



Friday 3rd May 2024.



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



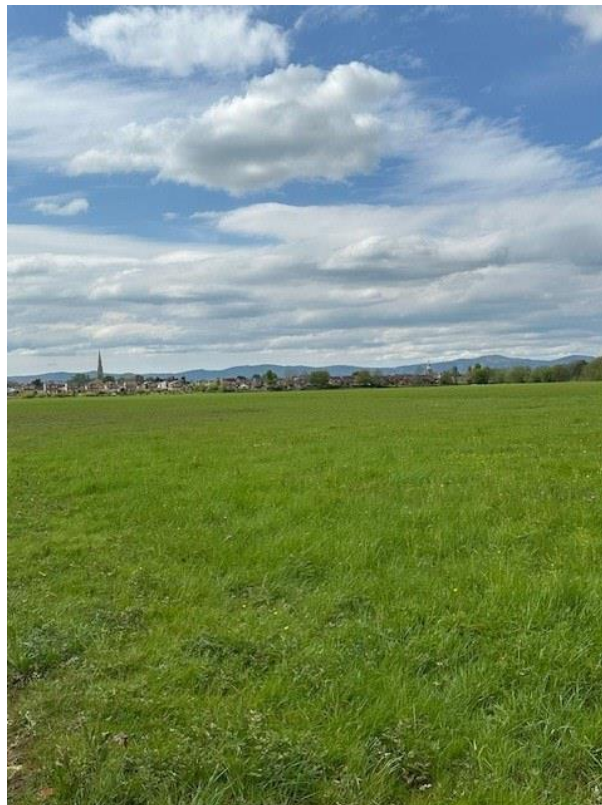
Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

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 2 Chronicles 15:7

"But you, take courage! Do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded."



1 - Curlews on The Ham



This week we have been very fortunate in having some special guests in assembly on Monday. The team who either work or volunteer for the Worcester wildlife Trust WWT came to talk to us about the birds that ground nest on the Ham and also other areas of wetland such as fish meadow. John Dickinson, one of the team explained

'Curlews are large wetland wading birds with long beaks which they use for probing in mud for worms and other invertebrates and they nest on Upton Ham and surrounding areas. Unfortunately, the birds are often disturbed from nesting and raising their chicks by foxes crows and domestic pets. This is a concern and the birds are now in decline.'

John, Mike and Ellie explained to us how important it is to have the birds nesting and also to help protect them. Two classes, Year 3 and 5, went down to the Ham with the team and had a bird watching afternoon to see if any curlews could be spotted or heard. Despite enthusiastic use of the binoculars and telescopes, actual sightings remained elusive, however, we had a wonderful afternoon and did see and hear the skylarks that also nest on the Ham.



Folk Festival



As we approach the Mayday bank holiday and the Folk festival weekend we have been celebrating in school. The whole school community have enjoyed folk dancing workshops, led by Sarah Matthews

and Sara Rose from Folk 3D. The workshop was excellent and we thank them for giving their time to support us.

The workshop was in preparation for the Folk festival parade on **Sunday 5th May** and we are hoping that many of you will bring your children to join with us in the parade. Please confirm your child's attendance on the form sent out via text to help the team prepare accordingly.

The children have all used blue ribbon streamers that have been made for them as a part of this festival and the children who attend on Sunday will be able to have these ribbons to use in the festival. We are hoping for some strong Upton school support.

We will be meeting in the **rugby club** car park at **11.45am** on **Sunday**. After the parade the children will be invited to dance around the Maypole down by the Kings Head along with any adults who may also like to take part. This was wonderful in school today and you can see by the photographs what fun it is. It promises to be a lovely afternoon so please do come to support us and watch the children dance by the Kings Head.









