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The Upton Schools Newsletter

11th July 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I hope you have been enjoying the many school events that have taken place over the last few weeks, both Facebook pages are filled with some great pictures. There is still plenty to look forward to so make sure you check the dates in this newsletter, so you aren't missing out.

Reports and Parent Drop In

On Wednesday 16th July our end of year reports will be coming home. This will be a paper version for both schools that will come home with the children.

Should you wish to discuss your child's report with their teacher we will be holding drop-in sessions on **Thursday 17th July 3.15-4.30pm** for both schools. No appointment is needed, please just come along. Miss Old's class can come along to see Miss Verran. Due to the Year Two graduation ceremony this will take place on **Friday 17th July 3.15-4.30pm** for year two parents.

Next week we will be sending the children's books home. I hope you enjoy looking through these, seeing the progress the children have made and what they have learnt (because despite coming home and saying they didn't do anything or can't remember, we actually do a lot in schools!). To help with this it would be great if you could send your child into school with a carrier bag. Over the next week please can all reading books (including library and RWI books) be returned to the relevant school.

Year 6 SATS

Today the year six team will be talking to the children individually about the SATS results so the teachers can thoroughly explain what they mean and offer support and congratulations. As the results are given as an overall grade, raw score and standardised score we feel this explanation is needed.

Ideally, we would be doing this at the same time as when the results come home to parents and carers however, we are unable to do this for a number of reasons. Firstly, as we have the residential next week we will struggle for time to do this before the reports go out. Secondly, we are having a few IT issues with our reporting to parents system.

I am sorry about this, but we feel this important conversation with their teachers is needed so the children fully understand what the results mean. Obviously, the staff will be doing this in a supportive and empathetic way.

Sad News

It is my sad duty to inform you that Keith Parsons, ex chair of governors at the Junior school, has sadly passed away. He taught for many years locally and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Mrs Earl

The legend that is Mrs Earl has decided that she will be retiring from the Infants at October half term after thirty-one (yes thirty-one!) years. This incredible lady has been a rock to staff, children and parents and I am not sure how we are going to cope without her. We are still reeling from the shock of this at the Infants so you are not allowed to mention it to us yet. It is too soon and we are all in denial.

Non-Uniform Day

Monday 21st July is a non-school uniform day for all children in **Lulworth House** as a celebration for them winning Sports Day at the Junior School. Well done!

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to our year six's and anyone else who will be leaving us too. Since I have started at the Juniors it has been incredible to see the fine young people they have grown into. It is a privilege that, after welcoming many of you to the Infants when you started in reception, I will get the chance to say goodbye as you close the chapter of your primary schooling. I wish you all the very best for the future.

As this is the last newsletter for this term, I would like to say thank you for support, have a lovely summer and take care of yourselves,

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School



Please see the link below for parents and carers with an update on Squid Games. We are seeing an increase in children who reference Squid Games in school when the age limit for this series is 15+

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

A large, vibrant tapestry featuring a phoenix rising from flames, displayed in a gallery space with a wooden roof and other artworks. The phoenix is depicted with a bright orange and yellow body, a blue head, and large, flowing orange and yellow wings. It is surrounded by a blue background with a subtle pattern. The base of the tapestry is filled with bright red and orange flames. The tapestry is hung vertically in a gallery space with a wooden roof and other artworks visible in the background.



The National College have produced a library of resources - including webinars and printed guides - to support parents with understanding the complexities of gaming, social media and a variety of other subjects; the guides are easy to access with the attached link.

Library | The National College



Upton Junior School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 14th – 16th July – Year 6 Residential
- ❖ Wednesday 16th July – School reports
- ❖ Thursday 17th July – Drop-in Sessions for Parents 3.15 – 4.30pm
- ❖ Friday 18th July – PSFA Summer Raffle Drawn
- ❖ Monday 21st July – Sports Day Winners - **LULWORTH House** non-uniform day
- ❖ Monday 21st July – Year 6 End of Year Party
- ❖ Tuesday 22nd July – Leavers assembly for Year 6
- ❖ Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of school for the summer term – returning Thursday 4th September

Upton Juniors PFSA

SUMMER Raffles

DRAWN 18 JULY

Letters have been sent home for both our children's and family raffles.

£1 per ticket.

Lots of fun prizes for children and many vouchers for days out, meals etc along with prizes for the family.

Please return your tickets and money by 17th July.

Thank you for your support.



Upton Infant School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 14th July – Year 1 trip to Monkey World
- ❖ Wednesday 16th July – School Reports
- ❖ Wednesday 16th July – Rocksteady Concert for parents – 10.30 – 11.30
- ❖ Thursday 17th July – Drop-in Sessions for Reception and Year 1 – 3.15 – 4.30pm
- ❖ Thursday 17th July – Year 2 Graduation Evening 5-6pm
- ❖ Friday 18th July – Drop-in Sessions for Year 2 – 3.15-4.30pm
- ❖ Monday 21st July – Upton Fest
- ❖ Tuesday 22nd July – Last day of school for the summer term – returning Thursday 4th September

Tesco Blue Tokens

Next time you visit Tesco, look out for Upton Infant School, we are now on the stronger starts campaign for the next couple of months. Thanks.

