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Newsletter

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our children, parents and carers as we begin another exciting school year together.

It has been wonderful to see our school filled once again with smiling faces, enthusiasm and energy. We would like to extend a particularly special welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this year. We hope you quickly feel at home. We know that strong relationships between home and school are at the heart of children's success, and we greatly value your continued support. By working together, we can provide the very best opportunities for all our pupils. We are excited about the year ahead and thank you for entrusting us with your children's education.

Keeping Everyone Safe on School Grounds

As our school sites become increasingly busy at the start and end of each day, we would like to remind all families about some important safety expectations.

Scooters and Bikes

We kindly ask that children do not ride scooters or bicycles anywhere on school premises, including pathways, playgrounds and entrance areas. There are often large numbers of children, parents, staff and younger siblings moving around at these times, and a collision could easily result in someone being injured.

Children are welcome to bring scooters and bikes to school where permitted, but they should be dismounted and walked as soon as they enter the school grounds. This simple step will help keep everyone safe and ensure our entrances remain calm and orderly.

Play Equipment Before and After School

We would also like to remind families that children should not use the school play equipment before or after school.

The equipment is only supervised and inspected for use during the school day. Outside of these times, there are no staff available to monitor safe play, and we are unable to accept responsibility for accidents or injuries that may occur. We would be grateful if parents and carers could support us by ensuring that children remain with them and do not access playground equipment before school starts or after they have been collected.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all members of our school community.

Parking and Road Safety Around School

A reminder to all families that St Martin's Road is closed to vehicles between 8:15am and 9:30am and between 2:30pm and 3:30pm each school day and cars cannot stop or park there between 8.00 and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday as part of the School Street safety scheme. This is to create a safer environment for children and families arriving at and leaving school. Please note that it is an offence to drive or park on St Martin's Road during the restricted hours unless you are exempt under the scheme. Enforcement may take place, and motorists who do not comply could be subject to a penalty.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to plan their journey accordingly, observe the restrictions and park safely and considerately in the surrounding area where permitted.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep our children safe and ensuring that the school community can arrive and leave school in a safe and pleasant environment.

Infant Car Park

The Infant car park is reserved for authorised users only. Parents and carers should not use this car park for dropping off, collecting, turning around or parking, unless they have prior permission from the school. Keeping this area clear helps to ensure access is available for staff, visitors and those with additional needs.

Reception 2027 Open Evening

We are delighted to invite parents and carers who are considering school places for Reception September 2027 to attend our Open Evening on Tuesday 13 October at 5.30pm.

During the evening, families will have the chance to:

- Tour the school facilities.
- Visit our Reception classrooms and learning areas.
- Learn about our curriculum and approach to early years education.
- Meet staff and ask any questions about starting school.
- Find out about the admissions process for September 2027.

Please share this information with friends, family members and neighbours who may be looking for a Reception place for September 2027. We look forward to meeting them.

Name It to Save It!

Every year, our lost property collection quickly fills up with water bottles, jumpers, cardigans, coats, lunch boxes and PE kits that are difficult to return because they are not named.

Please ensure that all items brought into school are clearly named, including:

- School jumpers and cardigans
- Coats and jackets
- PE kits
- Water bottles
- Lunch boxes
- Hats, scarves and gloves
- Book bags and backpacks



The Big Future survey - have your say!

Have Your Say in The Big Future Survey!

We are encouraging all our children to take part in The Big Future, a national survey launched by the Children's Commissioner for England.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard and share their thoughts about the issues that matter most to them. The survey asks children about their experiences, hopes for the future, their education, communities, wellbeing and what they would like decision-makers to focus on in the years ahead.

By taking part, our children can contribute to a national conversation and help shape the future for young people across the country. Every response is valuable and helps ensure that children's views are listened to and represented.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could support their children in completing the questionnaire at home.

Thank you for helping our children make their voices count. Together, we can ensure that young people's ideas, experiences and aspirations help to shape a better future for everyone.