Musical celebration

We are a very musical school and have many talented musicians. The dedication and perseverance required to learn an instrument is significant with many hours of practice required. Over the years,

we have always been impressed with our children's ability in this and we are going to celebrate with a special concert for our musicians. The concert will be on Wednesday 8th May at 2pm and all the school will be invited as the audience. Our peripatetic teachers are preparing their students to play, some individually and some in small groups, and our choir and musical theatre group will perform also. If your child is going to take part by playing their instrument, you should receive an invitation today to come along and listen, so please check with your child. If anybody else would like to join please email the school office on office@uptonuponsevern.worcs.sch.uk and we will reserve a set for you.

Spirituality in Class 1

Year 1 are currently exploring the creation story in RE this half term. They have been working through different aspects of this and this week they were able to make connections between the creation story and harvest festival. Miss Dawson (our student teacher in class 1), had a special idea to enable the children to understand the connection between the miracle of how things grow and our lives. Each child was given a special envelope full of wild seeds. The children expressed what they were thankful for: vegetables, school, family and friends just to name a few and wrote the thanks onto the envelope. If these are planted now, they should be grown in time for harvest festival this year.

Perseverance in class 5

During this week Year 5 have been considering the school value of perseverance. On Monday they were introduced to Alyssa Carson, a 19 year old who has had a dream to become an astronaut. The class learnt how through her perseverance that in 2013, Alyssa was the first person to complete the "NASA Passport Program" visiting each of [NASA's fourteen visitor centers](#) across nine states. She was then invited to be a panelist at the MER (Mars Exploration Rover) 10 Panel at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

On Wednesday the class took part in a wildlife walk down to the Upton Ham. The perseverance shown by the class was super, in their determination to spot a curlew, sadly none were spotted but it was a very lovely experience being at one with nature. The class would like to thank the staff from WWT that came along to support us in our quest and Victoria Groom for giving up her time to walk with the class.

Perseverance in action



As we work closely with our school community we would like to celebrate the perseverance that a member of one of our families is showing in training towards a rather significant challenge. he is participating in the Nottingham Half Outlaw triathlon to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. One

of our classes heard how Jacob is training and how hard he has to work to build his strength towards this event.

Jacob shared the following:

'I think perseverance is an incredibly important characteristic to foster, if not the most important in every day life. As human beings we are faced with adversity in all aspects of life. From sporting endeavors, to academic achievement, embodying perseverance is crucial for success and contributes to valuable lessons that grow us as individuals.

Why I'm Taking on the Nottingham Half Outlaw!

I believe in turning challenges into opportunities for positive change. So, I've decided to push my own limits and take on the Nottingham outlaw half – a grueling triathlon encompassing a 2KM, a 90KM bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run (Half Marathon). This journey is a metaphor for the endurance and determination required by those with cystic fibrosis, and I'm determined to make every stroke, pedal, and stride count.'

This event takes place on May 19th and we wish Jacob every success in this challenge.

Key Dates

Monday 13th May	Y6 SATS Week
Monday 20th May	Year 6 Residential
Friday 17th May	Year 6 Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 10th July	Year 5 Athletics day at Hanley

Team Points



Working as part of a team is very important to us at school and the way we set the team points demonstrates this aspect well. This week's team points have been collated. Well done everybody for contributing to the grand total. You have all been working hard to show our school values.

Don't forget Rags to Riches



This week on, Wednesday May 8th the Rag to Riches collection will be taking place. If you are having a clear out at the weekend, please remember us and bring bags in for collection on Wednesday.





OPEN DAY



Manor Park Sports Club
Great Malvern, WR14 2TL
Saturday 18th May
11am - 2pm

Try our sports out for free - for all ages!
All equipment provided

- TENNIS - INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- SQUASH & RACKETBALL
- BOWLS - INDOOR & OUTDOOR
- ARCHERY
- PICKLEBALL

Bar open all day!

Please book in for tennis, squash/racketball & pickleball.
For archery, indoor & outdoor bowls,
you can just turn up between 11-2pm to play

See: clubspark.lta.org.uk/ManorPark/Events

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