Starts

Vote for the project that means the most to you.
Each project could receive up to £1,500.

Magna Academy Poole
Football Kit
Our current football kit is outdated and uncomfortable for our students, and we also do not have any kits for our newly set up girls' teams.
Canford Heath
Vote in-store until 30 September 2025

Merley First School
EPIC Playtime Provision
Merley First School believes all children need opportunities to explore, play, imagine and create within their environment.
Merley
Vote in-store until 30 September 2025

Upton Infants School
IT Screens For Classrooms
To replace old whiteboards with new screens, which we use daily to for teaching.
Poole
Vote in-store until 30 September 2025

Working with **CHANGING LIVES**



Summer Reading Challenge 2025

Story Garden - Adventures in nature and the great outdoors.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. This year's exciting theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature. Children can sign up at their local Dorset library from Saturday 5th July and they will receive the collector's sticker booklet.

They borrow books of their choice during the summer and collect stickers each time they come in to tell staff about what they have been reading. This year there is also the possibility of collecting a sticker by attending one of our exciting events we will be running.

Children who complete the challenge by reading 6 books are presented with a medal in the library, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term. At Upton Library they will also get their name up on our special finisher's board and get to choose a small prize.

If they finish the Challenge really quickly, they can take part in a continuation challenge to read a further 5 books here at Upton with each completed extra challenge being entered into a prize draw to win a £20 book token.

We have lots of exciting FREE events happening this summer. See our Facebook page or pop into the library for all the details.

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What does the School Age Immunisation Service do?

Our aim is to offer all Dorset school aged children the protection they need by providing the recommended vaccinations as per UK schedule.

Vaccinations are available from Reception to Year 11 and up to age 25 in Specialist school provisions.

Contact Us:

Tel: 01425 891162

Email:
dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net

Visit us on the Web:
www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk

Are your child's vaccines up to date? Scan the QR code to check the schedule



Dorset School Age Immunisation Service



Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

♥ Healthier lives
👤 Empowered citizens
🌱 Thriving communities

Which vaccinations do we provide and when?

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV)
Td/IPV Final Booster is offered from Year 9 to Year 11

Meningitis (MenACWY)
MenACWY Final Booster is offered from Year 9 to Year 11

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
HPV is a once only dose and is offered from Year 8 to Year 11

Influenza (flu)
Flu is offered yearly from Reception to Year 11

Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR)
We offer the MMR vaccine to children who missed any of their two doses during their early years. Please contact us if you think your child may require this vaccine.



What are these vaccinations for?

Influenza (flu)
The **flu vaccine** can protect children against seasonal influenza. The live nasal vaccine is given as a single spray up each nostril. An inactivated flu injection is available for those children where the live vaccine is not recommended.

Tetanus/Diphtheria/Polio (Td/IPV)
The **Td/IPV vaccine**, also known as the teenage booster, is given to increase protection against three diseases – tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)
The **MenACWY vaccine** protects against four common groups of meningococcal disease – A, C, W & Y.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)
The **HPV vaccine** helps protect both boys and girls against human papillomavirus (HPV). This virus increases the risk of developing some cancers, such as: 90 % of cervical and anal cancers, some mouth, throat and cancers of the genital areas.

Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR)
The **MMR vaccine** helps protect children against Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

How do I get my child vaccinated?

Please complete an online consent form by the requested date, using the link sent from your child's school. If you do not complete your consent form by this date your child may not be vaccinated on the day we are in school. Please use the unique school code to consent which is provided on the offer letter.

Home Educated children's parent and carers will receive their link through their Local Council to book into a community clinic.

You will receive an email from us to confirm the date of your child's vaccination. If you have consented outside of the cutoff date or your child is absent, you will receive a link to book a community clinic.

One of our team may contact you to gain further information if required. Please return any contact as soon as possible to avoid a delay in your child's vaccination.

COME AND BOOK ONTO OUR SUMMER CATCH UP CLINICS

Saturday 28th June – Canford Heath Clinic, Culliford Crescent, BH17 9DW

Tuesday 29th July – Wareham Hospital, Streche Road, Wareham BH20 4QQ

Monday 30th July – Dorchester Cricket Club, The Recreation Ground, Weymouth Road, DT11 2RY

Wednesday 6th August – Kings Park Hospital, Gloucester Road, BH7 6JF

Monday 11th August – Canford Heath Clinic, Culliford Crescent, BH17 9DW

Tuesday 12th August – Swanage Hospital, Queens Road, Swanage BH19 2ES

Monday 18th August – Canford Heath Clinic, Culliford Crescent, BH17 9DW

Tuesday 19th August – Blandford Scout Hut, Eagle House Gardens, Blandford Forum, DT11 7BS

Please call 01425 891162 or email dhc.immsenquiries@nhs.net to book your child a place.

Turlin Moor Recreation Ground

July & August Programme



Community Litter Pick

Sun 6 July & Sun 3 Aug | 11am - 12pm

We'll join the litter pick organised by Rev. Lucy Bolster to help tidy the park for people and wildlife.

July - meet at the old boat yard.
Aug - meet at Foreland Road playpark.

