeball competition at Chantry High School. The team played 7 matches, 3 games per match and showed grit and determination throughout. Dodgeball is a fast pace game which involves skill in not only throwing and hitting your opponents with the ball but also being quick and nifty to dodge the opposition's throws.

The team played with great sportsmanship and we ended the day as tournament winners!!



New kit
donated
by
Friends!



EVERY POPPY COUNTS

A HUGE thank you!

On behalf of the Royal British Legion and our local Poppy Appeal team, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your school's fantastic support during this year's RBL Poppy Appeal.

Your participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to remembrance helped make this year's appeal a tremendous success. Thanks to the generosity of your pupils, staff, and families, your school raised a total of **£48.24**.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping to keep the spirit of remembrance alive within our community.



Jumble Jars

We are asking for donations of jars of any size filled with sweets for our jumble jar stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Each filled jumble jar recieved will be worth 5 team points and any empty jars will be worth 2 team points.

Please bring in to school either 8th, 9th or 10th December

Support the



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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

£1 Each

- Je Suis voucher • Kat Bailey Hair Design voucher • Cafe No.8 voucher • Get Green Energy - portable power station • Ginger & Pickles - children's toy • violet bookshop voucher • Ye Olde Anchor Inn Voucher •
- 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





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
PER CHILD MUST BE PRE-
BOOKED - FURTHER DETAILS
TO FOLLOW



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