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The Upton Schools

Belonging Growth Excellence

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

13th November 2026

Behaviour Policy

At our school, we are committed to creating a safe, supportive and inclusive environment where every child can thrive. Our behaviour policy is built around three simple rules: Be Kind, Be Ready and Be Respectful. These expectations help children develop positive relationships, take responsibility for their actions and make the most of every learning opportunity.

We believe that positive behaviour should be recognised and celebrated. Children are rewarded through house points, recognition boards, stickers, postcards home and celebration assemblies, where excellent effort and positive contributions are acknowledged.

When behaviour falls below expectations, staff use a clear and consistent stepped approach which focuses on support, reflection and helping children make better choices. We work closely with families and, where needed, provide additional support for pupils to help them succeed both academically and socially. Our approach is based on positive relationships, high expectations and helping every child feel a sense of belonging within our school community.

This poster, which is displayed in our classrooms, summarises our approach, rewards and sanctions.

For more information, please have a look at the Behaviour Policy on our website.



Attendance

A friendly reminder that every school day counts! Good attendance helps children make the most of their learning, build strong friendships and develop confidence in the classroom. Missing even a few days can mean important learning is missed, making it harder for children to keep up with their peers. We understand that illnesses and unavoidable circumstances do occur, but wherever possible, please ensure your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child achieve their very best.

Social Media Pages

Both school Facebook pages contain a good peek into life at school and some of the things that we get up to. Please have a look!

Parking

Please remember to park and drive considerately around the school. This is especially important around Purbeck Close, Guest Road and of the course the road closures on St. Martin's Road.

Reception and Year Three Open Mornings/Afternoons

If you are considering a school place for reception and year three, please come along to our open mornings to see the school in action. Reception are Wednesday 18th November and Thursday 3rd December at 9.30 and year three are Monday 16th November at 1.30 and 27th November at 9.45. It would be great to see you there!

Retirements

I am sorry to say that at Christmas we will be losing two members of our Infant team who have been with us for a number of years.

Mrs Thompson (formally Mrs Homer) who is currently the teaching assistant in the Frogs will be retiring. Mrs Thompson has been a vital member of our team and has supported children and staff brilliantly during her time with us. Her contribution to our school has been immense.

Also, Mrs Banyard a member of our reception lunchtime team will also be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Banyard has been a vital part of our lunch team and has kept generations of children safe and happy at lunchtimes. She will be missed by staff and children alike.

We will wish them a happy and well-earned retirement.

Best wishes

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School



Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust

Year 5 had a visit from the Fire Service and had a fun time creating their own Fire Safety posters for you to read.





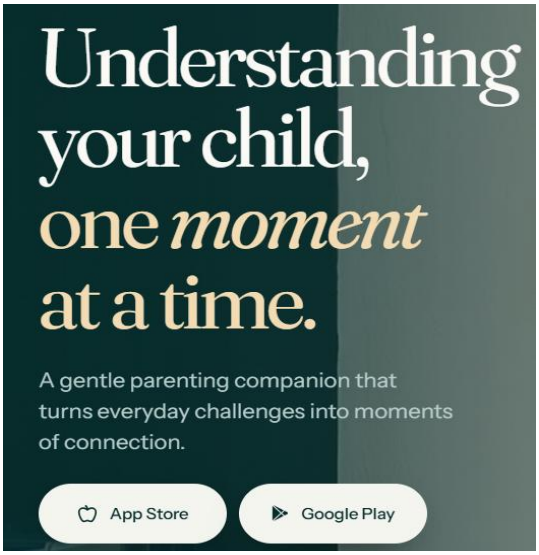








We have been recommended this app for parents- free!!! It is supposedly useful and very important for parents when facing challenges at home.



[Cee-it | Understanding your child, one moment at a time]













Odd Socks Day

All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!

FREE TO A GOOD HOME – Baby Grand Piano

We are looking to rehome a George Rogers & Sons baby grand piano from Upton Junior School.

The piano is in good working order, plays well and has been tuned. There is some cosmetic wear consistent with its age, as shown in the photographs.

Free of charge, but the recipient must arrange and cover the cost of professional collection and transportation from Upton, Poole.

Please contact the school office if interested.





PSFA Help Wanted

We are raising funds for the school minibus and are looking for helpers for events etc, any amount of time would be amazing.

Please contact Sarah on **heatonsarah@hotmail.com**

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- 16th November – Odd socks day – Anti Bullying Week
- 17th & 18th Nov – Year 5 Bird Trip – more info to follow
- 19th November – Robin Hood Pantomime
- 23rd November – Inset Day
- 25th November – Drop-in Nurse sessions – bookable via the school office

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

- 16th November – Odd socks day – Anti Bullying Week
- 19th November – Robin Hood Pantomime
- 23rd November – Inset Day

PE Days

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

Upton Schools Calendar 2026 - 2027

Sep 2026

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Aug 2027

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Bank and Public holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day	25th December
Boxing Day	28th December
New Years day	1st January
Good Friday	26th March
Easter Monday	29th March
May Day	3rd May
Spring bank holiday	31st May
Summer bank holiday	20th August

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Inset Days
Hamwic Development Day

The Upton Schools

We recognise that good attendance (above 96%) is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. Good attendance impacts significantly on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

Easy as

1. There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.
2. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school every day and on time.
3. The school opens at 8:40 ; registration is from 8:50 . Please arrive as close to 8:40 as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.

