



Friday 4th April 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'

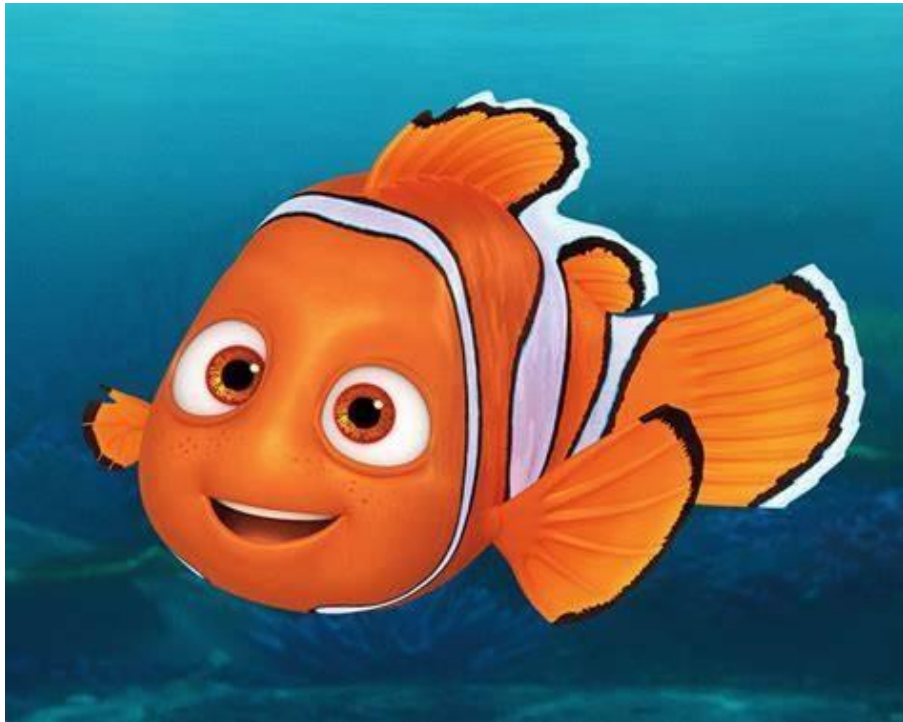
Providing enriching experiences to foster aspiration 'To inspire ... To aspire'

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

Bible quote

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3)

Trust



This week, Reverend Amy talked to us about a hard-won value: trust. She walked with us through the story of Finding Nemo, how Nemo's dad, Marlin, must learn to find trust through the evidence he sees before him. When he doubts the trust he has placed in Dory to help him find his son, he looks towards the evidence before him. He remembers that Dory put her full trust in him through the swarm of jellyfish, was injured, and still kept on swimming because her mission was to reunite father and son. This was a promise she made.

It reminds us that trust is something precious, something we give cautiously, and something we treasure when it is in place.

Safeguarding your children online



The Hidden Meanings Behind Emojis: A Lesson From Netflix's Adolescence Series

While the hidden meanings behind emojis used by young people can be harmless, some may indicate risks, including extremism, drugs, sexual interactions and bullying. This was recently brought to life on the Netflix limited series, [Adolescence](#), which depicted the devastating consequences of harmful online interactions and the warning signs (in the form of emojis) that are easily missed by adults.

To help schools and parents decode potentially harmful messages, Stonewall has compiled a list of emojis commonly used in dangerous contexts. This includes specific emojis used on the show and others highlighted by the work of Olivia Brown, Associate Professor in Digital Futures at the University of Bath.

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Preschool



What a week we've had in pre-school! We have been exploring the life cycle of a sunflower. The seeds have been closely inspected as has the stem and leaves, all the way up to the beautiful petals. To finish our sunflower exploring, we used our artistic skills and painted our very own sunflowers and proudly displayed them.

Year 1





In Year 1, we have been enjoying reading our class story, 'The Sea Saw' by Tom Percival. We followed the journey of the lost bear who was left on the beach and tormented by a seagull. The sea saw that the bear was in danger and washed it up the river back to Sofia. Year 1 drew maps of rivers, the sea and other coastal features to show where the bear could go. We have acted out parts of the story and used vocabulary to describe the characters' feelings. Now, we are looking forward to writing our own version next week.