Volunteering



Bird Watching & Nature Walk

Tues 26 Aug | 10.30am - 12.30pm

A nature walk around the harbour visiting the bird platforms and the beach to spot some coastal species. This is an activity for adults.

We'll meet at the old boat yard.

Free event



Blooming Boat Maintenance

Weds 27 Aug | 3pm - 4.30pm

The Blooming Boat is flourishing and looking fantastic - we'll help maintain it with some weeding and general care.

We'll meet at the old boat yard.

Volunteering



Scan for park information,
including accessibility



To book: parksfoundation.org.uk/events

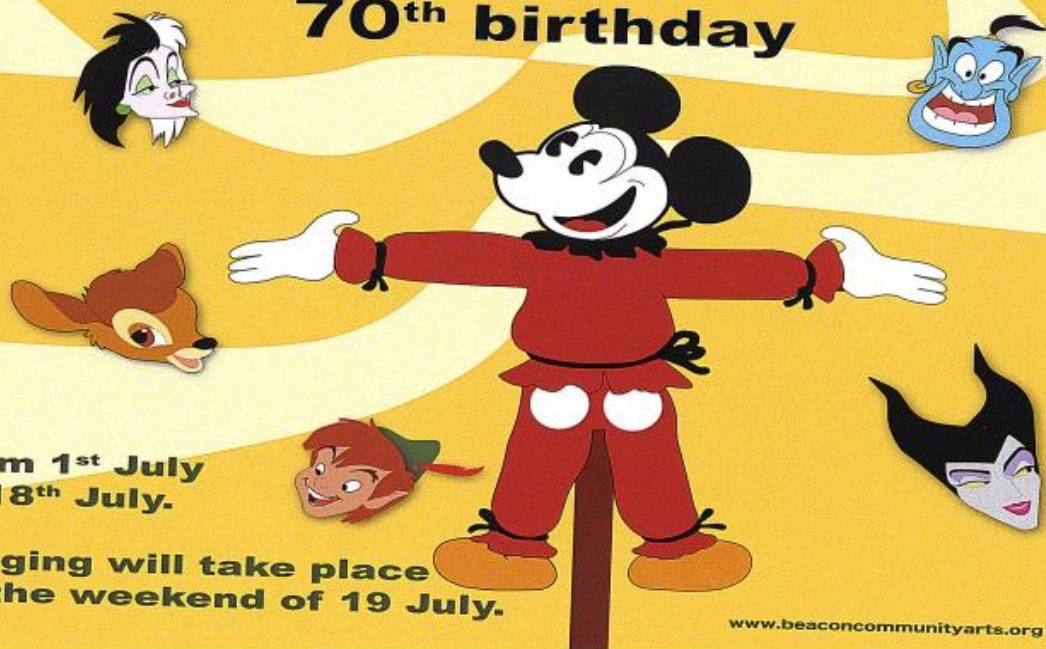
The Parks Foundation is committed to celebrating diversity - we welcome people from all backgrounds, genders, ethnicities, people with learning differences and varying physical abilities. If you would like more information or have questions about an activity, please contact us.

Get in touch with our team member, Lisa on: lisa@parksfoundation.org.uk or: 07458 039395

parksfoundation.org.uk | [Facebook.com/The Parks Foundation](https://Facebook.com/TheParksFoundation) | 01202 143724 | Registered Charity Number: 1159939

The Upton and Lytchett Minster Scarecrow Competition

Celebrating Disneyland 70th birthday

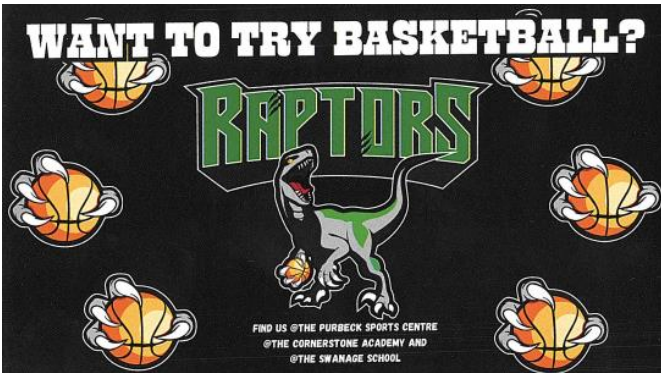


**From 1st July
to 18th July.**

**Judging will take place
by the weekend of 19 July.**

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DORSET BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

U10 LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF WINNERS 24-25

U12 LEAGUE WINNERS AND PLAYOFF RUNNERS UP 24-25

U14S LEAGUE AND PLAYOFF RUNNERS UP 24-25

U18S 3RD PLACE PLAYOFF 24-25



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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

🎉 SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER DISCO! 🎉

📅 Tuesday 22nd July 🕒 After School until 6PM

Join us for a fun and relaxed afternoon as we celebrate the end
of the school year!

☀️ Child-friendly Disco

☀️ Sunny Beer Garden Open (weather permitting)

🍷 Refreshments available inside the club

All are welcome – come and kick off the summer with us in
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Confirmation emails on 17 July 25





August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each

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Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am