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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

In the coming days we will be talking to the children about Anti Bullying so they have a good understanding of what bullying is and what they need to do if they feel they are being bullied or are worried that someone else is. We explain to the children that bullying is any behaviour that is intended to hurt, intimidate, or make someone feel upset or unsafe. It can be physical, verbal, or online, and it happens repeatedly over time. It is the repeated part of bullying that is crucial to understanding its impact.

At our school, we take bullying very seriously because every child deserves to feel safe and respected. We explain to the children that if they are worried that they, or someone else, might be being bullied, they must talk to a trusted adult straight away—whether that's a teacher, a member of staff, or you at home so it can be sorted. Together, we can make sure concerns are addressed quickly and that every child feels supported.

Volunteer Opportunities

Your Schools Need you!

If you would like to volunteer in our schools or are interested in working in a school in the future, we are holding a 'Volunteer Fair' on Friday 28th November at 10.00 in the hall at the Infants. We could really do with volunteers to support child read and even to run a gardening club!

As I am sure you are aware there is a safeguarding process to go through to keep our children safe and to prevent undesirable people from coming into school. To help with the volunteering process please consider two people who could supply a reference and think through any employment history as an application form will need to be filled out. Also please bring in proof of address and ID one of which needs to be a birth certificate or a documentation supporting any name change.

Contact School

If parents or carers have concerns or worries, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance as most of the time they are best placed to deal with any issues as they know your child the best and know the class context.

Class Teachers at Upton Infant School, can be contacted via the office email address

office@uptoninf.dorset.sch.uk

Class Teachers at Upton Junior School, can be contacted via the class email address please see the link below with details .

[Year Group Pages | Upton Junior School](#)

Dog Allergies

As some of you may know, we have a support dog which visits school to help some of our children. Please inform your class teacher if your child has any allergies to dogs just so we are aware and do not put your child in a difficult position.

Vacancies

We have two vacancies currently available, please visit the school websites for more information.

❖ School Street Steward

[Staff Vacancies](#) | [Upton Junior School](#)

❖ Cleaner for the Infant School

[Job Vacancies](#) | [Upton Infants' School](#)

NSPCC

This term the schools will each be having a **NSPCC** Speak out, Stay safe assembly. Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

More information can be found at [Speak out Stay safe](#) | [NSPCC Learning](#)

A small Plea!

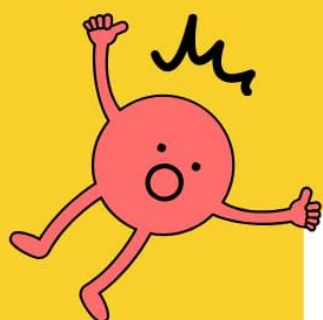
Do you have any complete puzzles (under 100 pieces) or card games you can donate to the school? If you have, please could you bring them to the School Office. We only need a small amount, so once we have received enough, we will not be able to take any more. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School

BREAK THE RULES DAY



**Friday
28th November**

1. Wear School Uniform

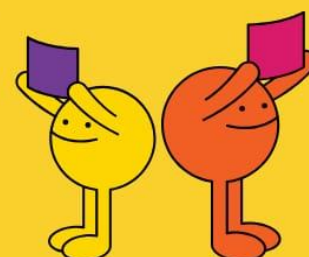
2. No fun hair styles or accessories

3. Only fruit and vegetables in your lunch box

4. No squash in your water bottle

5. No teddies in school

£1 fine per rule break



Thank you for supporting your PSFA fundraising team

BWW Coaching & Development are offering clubs this term.

For more information, please contact them directly at

bwwcoachingdevelopment@gmail.com

Upton Junior School Announcements

Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 17th & 24th November – Open afternoon at 1.30pm
- ❖ Friday 28th November - Break the Rules Day
- ❖ Friday 28th November 10am – Volunteer Fair at the Infants
- ❖ Tuesday 9th December – Christmas Concert
- ❖ Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner – please order by 1st December-details to follow.
- ❖ Thursday 18th December – Last Day of Term – return Monday 5th January 2026
- ❖ Friday 19th December – INSET day

PE Days – up until 18th December 2025

	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



- ❖ Tuesday 18th November – Pantomime in school
- ❖ Friday 21st November – Open morning 10.30 – 11.30 for new reception starters
- ❖ Friday 28th November – Break the Rules Day
- ❖ Friday 28th November 10am – Volunteer Fair being held in the Infants Hall
- ❖ Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner – please order by 1st December-details to follow
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PE Days

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

Upton in Bloom Poetry Competition



Introduction:

This is an annual competition for pupils aged 5-11 years, run by Upton in Bloom, in conjunction with Upton Infants, Upton Juniors, Lytchett and Yarrells Schools. The competition categories are year groups 1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

The aim of the competition is to help pupils appreciate the value of, and an appreciation of the environment, through a better awareness of their surroundings.

