



Friday 4th July 2025

Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, pre school and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre,
working together to support the local community



Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13)

Proverbs 4:25

“Let your eyes look directly forward; fix your gaze straight before you.” – Proverbs 4:25

Invitation to a celebration

In this newsletter, we are going to lead with a very special invitation to Mrs Wills' celebration service at St Peter's and St Paul's church. Parents and carers are very welcome to join us as we reminisce and celebrate the great achievements and contributions that Mrs Wills has brought to Upton upon Severn Primary School and Preschool in her 14 years of dedicated leadership.



You Are Invited To Julie Wills'

CELEBRATION

Assembly

Children, staff, parents, governors and special guests are invited to celebrate Julie's dedication to education and to wish her well on her new adventures.

2025

WEDNESDAY

16

JULY

TIME: 2:00 PM

St Peter's & St. Paul's Church
Upton upon Severn



Team spirit shines through





On Tuesday, Mrs Davies and Mrs Garey took a team of seven pupils from Year 6 to compete in the Schools Games held at Bromsgrove School. The team qualified for the tournament after winning the cluster tournament earlier in the year. The team fought hard and narrowly missed out on third place to the tournament winners, finishing 4th out of 14 teams. The team played with great spirit and determination and we were delighted to be awarded 'Team of the Tournament' sponsored by JD Sports. This award was given for sportsmanship and honesty, and we were very proud of all of them.

In addition to the tournaments that were being played all day, there was a chance for the children to try out lots of different sports from around the world, which included Pickleball, Cricket, Golf, Cycling, and Tennis.





Upton Jazz Festival



Jazz is a very important aspect of Upton's history and every year the Upton Jazz group sets up an amazing programme of Jazz music by inviting the highest quality of award-winning and international jazz talent to Upton. They also encourage local and talented young people to explore music and to develop their skills and confidence in performance. Our school choir, The Rising Stars, sang on Saturday morning, and we were delighted to be a part of this community event. Thanks go to Mrs Moroni and Mr Holloway for supporting the choir. They are both dedicated to the musical provision for Upton, and we are so fortunate to have such strong musical talent supporting our children.

Preschool

We are feeling very proud of preschool this week. A lot of the children have been visiting their new Reception classes this week and they have been showing lots of courage and determination to show their new teachers how amazing they are. Our focus in preschool this week has been the story, '*Octopants!*' The children have been busy ordering the pants on the washing line from numbers 1 to 10 and have really impressed us with their number recognition and problem-solving skills. This week has also seen lots of other themed activities, including cutting and sticking our own octopus creations and matching different patterned pants together.

What another busy week in preschool!





Year 1







In Year 1, we found a box of treasures and shells and a letter from Naima, the fish of wisdom. This led us to our new story, *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love. Julian had a dream of becoming a mermaid. We had discussions about following our dreams, making wishes and having hopes for the future. Grace's dream was to become a cowgirl in the Wild West. Miss Lacon's dream was to play tennis at Wimbledon. We made carnival mermaid headdresses using shiny paper, feathers and different fabrics. We decided that it is good to be different and to follow your dreams.

Year 2



This week, Year 2 has been investigating capacity and volume.

Capacity is how much a container can hold (Liv)

Volume is how much there is in the container (Cooper)

First, we compared capacity and realised that it was difficult to compare when the containers were different sizes! So we needed a standard unit of measure. We used measuring jugs to measure how much each container held and wrote it down in millilitres. We then measured using litres too!

The measuring jugs had lines on them to show how much there is, especially when you're cooking or doing an experiment. (Archie)

Year 3

This term, Year 3 have been trying incredibly hard in their swimming lessons. They have made amazing progress across the term, which was noted by one of the instructors who said, "I have been very impressed by Upton this year. They have become so much more confident and safe in the pool." It is great to see them working hard towards their final certificates.

Year 4 - a busy week!

Most of our week has been spent in rehearsals for the Key Stage 2 play next week. However, we have also spent time on practising the songs we will sing at The Big Sing next Wednesday, which are coming along nicely.

The children's progress in swimming lessons has been great to see over these last weeks, with confidence building and skill improving.

Year 5 Pop-up Books

This week, when rehearsals have stopped for lunch, Year 5 have spent their time working on their pop-up books, which will re-tell the nursery rhyme of Jack and Jill. After the initial planning process, the class created their own books, each book has a cover, and then a series of pages which have been glued together accurately.