Equates to number school days off each year		
	100%	Perfection
4 School days missed	98%	Impressive
6 School days missed	97%	Good
7 School days missed	96%	On Target
9 School days missed	95%	Slight Concern
13 School days missed	93%	Concerns
20 School days missed	90%	Very Concerning
30 School days missed	85%	Serious Concerns

Attendance Matters — **Every student Every Day**

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years



AIM Together
Wellbeing Cafes

Listening • Connecting • Shared Meals • Support • Family

A free & welcoming space for families to drop in & unwind...



- Join us for home cooked meals & hot drink refreshments
- Get invovled in fun, creative opportunities, physical activities & play for the whole family
- Chat through life with informal Weekly Wellbeing Topics and our quiet 1:1 drop in space.

AIM CREEKMOOR
TUESDAYS | 5.00 - 6.30PM TERM TIME
Creekmoor Youth Centre, Northmead Drive, Poole, BH17 9X3

AIM KINSON TERM TIME
THURSDAYS | 4.00 - 5.30PM
East Howe Youth Centre, Kinson Road, Bournemouth, BH10 5HD

NOVEMBER

FREE

TUE 03	VEGGIE CHILLIE & RICE HOT TOPIC: SAFE COMMUNITTIES FOOTBALL IN THE HALL
THU 05	VEGGIE CHILLIE & RICE HOT TOPIC: SAFE COMMUNITTIES PAPER HOUSES & GAMES IN THE HALL
TUE 10	JACKET POTATOES HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK MONEY FAMILY QUIZ
THU 12	COOKING WORKSHOP: SAVOURY PANCAKES HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK MONEY INFORMATION STAION WITH MARTIN FROM CAN
TUE 17	COOKING WORKSHOP: SAVOURY PANCAKES HOT TOPIC: RELATIONSHIPS PUZZLE RACE
THU 19	LOADED NACHOS HOT TOPIC: RELATIONSHIPS FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS & FAMILY QUIZ
TUE 24	SPAGHETTI ARRABBIATA & GARLIC BREAD HOT TOPIC: LET'S TALK ANXIETY FAMILY BINGO & QUIZ
THU 26	SPAGHETTI ARRABBIATA & GARLIC BREAD CANCER AWARNESS TALK FROM CAN IN THE CAFE SPORT CIRCUITS & GAMES IN THE HALL

TO GET IN TOUCH EMAIL FRAN FCEO@AIMCOMMUNITY.ORG OR CALL 01202 524777

WITH THANKS TO OUR FUNDER Dorset Community Foundation

Free Parent/ Carer session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person
- Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Via Teams - There are two sessions a term and 50 spaces available for each session.

To book a place, please fill in this form and pick the session that suits you best:

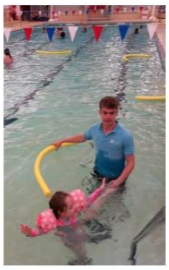
An Introduction to Autism

Please click on this Link or scan the QR code above:



Christmas Holiday Programme 2026

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



Booking closes on Wednesday 25 November

ART SPORTZ+ Dorset Council

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



SPORTZ+ XTRA DEC 26

SATURDAY SEND SESSIONS 9.30AM - 12.30 PM

5 & 12 DEC: TUMBLING & GYMNASTICS FUN

ENJOY THE TUMBLE TRACK, MONKEY BARS, AIR TRACK AND BALANCE BEAM WITH STRUCTURED AND FREE FLOW PLAY

RIVERSMEET (GILLINGHAM) GYMNASTICS
RIVERSMEET, HARDINGS LANE, GILLINGHAM, SP8 4HX

AGE GUIDE: 5 - 17 YEARS
TO BOOK EMAIL: LEISURE@DORSETCOUNCIL.GOV.UK
FOR ADDITIONAL QUERIES TEL: 01305 252250



£9.20 PER SESSION

BOOKINGS CLOSE 18 NOV 26
CONFIRMATION EMAILS 19 NOV 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

Dorset Council ART SPORTZ+

Did your child miss out on their school photography session this year?



Open to individuals, siblings, and families

All you need to bring is a smile

You will receive proofs of your images to order online

THIS WILL TAKE PLACE
ON

Thursday 10th December

Please call the Fraser Portraits office on
01202 692433 to book in!



When?

Thursday
10th December

from 3.00 pm
to 6.30 pm





Where?

LOCATION

Broadstone Methodist Church Hall
Lower Blandford Road
Broadstone BH18 8DP

LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL PTA

INVITES YOU TO

QUIZ Night

£6 PP

A GREAT NIGHT OF FUN, LAUGHS & GENERAL KNOWLEDGE!

