



26th April 2024



Upton upon Severn CofE Primary, Nursery 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

Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Perseverance and School Attendance

School attendance is very important for all of our pupils: even a few days out from learning can have a significant on lasting impact. We endeavour to work in partnership with our parents to persevere at ensuring school attendance is high.

Your child's attendance is tracked through the school system which is then fed directly into the national DfE attendance information for schools. Our data is currently sitting at 95.28% and national data is 93%

All schools have a duty to notify the Local Authority when we have cases of irregular attendance and continuous absence. These include:

- **10 days continuous absence (including if the child is likely to be absent for more than 15 days due to illness/injury)**
- **Irregular attendance or regular absence where attendance is not improving despite ongoing school intervention**

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for their future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils may achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who miss 2 weeks across the year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be very difficult for them to keep up with work and they are unlikely to achieve their potential.

80%: 38 days absence a year

The Government classes young people in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible for a child to make up for lost learning. Parents of young people in this group could face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority. Letters will be sent to all the parents/carers of children who are classed as persistent absentees under the above criteria.

Year 1 Science

In science, Year 1 are studying plants. We have planted sunflower seeds and will be observing their growth over the next few weeks. This week whilst we were looking at the changes one of the plant pots accidentally dropped on the group which meant we got to see the beginning of the germination process. We have also explored our grounds this week to find wild flowers and planted flowers.







Music celebration

Many of our current choir sang in the very successful Hanley Voices concert in November last year. Hanley Voices is a local adult choir who give regular local concerts, and our children know several of the choir as members of the Open the Book team. We are delighted to have been invited to join them again for their concert on Saturday 18th May at 7pm. This concert will be held at Hanley Castle High School and the songs have a nautical theme. We will be singing the River Songs: a set of songs written for us by John Holloway. He is the accomplished church organist and choir master who supports the choir every week after school with Mrs. Moroni. The songs were written several years ago in conjunction with the then Year 6 class and are great fun. We will also be singing part of Ahoy!, a set of songs with adult and children singing together.

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.



Success Awards

This week's celebration assembly has shared several children persevering across a number of subjects.



Tag Rugby Tournament

Children from Year 3 and 4 took part in an inter-school tag rugby tournament last week, hosted by Upton upon Severn Rugby club. All the children played well and showed perseverance and good sportsmanship.



Rags to Riches



1 - The Rags to Riches collection will be held on May 8th so if you are having a spring clear out please remember to store your things until this date. Thank you.

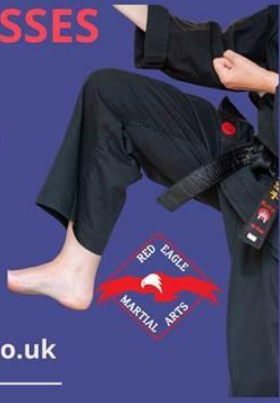
Karate at Upton

KARATE CLASSES

Every Monday at
Upton-upon-Severn
CofE School

6.15-7.00pm Juniors
7.00-8.00pm Adults

redeagle martial arts.co.uk



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



Please consider supporting your school by liking their Facebook page

All kids deserve
an educational
boost.

Helen Thackery
Experienced tutor and
specialist teacher

helenrmarshall@hotmail.co.uk
01684 593147
07775 792649



