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Newsletter

12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to offer you a warm welcome if you are new to our school and an equally warm welcome back to those of you who were with us before the summer holidays. I hope you all had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy the great weather we had and some family time together.

The children have settled into school really well, a special mention to the year three children who have sailed into school effortlessly! We will be sending a newsletter out every two weeks and they will be packed with information so if you are anything like me you may need to read it more than once!

This year we will continue to work hard to align the approaches of the two schools as we slowly become one school. We have continued the work on behaviour and the responses to it we started in the summer term. Behaviour in our school is good with children applying themselves well in lessons with respectful interactions between children and staff and amongst children too. However, we review this frequently to make sure our standards remain high. Our classrooms and behaviour strategy is built on strong relationships between children and adults and positive reinforcement. Our whole ethos is to use praise and positivity to reinforce our expectations and to set the standard we want to see. Over the coming weeks we will be reviewing our behaviour policy and how we use rewards.

One change I can confirm is that we now have the same rules across both settings.

- Be Kind
- Be Ready
- Be Respectful

Over the next few weeks we will be spending time discussing these with the children and what they look like in action. To help us do that we have designed new behaviour posters which will go up around the school.

EYFS and KS1 (Reception to 2)



KS2 (Years 3-6)



If the use of praise and positive reinforcement isn't effective and children need an intervention to get them back on track or to ensure the classroom is conducive to learning, we have established a staged approach to manage this. The teachers will start at stage one and move through the stages. However, please bear in mind that the skill is intervening early and assertively so the child and class are back on track, not to merely move through the stages.

Step 1: Verbal reminder

Step 2: Moved within class and warning that time at playtime will be missed

Step 3: Missed time at playtime (if in the afternoon) to wait at the end of the day

Step 4: Removed from class to spend some time in another class

Step 5: Time spent with a senior leader

The idea about the sanction is to have something in place that inconveniences the child so the consequence has meaning and enables learning to continue. Where step 3 states the child will wait till the end of the day, this refers to being the last one out as a consequence for their actions and not a child being left on their own.

Uniform and Jewellery

In the coming weeks we will be reviewing our school uniform policy (don't worry no major changes!) however please make sure that if children have their ears pierced they only wear stud earrings and children do not wear football kits for PE. Further information will come out shortly.

Nut Free

Our Reception cohort this year includes some children with very serious allergies including anaphylaxis. These are nuts, egg, dairy, dust and pet hair. To ensure we keep every child as safe as possible at school we feel it is important to let families know this. Both settings are nut free schools and ask that lunchboxes brought in from home do not contain any nuts or products containing nuts - this includes nut butters and chocolate/nut spreads (such as Nutella), which filled pancakes commonly contain.

We will be making the Reception area a dairy and egg free zone, so milk consumed at snack time will happen in the school hall.

We will be asking all the children to wash their hands regularly and, after breakfast club, snack time or lunch time, we will ask them to make sure they wash their mouth out by having a drink of water. If there are any spillages of milk or dairy at school, we will change the child into clean clothes.

Please could we ask families to make sure children come to school as clean of pet hair as possible, with their faces cleaned after breakfast and having had a drink of water after eating?

We thank you for your understanding with this. If you have any questions, please speak to your class teacher.

Roads and Playground

The roads around the school are very busy during school drop off and pick up times so please drive with extreme caution and with consideration to residents. At the Infants no one should be using the carpark unless they have a pass and a reminder that the road up to the Juniors is closed.

It is great to see so many children cycle and scoot to school, it is a fantastic way to start the day. Please can children come off bikes and scooters when they enter the school grounds to avoid any accidents.

Staff Leaving

Unfortunately, Mrs Newton, year three teacher, has decided to leave us to concentrate on her tutoring and mentoring business. Mrs Newton will be leaving us after October half term and the recruitment processes has begun to ensure there is a smooth transition. Mrs Cole, who works at breakfast club, lunch times and is a teaching assistant on Fridays is also leaving. Both Mrs Cole and Mrs Newton have been an important part of the Junior school for a number of years and will be missed.