Dates:

All entries must be in by Friday 14th November to give enough time to judge.

The date set for the readings is Thursday 4th December at Lytchett Minster School, start time to be confirmed, but will be around 9.15 – 9.30. Parents are of course invited and if possible, bring their child to the event if selected.

The theme this year, due Upton Bloom partnering with Dorset Wildlife Trust, ties in with their current campaign: 'From Rivers to the Sea'. As a suggestion, the theme could be about rivers and oceans, tell the story of water as it travels from land to ocean, creatures that use both such as salmon, wherever their imagination takes them! Pupils can submit a poem or prose on anything to do with this initiative.

Format:

One side of A4 – handwritten or typed up and decorated by the pupil

Finalists:

Mr Thompson (Years 3-4 and 5-6) and Miss Hector (Years 1-2) will pick 3 children from the year groups as finalists. The poems from these children will be read out on Thursday 4th December at 9am and parents may also be asked to accompany the children. The poems read will be judged by retired teachers and an Upton in Bloom Committee member.

Marks will be awarded for quality of poetry, decoration and presentation performance.

Awards:

A trophy for each winner from each age group and book tokens for 1st 2nd and 3rd places. Certificates for all finalists.

FESTIVE CARD COMPETITION

We would love you to design the official Purple Mash Festive Card for 2025.

Just log in to Purple Mash and get started with 2Paint a Picture to design your card. Remember you can pick any painting style that you like. When you are done, save your work and submit it to the competition display board for your age group.

Everyone is welcome to enter the competition and your design can reflect whatever this time of year means to you.

Make sure you submit your work by
21st November 2025

PRIZES

The winning designs will become the official Purple Mash festive card! Plus winners will receive 50 copies of their card, a £20 voucher and a 2Simple Goody Bag.



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TAG, TOUCH & CONTACT RUGBY COACHING & GAMES

DESIGNED TO DEVELOP CORE RFU VALUES OF SPORTSMANSHIP, TEAMWORK, RESPECT, DISCIPLINE AND ENJOYMENT.

For children ages 4-13 years old.

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PER CHILD*



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WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?

It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

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

We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Bournemouth Rugby Age Group Coaches.

*School subsidy may apply.

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BUTTONS
& BOWS
EVENTS

Handmade Country Christmas Fair

Honky Tonk Collective,
Hamworthy

Saturday 22nd November
10am - 4pm

FREE ENTRY



Handmade Gifts,
Demonstrations,
Refreshments and More!



BUTTONS
& BOWS
EVENTS



Handmade Christmas Fair St Michael's Church, Hamworthy

Saturday 15th November
12.30pm-3.30pm

Craft Stalls, Workshops, Children's
Activities, Refreshments and More!

FREE ENTRY

Donation to
Forest Holme Hospice welcomed



Do you need to apply for your child's new school place?

Is your child due to leave their current school in July 2026
and transfer to the next school in September 2026?



Secondary applications - Closing date 31 October 2025

• Primary - Secondary School • Middle - Upper School

Primary applications - Closing date 15 January 2026

• Starting School • Infant - Junior School • First - Middle School



Dorset residents apply online at:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place
or call 01305 221060



Scan here



Christmas Holidays 2025

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



**Bookings close
Wednesday 26 November**



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



HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR SANDY LANE AND ADJOINING ROADS.

In the Summer of 2024 the Town Council ran a consultation about reducing the speed along Sandy Lane, Upton and adjoining roads to 20 mph. The results showed that the majority of residents who responded were in favour of such a change, and we therefore put forward a formal application to Dorset Council who manage the highway. This has now moved to stage 2 in the assessment process which is public consultation.

It's important to highlight that this consultation marks the point at which Dorset Council formally seeks public feedback on the proposed scheme. The outcome of this consultation will be a key factor in determining whether the scheme proceeds. So, if you have an opinion on the proposals, please make sure you submit your comments to Dorset Council by **7 November 2025**.

The proposal can be found on the Dorset Council website: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/review-and-comment-on-a-traffic-regulation-order. Scroll down the page to find 'The County of Dorset (Various Roads, Upton) (20mph speed limit) Order 202'. The QR code will take you to this page where you can also submit your comments. You can also feedback via the following channels:

- Email: regulation-tr@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- Post: Traffic Regulation Team, Dorset Council, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ



Lytchett Minster & Upton Town Council

SCAN ME!