★ ALL WELCOME ★

TEAMS UP TO 8 PEOPLE

FRIDAY
13TH NOVEMBER
6PM – 8PM

LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL
POST GREEN ROAD
BH16 6JD
GAINSFORD THEATRE

pta@lytchett.org.uk

INCLUDES:
- Quiz Entry
- Welcome Drink
- Sweet Treat

BRING YOUR OWN BOOZE!

CASH RAFFLE
HELD ON THE NIGHT!

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA PARENTPAY, BANK TRANSFER OR CASH HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE FAO: PTA Quiz Night
(include your details)

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS:
PTA LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL
20-11-43
03137090

ParentPay

★ REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING ★



LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL PTA

INVITES YOU TO

Christmas WREATH WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY
25TH NOVEMBER

6PM - 8PM

LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL
POST GREEN ROAD
BH16 6JD
ART BLOCK

pta@lytchett.org.uk

£20 pp

Includes:
- 2 hour workshop
- All materials
- Welcome drink
- Sweet Treat

To book your space, payment can be made via Parentpay.

Alternatively, you can pay via bank transfer, or any cash payments made to the school office, FAO: PTA.

**Any cash must be enclosed in a sealed envelope with your details, clearly marked PTA Wreath Workshop*

refreshments available to purchase throughout the evening

BANK DETAILS:
PTA LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL
20-11-43
03137090
Ref: WREATH WORKSHOP

LYTCHETT MINSTER

CHRISTMAS Fayre

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

11AM TIL 4PM

LYTCHETT MINSTER SCHOOL
POST GREEN ROAD, LYTCHETT MINSTER, BH16 6JD

LOCAL TRADERS | CHRISTMAS GIFTS | GRAND RAFFLE | FESTIVE TREATS | REFRESHMENTS | AND MORE!

£ FREE Entry (Donations Welcome)

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE

Everyone is Welcome!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
pta@lytchett.org.uk

HIGH 5 GYMNASTICS

AFTER-SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS
5:15PM - 6:15PM

YEARS
4 - 6

WANT TO JOIN US?

SCAN BELOW TO FIND OUT MORE & BOOK YOUR PLACE

INTERESTED? SEND US AN EMAIL!

SPACES AVAILABLE!

highfiveactivities@gmail.com | high5gymnastics_ | High 5 Gymnastics

SEND SUPPORT

Face to face support for families with children who have SEND needs – diagnosed or undiagnosed

what's on?

26th Oct - SEN Sensory Play session 2pm-3.30pm - Wareham Family Hub Booking essential. For families with children aged 1-8years, older siblings welcome.

4th Nov - Lunch for parents/carers with SEND children - 12.15pm at The United Reform Church Wareham - Booking essential

18th Nov -Parent Support Group at Wareham Family Hub 9.30am-11am No need to book!

16th Dec - Parent Support Group at Wareham Family Hub 9.30am-11am - No need to book!

22nd Dec - SEN Sensory Session Play 9.30am-11am - Wareham Family Hub - Booking essential, For families with children aged 1-8years, older siblings welcome.

Wareham Family Hub PYCF is loacted behind Purbeck School on Worgret Road, Wareham, BH20 4PH



Wareham Family Hub

01929 552 934
office@pycf.org.uk
pycf.co.uk
BH20 4PH

BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB 1935

PLAYERS WANTED

BOURNEMOUTH ELECTRIC FC U11 GIRLS

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Previous match/team football experience
- Girls currently in SCHOOL YEAR 6 (U11 for the season)
- Positive attitude & desire to learn

WHAT WE OFFER:

- High-quality coaching focused on skills
- Competitive Hampshire League football
- Welcoming, supportive squad culture

Ground Location: Bournemouth Electric Club, 1 Broadway Lane, BH8 0AA

secretary@bournemouthelectricclub.co.uk 07810823943

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!

STRICTLY STAGE
THEATRE SCHOOL



Email: hello@strictlystage.uk INSTA: @strictly_stage FB: @StrictlyStageTheatreSchool

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STARS HOLIDAY CLUB

Join us for festive fun, new friends and active adventures!

21st – 24th December & 29th – 31st December

3 VENUES

Kingsleigh Primary School | Lytchett Matravers Primary School | Bayside Academy

8AM – 4PM DAILY | £25 PER CHILD, PER DAY

WHAT'S ON?

Sports & team games | Christmas arts & crafts | Festive activities | Fun challenges

FREE HAF SPACES AT ALL 3 VENUES
Dorset HAF • Lytchett Matravers Primary School
BCP HAF • Bayside Academy and Kingsleigh Primary School

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

- 20% Stars member discount
- 20% sibling discount
- Kingsleigh Primary School pupil discount
- Lytchett Matravers Primary School pupil discount
- Bayside Academy pupil discount

Bring a packed lunch, snacks and a refillable water bottle. | We are a nut-free club.

Book through our website or via the link in our Instagram bio.
Enquiries: bookings@starscorporateltd.co.uk

SCAN TO BOOK