Dividing the pages into parts of the story, five identical hills have been made, twenty spaces created, and then the real making began. Some pages required the characters to move from top to bottom; this was achieved with split pins. Some of the pages required the movements to be up and down actions, which required more thought and creativity.

We plan to complete them over the next week and then share them with some of the younger children in school.

Ali Baba and Bongo Bandits



KS2 have spent the week rehearsing for their forthcoming production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

This week, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have worked together to combine all the hard work into what promises to be an amazing production.

The props look fantastic, the songs sound amazing and the lines spoken are clear and well articulated. It promises to be an amazing performance

Ticket notifications will have been sent to you requesting payment via Teachers2Parent school money section. Once payment has been received the tickets will then be sent home.

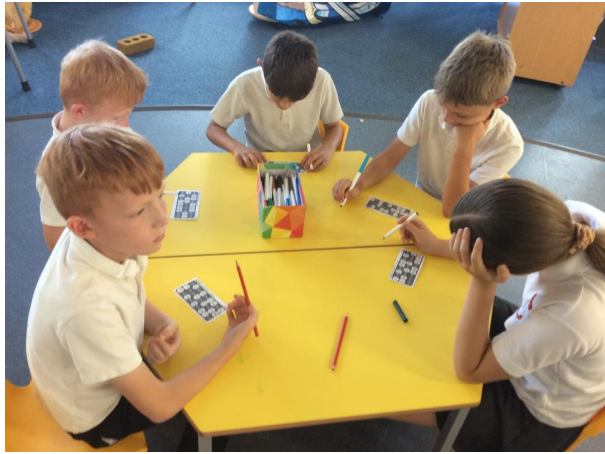
The whole of KS2 are excited to share their performance with the school community.

Moorings

This week, Mrs Dodd put on her best Bingo caller voice and we all played a very competitive and exciting game of Summer Bingo! The children were all very excited throughout, as there were some great prizes on offer. We also celebrated everyone's effort with a delicious ice cream.

In even more excitement, the children were thrilled to be invited to Miss Gillson's Musical Theatre club performance on Thursday! What a talented bunch of children and Moorings were delighted to be there. Miss Jones and Mrs Dodd were very proud of how the Moorings children supported and encouraged the children on stage!





Karate Success



The karate ASC students attended their grading this week. Over the last 2 terms, they've learnt new techniques, which they demonstrated in linework and with a partner using pads, and kata Pinan Sandan, which is a sequence of moves and techniques. Nikki Sinclair, karate instructor, was impressed by the effort and focus they showed, especially as it was such a hot day, and they definitely earned their new belts. The 'Star of the Term' award was given to a student who had excellent attendance, showed good focus, respect, and commitment throughout the term. Well done to all of them for their achievement.

Focus On Reading: Children and young people's reading in 2025



This report is based on 114,970 responses to the Annual Literacy Survey from children and young people aged 5 to 18 in early 2025. It includes findings on reading enjoyment, frequency and motivation and explores responses by age, gender, socio-economic background and geographical region. The results show that the reading crisis persists, with the number of children and young people who say they enjoy reading and read daily continuing to decline. Please follow the link for detailed information about the findings.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/research-services/research-reports/children-and-young-peoples-reading-in-2025>

We can encourage our children to read regularly over the holidays by joining Upton Library's Summer reading challenge.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Office information.

CLUBS - PLEASE NOTE :-

Teacher led clubs *will finish next week*

Choir *finishes this week after the Jazz Festival Opening*

Musical Theatre Club End of Year Showcase Thursday 3rd July, 3.45pm in the school hall, please enter via the Olive Grove Garden

Thursday 3rd, Reception Class, NHS eye tests

Monday 7th school dress rehearsal

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th KS2 production

Wednesday 9th Year 5 athletics

Wednesday 9th Big Sing

Friday 11th Little Owl tip Preschool

Thursday 17th July - Year 3 parents and carers are invited our Art and DT Gallery, where we will showcase some of our work we have completed across the year. Doors open at 2:45pm in the school hall, entrance via preschool gate next to the school office.



What we can collect

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Are you having a clear out? Do you have any clothing, bags or shoes to donate?

We will be collecting donations of textiles at school gates on Friday 11th July

Support the  Friends of Upton Primary School 