Find out more and complete the survey by searching for "The Big Future" on the Children's Commissioner for England website

The survey can be completed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

We are pleased to continue our link with Sturminster Marshall Golf Club and the Mike Dodd Golf Academy. We have had many students over the years learn golf at the golf club and are still playing golf to this day. Every year Mike and the team offer some FREE taster sessions at the golf club and they are pleased to announce there are some more available. Please see details below and book direct with them to give golf a try. All equipment is provided so give them a call and start their golfing journey.

Saturday 3rd October 1-2pm

Tuesday 6th October 5.30 – 6.30pm

To Book Email Mike - mike@sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk

Phone - Pro Shop 01258 858444

The club also runs holiday clubs and has an on-site kids' golf academy for anyone who would like to continue after the free taster session.

A bit of news – Sturminster Marshall Golf Club Junior team are national champions after beating all county teams at national finals.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School



[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

Upton Schools Calendar 2026 - 2027

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Bank and Public holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Years day
Good Friday

25th December
28th December
1st January
26th March

Easter Monday
May Day
Spring bank holiday
Summer bank holiday

29th March
3rd May
31st May
20th August

School Holidays

Bank Holidays

Inset Days

Hamwic Development Day

Upton Junior School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ 23rd September – Individual School Photos
- ❖ 13th & 14th October - Year 4 Ancient Technology School Trip
- ❖ 21st October - Year 6 Tank Museum School Trip
- ❖ 23rd October – Last day of Term – return Monday 2nd November 2026
- ❖ 11th November – Flu immunisations

PE Days

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday				
Tuesday	PE		PE	
Wednesday		PE		PE
Thursday	PE		PE	
Friday		PE		PE

Upton Infant School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ 2nd October – Individual School Photos
- ❖ 13th October – Open Evening for Reception September 2027 - @ 5.30pm
- ❖ 23rd October – Last day of Term – return Monday 2nd November 2026
- ❖ 11th November – Flu immunisations

PE Days

	Honeybees	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Monday			PE	
Tuesday		PE		
Wednesday			PE	
Thursday				PE
Friday	PE			PE

October Half Term Activities 2026

School holiday arts and sports activities for Dorset children who need additional support



Booking closes on
Wednesday 7 October

Artz+ Sportz+ is funded and organised by Dorset Council
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/artz-sportz



SPORTZ+
XTRA

2026



SATURDAY SEND SESSIONS 9.30 - 12.30 P.M.

3, 10, OCT: ACTION VAN, SOFT PLAY, BOUNCY CASTLE, GAMES

17 OCT: CLIMBING, TUNNELING & GAMES

WEYMOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE, KNIGHTSDALE RD DT4 0HS

AGE GUIDE: 5 - 13 YRS FOR 3 & 10 OCT

5 - 17 YRS FOR 17 OCT

TO BOOK EMAIL: LEISURE@DORSETCOUNCIL.GOV.UK

FOR ADDITIONAL QUERIES TEL: 01305 252250

£8.92 PER SESSION

BOOKINGS CLOSE 23 SEPT 26

CONFIRMATION EMAILS 23 SEPT 26

PARENTS MUST STAY IF THIS IS YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SESSION. HOWEVER IF IT'S NOT THE FIRST SESSION, YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR CHILD IN THE CARE OF THE ARTZ+ SUPPORT TEAM.



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OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 22nd September 2026

5.30pm-7.30pm

Principal's Address - 6pm & 7pm



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school in action!



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 - Tour our inspiring facilities

No booking required.



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enquiries@cornerstoneacademy.org.uk | 01202 676789

Monthly Litter Pick at Turlin Moor

**First Sunday of the month
11am - 12pm**

We'll join this regular monthly community litter pick to help tidy the local area for people and wildlife.

 Turlin Moor - alternating meeting points each month.

 Scan for more info:
parksfoundation.org.uk/events



**Volunteering for nature and
your community.**

The Parks Foundation charity enhances parks across Bournemouth, Christchurch, and Poole so that people and wildlife can flourish. Registered Charity Number: 1159939

www.parksfoundation.org.uk | 01202 143724

GLOBAL TALES BOOKFEST!



