



Friday May 16th 2025

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

James 1:12: "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."

Reception



Reception has been working hard this week with our lessons; however, the biggest push this week has been their independence with writing. We previously had a challenge where they had to do one piece of writing a week, but now we are aiming to do two pieces a week. It has been amazing to see the children running to the writing table and producing great work all on their own. I am very proud of them all.

Year 1





The children discussed the different types of plants that they could see in Forest School. We identified and named plants on the rocket list (science vocabulary list), as well as other plants and trees on our site. The children participated in a plant scavenger hunt and looked closely at the plants they found. From this, they could describe and sort according to their features. Some of the children then made their own Plant ID Book. We explored leaves by creating leaf rubbings.



Year 3 - Plants



In science this term, our focus is the science of plants. We are conducting experiments at the moment that require us to observe over time. We have planted control plants, which are outside of the classroom and experimental plants, which are in different locations around the school. In the large pot outside our classroom, there are six strawberry plants which we will hopefully enjoy before the end of Year 3.

If you walk past the school at the weekend, feel free to come and water our sunflowers and strawberries to help them to grow.





1 - We have two class bird feeders and enjoy watching the sparrows join our lessons.



2 - Our planted sunflowers plus an extra project of looking after some strawberries!



3 - Our sunflowers - the control experiment

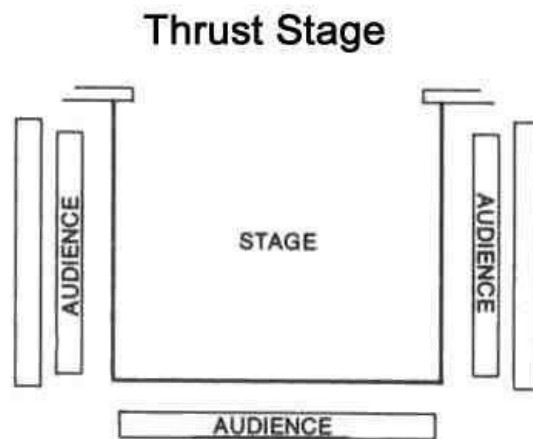
Year 4 - Bouncebackability



This week is Mental Health Awareness week and, in Year 4, we have focused on resilience. After watching a video about Dennis the Menace discussing his feelings, we have thought about how we may all feel scared or worried at times. We talked about ways of coping and building resilience and courage. Dennis calls this, 'bouncebackability'. The children worked to understand that we will all feel scared, nervous, or worried at times and that having self-belief and high aspirations can help us be brave and cope in these situations.

This fitted very nicely with our collective worship theme this week, which has taken our school vision Bible quote of '*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me* (Philippians 4:13).

Year 5 - All the world's a stage



Or at least all of the cereal boxes sent in, are now beginning to take shape as stages!

A big thank you to everyone who sent in boxes for this current art topic, and also the Breakfast Club and SATS Breakfast Club for saving their boxes for us too.

This week we worked hard to invert our boxes so that the designs were on the inside as well as to create a stage area. We then continued to work on the backdrops, checking how effective the designs were in our stages, looking to see if we could see all the design from a distance. Next week, we will continue with this work, but move on to making models.











Breakfast Club and Moorings

This week, our new breakfast club numbers increased with the additional pupils who came for the early SATs breakfast, which gave them a positive calm start for each day of the SATs testing. The new breakfast club runs alongside the provision we have for parents/carers, providing wrap-around care for children from 7.30 am to 5.15 pm.

The free breakfast element is being funded by the DfE and we are a pilot school. It starts at 8:05 and runs until 8:35. We would like to have many more pupils try this out and take advantage of the free breakfast on offer.

For further information, see the Department for Education website:

[First schools confirmed for landmark free breakfast clubs - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/first-schools-confirmed-for-landmark-free-breakfast-clubs)

Over the last couple of weeks, the Moorings children have been busy baking. Last week we made Biscoff cheesecake and this week we made scones! Miss Jones and Mrs Dodd were very proud of some of the children for trying something they had never tried before. We have also been busy with some ICT. The Beebots and Chromebooks made an appearance and we have also been playing lots of group games and getting competitive with a pool tournament. Another fun couple of weeks in Moorings!









The Great Plant Sale with School Council and Eco Committee reminder



From Monday, through to Wednesday morning, we are asking for all the successfully nurtured and grown plants to be returned to school for the Great Plant Sale, run by the Friends. Plants can be handed back in at the school gate in the morning or at the end of the day. Please can you ensure that each plant that is returned to school clearly shows which team the 'plant owner' is from. This does not need to be the original plant label; a piece of paper attached to the pot is more than sufficient. This will enable the Friends to keep a total to let us know which of our school teams has been the most successful in nurturing their plants.

As mentioned last week, we have had many requests about being able to keep plants that have successfully grown. If you would like to keep your plant, we ask that you send a donation into school, preferably in a sealed envelope, FAO Mrs Malpass, or handed to one of the Friends at the gate on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. It would be lovely if you could send in some photos of the successes, too.

School Council and Eco Committee look forward to seeing the variety of plants that are returned to school.

Office information.

26 - 30 May Half Term

2nd June TED

3rd June Children return to school - **Please ensure you order your child hot dinner if required**

4th June Leavers photos

6th June Year 6 residential meeting at 3.30pm

Volunteers needed



We are looking for any willing grown-ups who are able to help run a stall at our summer fete, if this is something you would be interested in please email uptonprimaryfriends@gmail.com or speak to a member of the committee.

Support the  **Friends**
of Upton Primary & Preschool



**SUMMER SOLSTICE
FAMILY FUN DAY**

SATURDAY
21st June
1-5pm





- RAFFLE • BBQ • BAR • GAMES •
- TEA & CAKE • TOMBOLA •
- ICE CREAM • INFLATABLES •
- GLITTER TATTOOS • STALLS •

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