Year 2



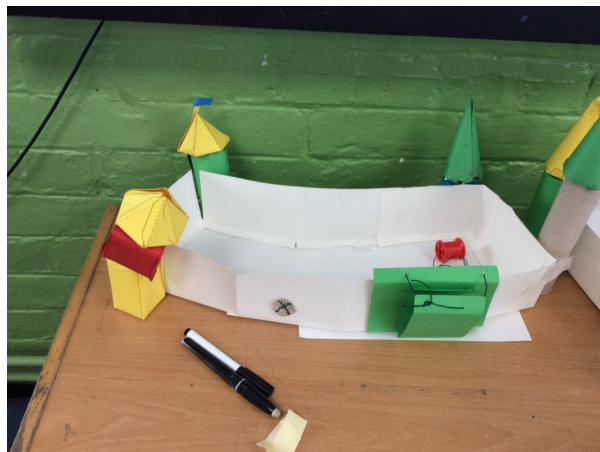
Year 2 has had a busy week exploring fractions in maths! They have looked at halves, quarters and thirds and spent some time using resources to help them find fractions of amounts.

They even had a fraction hunt around the classroom, exploring how $\frac{1}{2}$ can be shown in different ways and which pictures represented the different fractions they have been focusing on.

They loved all the different games and quizzes to check their learning!

Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard all half term on their castles. From cutting out nets and creating 3D shapes to designing what they want their castle to look like. Today they have worked tremendously hard as a team to create their castles. Super work everyone!









Year 4 - water conservation



After litter picking last week and then thinking about water pollution, this week in science we focused on conserving water. Some of the children monitored how much water they used at home and fed this back to the class today. There was a lot of maths involved in this activity and the results varied from one home to another in interesting ways. A very big well done and thank you to the children (and their families) who helped with this task.

Year 5

Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard this half term to develop their hockey skills.

Each week, we have started off with some warm-up drills to help develop our skills. We have then worked hard to use these with game situations. Today we played several larger games, all of which were very well played and a great success.

Sophie: "I enjoyed the big matches."

Nazar: "I enjoyed learning how to do passes."

Ollie "It has been good fun playing the matches."

Leo: "I liked how Woody hit the ball and it bounced off someone's stick and I was able to save it"

Woody: "I scored a goal."







Year 4,5&6 Poetry Success

Poetry

This week, we were delighted to receive notification from The Young Writers Competition 2025 that 11 of our children's entries are to be published in a book of poetry. Children throughout KS2 were invited to write a poem of their choice and submit an entry. The children worked hard on these in their own time, which makes it particularly fantastic that they have been so successful. We are really looking forward to receiving our copy of the book to share with the school. We will hear about the national winners and runners-up next term.

Congratulations to Harry L, Harry B, Douglas, Isabelle, Miriam, Annie Rose, Emily, Rosie, Sophie, Olivia, Freya.

Go, Miriam!



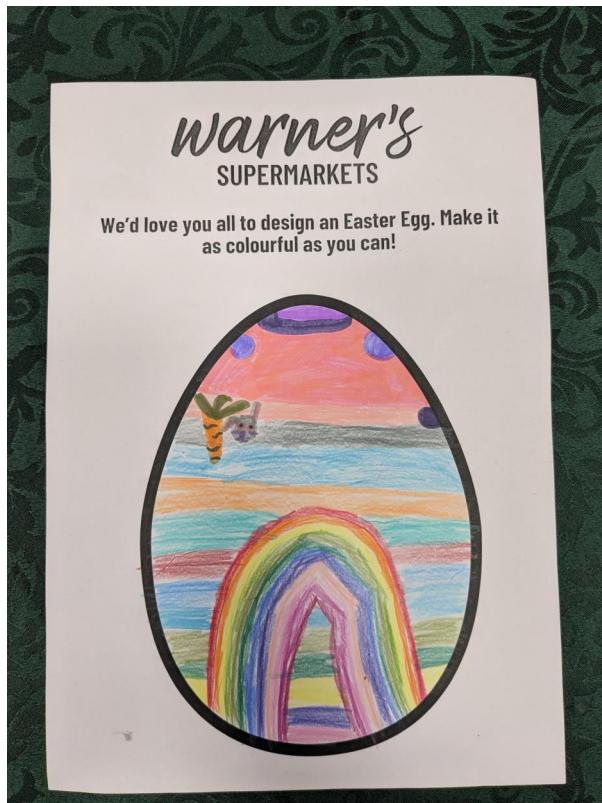
On Saturday 22nd March, our very own Miriam represented Upton at the National Primary and Year 7 cross country finals.

