



Friday 13th June 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)

Bible Quote

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:7

Courage



This half term, our value is courage and we will be looking at the many different ways we need to be courageous in everyday life. There will always be challenges to face and we have been talking to the children about what this means. In Worship on Monday, we heard the story of Moses and the burning bush and how he had to be brave and courageous and lead God's people out of Egypt.

We also had a visitor to the school on Monday called Dennis. Dennis is a Jackdaw who has recently been rescued by the Hobbs family. Gemma Hobbs brought Dennis to meet us at school on Monday evening and we heard how he had sadly been attacked by wild birds and was rescued by Gemma. He has a damaged wing and can't fly at the moment, but is tame and responding well to the interaction with his new family. He is being cared for by the Hobbs and has time to get well and be restored. For a little bird, he has shown great courage

in defending himself against the other birds and in settling into his new home. Here he is visiting us on Monday with Archie and Chloe, who are in Year 2.

Preschool



We have been diving into the deep ocean again this week! We've made crafty crabs and fabulous fish! To continue our theme of The Rainbow Fish, our topic of conversation has been 'being kind' and 'friends together'; we have spoken about what these phrases mean. To conclude our week, we had some very special visitors who came in to play. We invited our special adults in for another successful stay and play session!

Reception



The Reception classroom has had some visitors this week, leaving us some unusual surprises! Pirates have come into our classroom and left us a treasure chest along with a new book called 'The Night Pirates'. We have started to learn our very own sea shanty, which we hope to share with you soon. Treasure maps have been a huge success this week, with children desperate to show me where they have buried their treasure. It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm and interest that this book has brought with it.

We have also harvested our first courgettes and beetroots and have done a bit of food tasting! The children may or may not have liked them, but they were all able to explain what they felt and everyone at least tried them.

Year 1



In our computing lessons we have just started learning about animation. Using the programme j2e the children made a space background and then added pictures of planets and stars. They used the picture of the rocket to then animate, they clicked on each frame which showed the rocket faded and then placed another rocket in a slightly different position to showing that it was moving. They can't wait to explore and learn more over the next few weeks.

Year 3 and 4- Malvern Three Counties Show

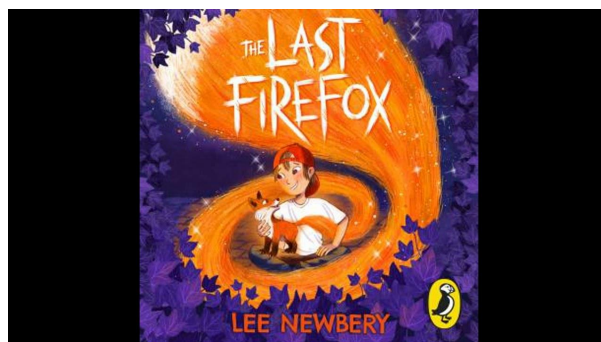


Year 3 and 4 had a fabulous time at the Three Counties Show today. We started the day by singing in the diocese's tent. The children were all well-behaved and sang beautifully. Their singing captivated people walking by who gave them a huge round of applause when they had finished.

Year 3 had workshops with Severn Trent (and received a free book which will go home on Monday, National Grid for electrical safety and ended the day by participating in a penalty shootout.

Year 4 had workshops with circus skills and puppet making as well as watching the Red Arrows jump up into the show ground.

Year 4-The Last Firefox by Lee Newberry



This week, we finished reading our book, The Last Firefox. It is a thick book with 25 chapters and the children have absolutely loved it. In order to complete it, we have read and read

and read this week, with the children insisting that we keep going to find out what happened to Charlie (the main character) and his fox that grows fire if he is nervous, scared or upset. There has been a huge amount of new vocabulary introduced to the class through this book but that has not deterred them from, each and every child in the class, taking it in turns to read aloud to the whole group. A new book for next week - but what will it be?

Year 5 Alte Zachen- Old Things

Today, we completed our work on Alte Zachen - a compelling book that flits between the past and the present. A book with very few words, but a great deal of power. We have worked hard all week creating an analytical essay based on what we can learn from the past. As a class, we have talked about knowing who we are and where we have come from, and discussions about great-grandparents and what we know about them have really made us think. We have talked about whether we learn from past mistakes or continue to make the same mistakes, both personally and in the wider world. The work that the class has completed has been awesome, so much power and passion in their essays.