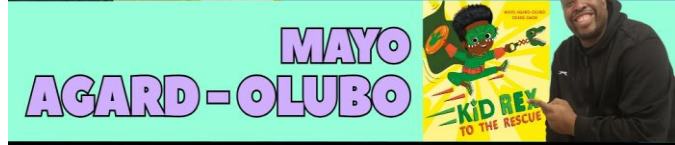
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**SHIREEN
LALJI**



**RASHMI
SIRDESHPANDE**



**MAYO
AGARD - OLUBO**

on at the...
**REBEL READING
FEST 2026!**

SAT | 10 OCTOBER | 2026

10AM - 11.30AM

St Peter's Church, Ashley Cross, Poole



Help needed in an emergency

Back to school safely

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to welcome everyone back to school.

Enter our prize draw quiz to win a VIP trip to a fire station and other prizes by using what3words to find the firefighters Find the Firefighter

[Find the Firefighter - what3words](#)

Or use this QR code



If you have a mobile phone, consider downloading [what3words](#) so you can give an accurate location, this is very useful if you need help outside.

Stay safe and have a great time at school!

UPTON
METHODIST CHURCH

Bee FAMILY Fun Day!

Sat 12 Sep 10 am to 2.30pm

To mark the coming of Harvest, come and join us for some of the Bee-themed activities



10 am to 12 noon

Coffee, cake and bee-themed crafts



From 12 noon

Bring your picnic lunch



Followed by
Family film
The Bee movie
(U rated)

All ages welcome!

All children's drinks and activities FREE.
Donations for coffee and cake will go to
University Hospitals Dorset NHS Charity.

YOUTH CLUBS

TERM TIME TIMETABLE

MONDAYS

16.15 - 17.15 WAREHAM MINDFUL MONDAYS (Y 6 - 8)
17.30 - 19.00 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 7)
19.00 - 20.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 8)
19.00 - 20.15 WAREHAM WELLBEING GROUP (Y 9+)

TUESDAYS

17.15 - 18.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 6 & 7)
19.00 - 20.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 8)

WEDNESDAYS

17.15 - 18.30 WAREHAM THE CREW
17.30 - 18.45 CORFE YOUTH CLUB (Y 6 - 7)
18.00 - 20.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 9+)
18.45 - 20.00 CORFE YOUTH CLUB (Y 8+)
19.00 - 20.30 WAREHAM YOUTH CLUB (Y 9+)
19.00 - 20.30 PLANET PURBECK & PYCF YOUTH
GET IN TOUCH FOR UPDATES

THURSDAYS

17.30 - 19.30 WOOL YOUTH CLUB (Y 6)

FRIDAYS

18.00 - 19.30 WAREHAM, THE FRIDAY SOCIAL CLUB AGES 16-25
(NEURODIVERSE OR ANXIOUS YOUNG PEOPLE)

ALTERNATE FRIDAYS, GET IN TOUCH FOR DETAILS

Wareham Youth Hub



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WAREHAM YOUTH HUB IS RUN BY
PURBECK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
CHARITY NUMBER - 1168537

Strictly Stage stars take centre stage

If you would like to enrol your child with Strictly Stage
please visit our website:

www.strictlystage.uk

There are limited spaces available and places are secured
on a first come first served basis.

If your child already attends strictly stage theatre
school, there is no need to re-apply, as they will have a
secure place for the entire academic year!

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Where talent comes to thrive...

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The Principal of Strictly Stage, Liz, has worked as a professional Singer/Dancer all over the world on various cruise ships such as QE2, P&O, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and had the honour of working as part of the cast of Andrew Lloyd Webbers, Phantom of the Opera, in London's West End 1994 to 1996.

With a team of professional teachers to support her, Strictly Stage has proved to be highly successful with over 300 children currently enrolled.

Strictly Stage Theatre School has been successfully running in schools in the Dorset area since 2002.

Strictly Stage is a Performing Arts School, based on dance (Commercial, Cabaret, Ballet, Tap & Modern, Hip-Hop and much more), singing (pop, musical theatre) and drama, but most of all having fun!

Your child will have the opportunity to learn various routines to the latest chart music and Musical Theatre Shows such as Wicked, Aladdin, Shrek, Bat out of Hell, Matilda etc.

All Strictly Stage Students work towards and perform in our annual productions at the prestigious Lighthouse Theatre, Poole.

Classes available for ages 18 months+ both boys and girls. Prices start at just £6.50 per session which is payable per half term.

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