I hope you find this useful.

Have a great weekend all.

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School

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YEAR 6 - TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
English, Reading, Maths, revision, SATs & 11 Plus



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Upton Junior School Announcements

Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 24th September – Fraser Portraits Individual photos
- ❖ Friday 10th October – Inset Day
- ❖ Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th October – Year 6 East Dorset Museum Trip



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

- ❖ Friday 3rd October – Fraser Portraits Individual photos
- ❖ Friday 10th October – Inset Day



PE Days

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

BWW Coaching & Development will be offering the following after school clubs for this term.

- ❖ Mon 15/9 - Yrs 5 & 6 football. 3:15-16:30 at Upton Recreation Ground (£40 per term)
- ❖ Tues 16/9 - Yrs 3 & 4 football. 3:15-16:30 at Upton Recreation Ground (£40 per term)
- ❖ Wed 17/9 - Yrs 3,4,5 & 6. Lego Masters. 3:15-16:30 in the school library (£40 per term)
- ❖ Thurs 18/9 - Yrs 3,4,5 & 6. ALL GIRLS football at Upton Recreation Ground (£40 per term)
- ❖ Fri – All Years 3,4,5 & 6 Dodgeball school hall (£40 per term)

All clubs must be booked directly via: [Bwwcoachingdevelopment.com/book-online](https://www.bwwcoachingdevelopment.com/book-online)

For enquiries, please contact us directly via: Bwwcoachingdevelopment@gmail.com

Children joining activities that take place at Upton Recreation ground are welcome to be collected directly from there at 16:30. The coaches will register them at the school and walk down to the Recreation Ground.

Children joining activities on the school's premises can be collected from the gate.

If your child walks home alone, I must have a direct email permission from you, for us to dismiss them. Please send this after you've made the booking.

Please note to book the rest of a term you only need to book the first session. (Next week) and make a one payment of £40 via bank transfer. That will confirm your place for the following weeks of the term

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Duncan and I both have a strong desire to rebuild school sports teams within Upton Juniors, who will be able to play competitively against other local schools. This term I will be looking at building a mixed football team and girls only football team. If your child has a desire to play for the school, please can they inform the club coaches (if attending the after-school club) as this will be a fantastic opportunity to train as many players as possible together.

We will open booking for Autumn 2 clubs on the final week of this term.

Kind regards,
Coach Ben & Team.

The Summer Reading Challenge in libraries

I'm writing to thank you and your staff for supporting Dorset Libraries with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden.

We're especially grateful for your help in promoting the challenge before the holidays and for welcoming us into school assemblies in July. It was a real pleasure to speak with the children and share our excitement.

This year almost 4500 children have registered to take part in the Challenge of reading six books or attending some of the fantastic events in our libraries.

I would be very grateful if you could remind children who have not yet completed the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden. that there is still time for them to do so by popping into their local library to let staff know about the last books they have read. The Reading Challenge finishes on Saturday 13 September and we are keen for as many children as possible to receive their certificate in school this year. Medals are awarded to children in the library, and certificates are sent to schools by mid October.

Library staff may be able to visit to present the certificates in an assembly, so please do get in touch with your nearest library to see if this is possible.



**UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL
ALL YEAR GROUPS**

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 (street, disco, cabaret), 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 School of Rock, Aladdin, Mary Poppins, Grease & Matilda etc.

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

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 will take place at Upton Junior School in the main hall, every Thursday term time from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. The class will be for all year groups, boys and girls.
The cost is £6.50 per session which is payable per half term.

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

www.strictlystage.uk > Contact/Enrol Now

We will then e-mail you confirmation of your child's place at Strictly Stage Theatre School as soon as possible.

There are limited spaces available, and places are secured on a first come first served basis.
Book early to avoid disappointment!

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 2025/26 ACADEMIC YEAR!

Hope to see you there

Liz Rodda

Principal of Strictly Stage Theatre School

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OUR PHILOSOPHY

To develop the RFU 'Five C's' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes:

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

WHO IS IT FOR?

It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

COACHING CONSULTANCY

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