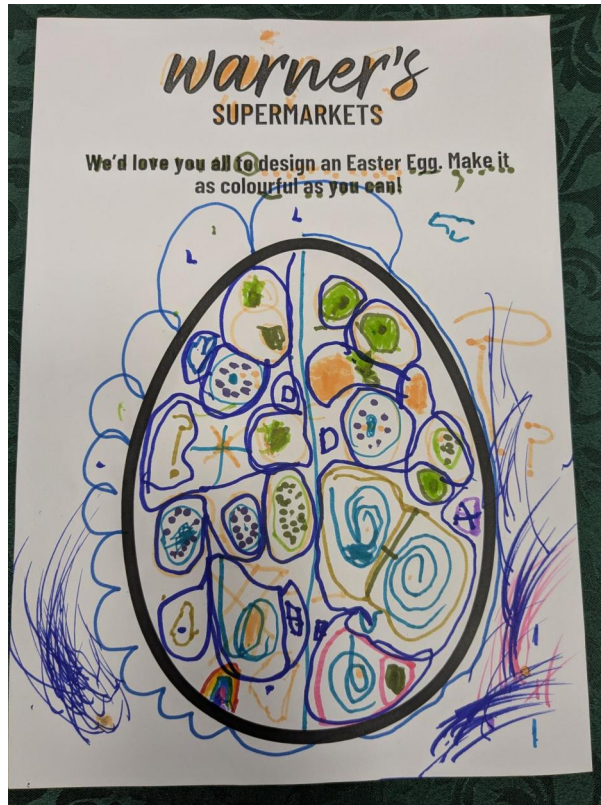
Mum shared: *Miriam has absolutely put her all into the competition today. She came in 128th out of nearly 200 runners and ran an incredible time of 11min21sec for the 2.7km course. She is absolutely shattered but happy! Very proud of her.*

Warner's Easter Egg Competition



Many thanks to Warner's for setting us the task of creating beautiful Easter Egg designs. Thank you, Mrs Dodd, for championing our amazing artists in Breakfast Club and Moorings to participate. Becky Willis from Warner's visited us today to present the overall winner with their wonderful prize: a family ticket to Countrytastic! Congratulations to Jay Jay for winning this fantastic prize and a huge well done to Jago and Holly for placing second. They were presented with the all important chocolate egg, presented by Mrs Dodd.





Parking



We have been asked by the local residents to raise concerns about inconsiderate parking. Please do not block our neighbours' cars in. We work hard to maintain good relationships with our neighbours. We appreciate that School Lane is narrow and pick-up and drop-off times are very busy. This is true of every school site but we ask that being short of time is not the reason for forgetting common sense and good manners.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

WOODEN EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Wooden eggs can be purchased from the school office until Wednesday 9th April for £1 each, cash or card payments accepted

Entries to be brought back into school by 10th April

Judging will take place at The Tudor House Museum on Monday 21st April

Prizes will be awarded to the class group with the highest amount of entries

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Karate ASC

The karate ASC students were graded last week for their next belts. Over the last 2 terms, they've learnt new techniques, which they demonstrated in linework and with a partner using pads, and kata Pinan Shodan (A), which is a sequence of moves and techniques. Nikki Sinclair, the karate instructor, said they showed great effort and focus and definitely earned their new belts. The 'Star of the Term' award was given to a student who had excellent attendance and showed good focus, respect, and commitment throughout the term. Well done to all of them for their achievement.

If your child is interested in karate club, please see the link below:-

<https://redeagle martial arts.co.uk/After-School-Club>





UBUNTU

Friday 25th April 2025 7pm

The Memorial Hall, Upton upon Severn

As part of their 40th year celebrations, The Dream Tour featuring the Ubuntu choir is heading to the UK in Spring 2025! This inspiring group of African Children's Choir alumni will share their joyous music, stories of hope, and the incredible impact of education.

We will welcome them to Upton upon Severn on Friday 25th April 2025 at 7pm.

During the concert there will be a free-will offering taken and after the concert, the chance to buy merchandise.

All monies are raised through ticket sales, the offering and merchandise goes directly to support the African Children's Choir.

Adults £10 - Under 16s £5 - Family 2+2 £25