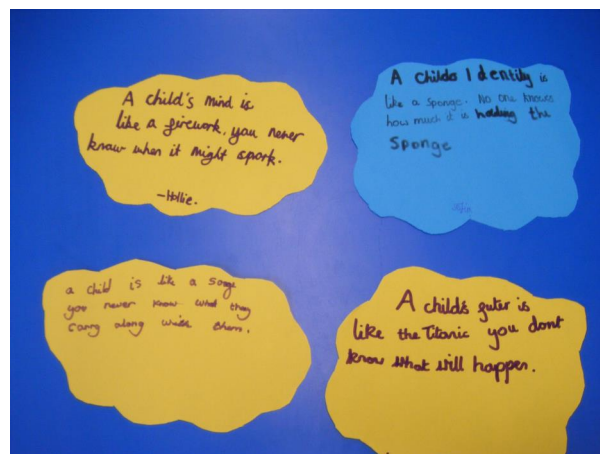
Today, the class wrote their own proverbs, using the Yiddish proverb:

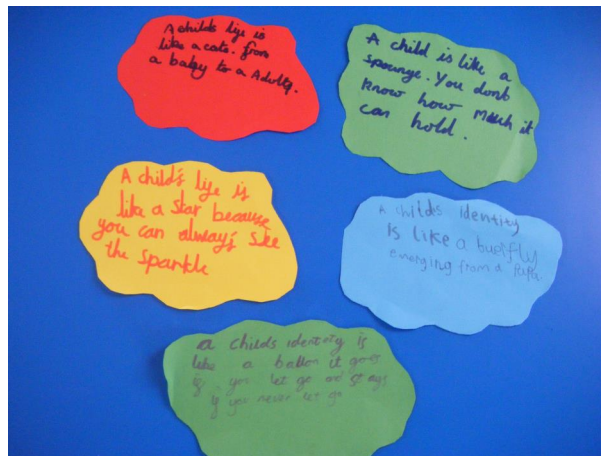
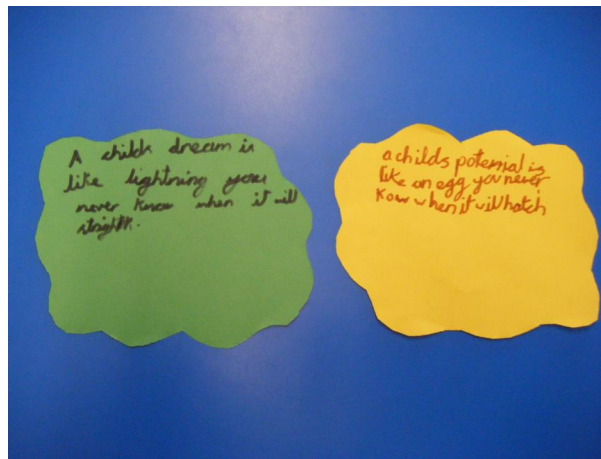
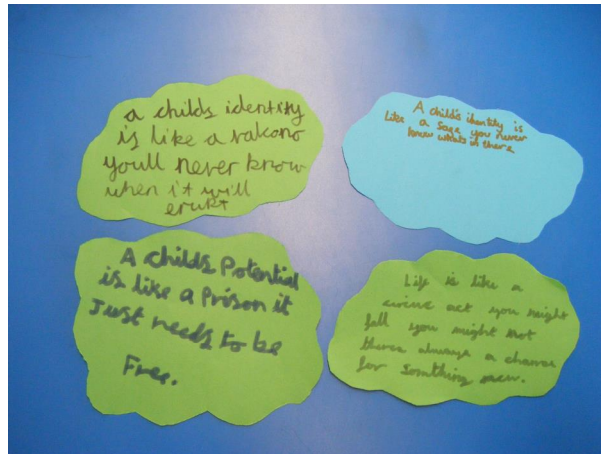
A person's heart is like a sausage. No one knows exactly what's inside.

as the basis.

Many of these proverbs were followed by stunned silence, reflective responses and extremely proud adults.

Well done Year 5 - you have made us very proud this week





A child's life is
like a acrophox,
you just wait for it
to take off.

A child's future
is like a firework that
will explode at any
Point..

A child's identity is
like a surprise, you won't
know what they know
about them
Sallys.

A child's knowledge
is like a firework you
never know when it'll
go off.

Your
child's identity is like
a spark and will shine when
it needs to and we'll
know when it will shine.

A child's identity
is like a Gun.
It never goesish.

A child's
identity shines like a
diamond. No one
knows when she glows.

children shine
like sun

Year 5/6 Rounders Success!



On Monday night, Mrs Davies, Mrs Malpass and Miss Lacon took 2 teams from Year 5 and 6 to Hanley Castle High School to compete in the cluster school rounders tournament. The first team took part in a competitive tournament, which involved playing four other schools from the local area. The team played superbly, showing real team spirit and determination. They played brilliantly, scoring rounder after rounder and ended as tournament winners. Mrs Davies was incredibly proud of their efforts and their sportsmanship.