FREE
HAF
SPACES

Winter

in Dorset

10am – 3pm

ONLY £30 (Includes a hot lunch)

22nd DECEMBER at Colehill Village Hall

23rd DECEMBER at Blandford Scouts Hut



Christmas Fun Day, Filled with Festive Activities including making your own Christmas crackers, sewing puppets, lots of fun games, multi sports like Archery, Axe Throwing, Dodgeball and so much more!
Everyone will receive a Total Sports bag to take home your goodies!



29th DECEMBER at Spetisbury School

30th DECEMBER at Lytchett Primary School

2nd JANUARY at Colehill Village Hall



Indoor Football Camp, a day full of FOOTBALL FUN!

Practice and learn new skills, play many games and Tournaments!
Everyone will receive a Medal and lots of awards will be handed out



Contact Total Sports to book a space

email totalsportsdorset@gmail.com

message us on 07795258274

Facebook: [KevinSmithTotalSports](#)

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Artz+ Sportz+

Holiday programme for children aged
5-17 years who require additional support

Christmas Holidays 2025



- Pantomime fun and laughter
- Climbing and bouldering for TEENZ
- Crafts and Action Van antics
- Sensory and swim session
- Special family Christmas event at Monkey World

View the full programme [here](#) or visit:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz

Sign up to our mailing list:
leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

or follow us on [facebook](#)



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TURLIN MOOR

JUNIOR FUN CLUB

Weekly Youth Sessions

WHEN: **MONDAY'S**
(Term Time Only)

TIME : **4:30 PM - 6 PM**

VENUE : **St Gabriel's Church**
Keysworth Road,
Turlin Moor, BH16 5BH

SIGN UP

Please contact our Senior Young People's Worker **07752 758 678** or message on Facebook / Instagram - **@PCTYouthOffer**

£1 ENTRY

YEARS 5, 6 & 7

Table Top Games
Crafts
Air Hockey
Pool Table
Team Games
Themed Nights
& more

**COMPLETED
CONSENT
FORMS
REQUIRED**

LIMITED SPACES

Turlin Moor Recreation Ground

November Programme



Meeting point: the old boat yard on the beach (access from Egmont Road).

Community Litter Pick

Sun 2 Nov | 11am - 12pm

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



Volunteering

Trees and Fungi - Autumn Nature Walk

Tues 18 Nov | 9.30am - 12pm

Take a gentle nature walk around the park. We'll enjoy the autumn colours, the shapes of the trees, and we'll look out for mushrooms.

We'll also delve into the world of magical mycelium (fungi underground), learning about these hidden wonders.



Free event

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

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STARS HOLIDAY CLUB

Festive Fun Extravaganza

7 Days of Christmas Childcare
 Week 1 - Mon 22nd Dec, Tues 23rd Dec, Weds 24th Dec
 Week 2 - Mon 29th Dec, Tues 30th Dec, Weds 31st Dec, Fri 2nd Jan

FREE HAF SPACES AVAILABLE

3 VENUES -
 Lytchett Minster School, BH16 6JD
 Kingsleigh Primary School, BH10 5HT
 Bayside Academy, BH16 5AH

Discounts Available-
 25% Sibling Discount, 25% KPS Discount,
 25% Bayside Discount, 25% Stars Members Discount

CONTACT KIRSTY TO BOOK - kirsty@starscorporatelted.co.uk

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STARS HOLIDAY CLUB

Day	9:30 - 10:45	11:00 - 12:30	1:00 - 3:00
Monday 22 nd December	Football Skills & Mini Matches	Arts & Crafts (festive-themed)	Just Dance / Dance Off
Tuesday 23 rd December	Basketball & Mini Hoop Games	Inflatable Fun	Didicars & Relay Races
Wednesday 24 th December	Tennis Skills & Mini Matches	Dodgeball Fun	Inflatable & DidiCar Fun

Day	9:30 - 10:45	11:00 - 12:30	1:00 - 3:00
Monday 29 th December	Arts & Crafts	Football Skills & Drills	Inflatable Fun
Tuesday 30 th December	Dodgeball Fun	Gymnastics / Mat Circuits	Basketball Mini Games
Wednesday 31 st December	Team Challenge Games	Inflatable Fun	Arts & Crafts (new year-themed)
Friday 2 nd January	Inflatable & DidiCar Fun	Tennis Skills & Mini Matches	Dodgeball / Tag Games

ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND MAY VARY DUE TO WEATHER OR CIRCUMSTANCES OUT OF OUR CONTROL