The second team was made up of children from Year 5 and 6 who came along to play in a fun tournament. For some, this is the first time they have represented our school and they played really well and had a lovely afternoon. Many of these will go on to play in the competitive tournament next year.



Hanley Voices

Last Saturday, children from the school choir joined Hanley Voices to sing some quite challenging and beautiful songs that filled the church. Mrs Moroni and Mrs Wills were inundated with congratulations on the children's singing and how well they behaved throughout.



Upton Jazz Festival: June 27-29th



11am Saturday 28th June
The Swan Hotel, Upton upon Severn

JAZZ UMBRELLA DECORATION COMPETITION



Decorated umbrellas have been a part of traditional jazz parades in New Orleans going back to the 1860's post-slavery and the American Civil War. They continue today with clubs like the Lady Rollers, the Jolly Bunch, Money Wasters, the Sidewalk Steppers and the Devastating Men!

Upton Jazz has continued the umbrella tradition for 38 years, lately with brilliant support from Upton Primary School. All are welcome to join in!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plus best adult entry!
With thanks to The Violet Bookshop

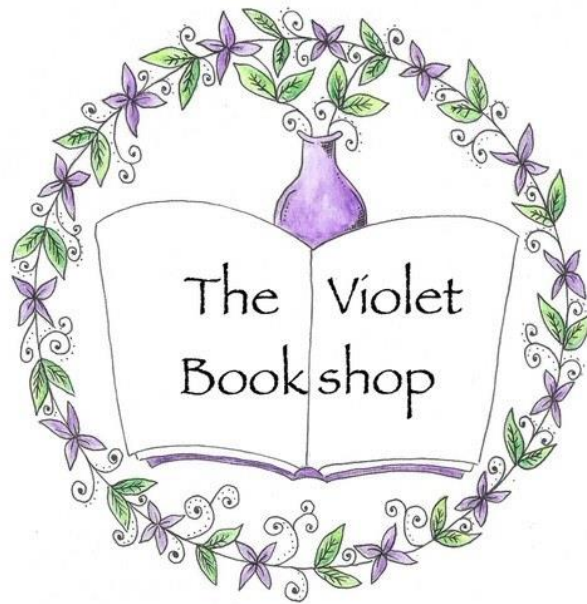


Each year, our school choir opens the Jazz Festival at The Swan pub at 11 am and we hope you can join us and them on Saturday 28th June to hear our children sing with their usual enthusiasm.

The message below is from the festival organisers:

We invite you to gather Down by the Riverside at 11 am on Saturday, with decorated umbrellas. There are prizes for young people and adults, kindly sponsored by Sian of the Violet Bookshop in Upton. Martin Allen will open the Festival and the Upton Primary School Rising Stars will sing. If you would like to buy an umbrella to decorate, please contact the school office.

We hope you will enjoy a weekend of jazz with tunes, a beat and a smile.



A MUSICAL CELEBRATION



On Wednesday 25th June at 1.45 pm, we are holding a musical celebration in the school hall, an informal concert, which you are warmly invited to join us for.

All children who learn an instrument are invited to perform and each class will present some of their musical learning too.

We would love to hear all of our musicians perform: if your child has music lessons outside of school and would like to join in, please let Mrs Moroni know.

Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



Key Stage 2 have started to learn the songs for their forthcoming production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits.

This will be performed to parents on

Tuesday 8th July & Wednesday 9th July - both performances will start at 6:00 pm

Ticket information will be shared closer to the time.

In order to make this production as wonderful as it can be, we are in need of stiff, strong cardboard. If you have any at home that you are willing to donate, we would be most grateful.

We also require some sheets of plywood or MDF to make a few larger props. Again, if you have any spare that you would like to donate, we will be very grateful.

Once we have cast the show, we will be sending home a costume list to parents.

The story of "Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits" is a musical comedy set in Old Baghdad where Ali Baba stumbles upon a hidden Cave of Wonders and discovers the Bongo Bandits, a mischievous gang of thieves, if you have any props at home that you feel may be beneficial to this setting, please do get in touch through year3, year4, year5 or year6@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk emails.

Office information.

Important Dates for June :-

Mon 16th - Wed 18th	Yr 6 - Residential
Wednesday 18th	Reception September 2025 Parent Meeting
Thursday 19th	Yr4 HCHS Language Festival
Friday 20th	Wacky Hair Day - Bring a Tombola Prize for Summer Solstice
Family Fun Day	

WACKY

HAIR DAY!!

Friday 20th June



Come to school for the day with your wackiest hairstyle in exchange for a Tombola prize.

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Jumble Jars

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

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 by Friday 20th June

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