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The Upton Schools Newsletter

16th May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to start off this newsletter by saying how proud we have been this week of our year six children. They have conducted themselves fantastically during the SATS this week showing huge amounts of resilience and determination to do their best. It is during weeks like this that the whole staff team show just how flexible and mindful of each child's wellbeing they are as they come together to support the children, thank you to them all.

In the Infants this week we have made some adaption to the morning fun run to support the children's multi-sensory processing. Once the run has finished the children are doing an 'organising' activity which is marching slowly towards their classroom touching their opposite hand to opposite knee which we are calling a 'smart march.' On entry to the classrooms the children are then doing a 'calming' activity which is the teacher leading the children in breathing in deeply as they move their pointing finger up and the exhaling as they move their finger down the fingers of their other hand. The calming activity is a great one to try at home as it can calm children during moments of stress and when they get a little too..energised!

In our last newsletter I wrote to you to explain how we have expanded our school rule of Be Ready so the children across both schools are clear on what this looks like. This will be a central part in our strategy to ensure that all children are engaged in learning at all times. The strategies in this are based on educational research to maximise attention and engagement in our classrooms. Next week we will be talking to the children about this, showing them what this looks like and practising it. The poster below will be appearing around the schools.



As we move towards the end of term it is my sad duty to inform you that some teachers at the Junior school will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mr Long has got a new teaching post working at St.Peter's School in Bournemouth, Miss Old is exploring other opportunities in the educational sector, Mrs Bennett is taking some time out of teaching after her recent marriage and Miss Mauri will be moving to teach in Italy. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and wishing them well for the future.

Cars and Parking

At the infants we have a number of parents who are driving and parking without due regard to children or other adults in the car park. Recently there has been a couple of near misses where a child has narrowly avoided being hit by a driver who was not looking. Parents who have a pass are the only people who should be using the car park and please make sure you drive with extreme caution, at all times, when in the school grounds.

There has been an increase in parents driving up and turning around in St. Martin's Road when dropping children off at the Junior School. This road is still closed despite it being unmanned and will be patrolled. I urge all parents and carers to put the safety of the children first and avoid driving up the road, if we remember a number of years ago a child was hit which prompted the road closure.

Leave earlier, drive carefully and keep everyone safe.

Sports Day

Our sports day will be held at Upton rec on the following dates;

- ❖ Juniors: Friday 6th June 9.30-11.30
- ❖ Honeybees: Wednesday 18th June 1.30-2.30
- ❖ Infants: Thursday 19th June 9.30-11.30

Please come along and support if you can.

Hamwic Foundation

- ❖ Dress down day-Friday 23rd May for both schools.

Please remember to send your child in with suncream on or in their school bag along with a hat labelled with their name.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher

As part of our safeguarding assemblies this week, we have been focusing on PANTS – here is a link from the NSPCC giving you more information.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>



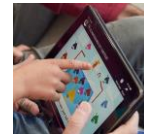
What are the PANTS rules?	
Privates are private	+
Always remember your body belongs to you	+
No means no	+
Talk about secrets that upset you	+
Speak up, someone can help	+

Here are some useful links from the NSPCC:

Parental Controls on Devices & Apps

How to apply parental controls to apps and devices for your children

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



Texting Dictionary

Stay on top of the words children use online

[Texting Dictionary - terms used by children online | Internet Matters](#)



Social Media platforms guide

Stay informed about the latest social media platforms children are using and learn how to help them navigate these spaces safely.

[Social media apps and platforms safety guide | Internet Matters](#)



Violent and online groups operate virtually in very accessible online spaces such as social media platforms, applications (apps) and online games such as

Discord, Telegram, Roblox, Minecraft, Twitch, Steam, etc.



VE/VJ Parade Saturday 14th June



Would you like to join Upton Infant and Upton Junior School in the walking parade from the community centre carpark to the recreation ground on Saturday 14th June. We will be meeting at 12-12:15pm at Upton Community Centre and the walk will start at 12:30pm prompt arriving at the recreation ground by 1pm.

Children will need to be accompanied by an adult and it would be lovely if they could wear war themed fancy dress or anything red, white or blue (and adults too if they wish). The event will end in a parade around the event space on the recreation ground, with every child receiving a medal for participating. Children and parents are welcome to stay, bring a picnic and enjoy the entertainment provided, which will finish at 5pm. There will only be 50 places available per school, a permission slip will be sent out via MCAS (Bromcom) and places will be issued on a first come first serve basis.

Upton Junior School Announcements



We are all so excited for Miss Dixon as she begins a wonderful new chapter—welcoming a baby into the world! While we'll miss her bright smile, kindness, and the energy she brings to Upton Junior School, we know this is a truly special time in her life. Her dedication and care have made a lasting impact on our school community, and Year 5, including breakfast and after school club, we will certainly miss her warmth and encouragement. We wish her all the love, joy, and rest she can get as she embarks on this new journey.

Goodbye for now, Miss Dixon—and congratulations! We can't wait for baby news!

In History, Year 5 are studying the Ancient Greeks. Part of this is our Greek dance - which we have been doing interpretive dance after choosing one of the Greek Gods (Such as Ares, Apollo and Artemis).



Upton Junior School Announcements



Upton Juniors lost property that is located in the green storage unit in the playground will now be emptied and recycled on Friday 16th May. All lost property that has been collected since September 2024 will now be moved to this location.



Tuesdays and Thursdays - Year 6 will hold an ice-cream sale 3.15 – 3.30



Due to the year 2 music workshop, there will be no toast on Monday 19th May.



Our current vacancies can be viewed at :

<https://www.uptonjun.dorset.sch.uk/staff-vacancies/>

Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 19th May – Year 2 transition music event
- ❖ Wednesday 21st – 22nd May – Dogs Trust Workshop Yrs 3 and 4
- ❖ Friday 23rd May – HAMWIC Foundation dress down day for both schools
- ❖ Monday 26th – 30th May – Half Term

- ❖ Hooke Court Residential Yr 6 – Final instalment is due on 31st May 2025, and all instalments must be paid to ensure your child's place.

- ❖ Monday 2nd June – Inset Day
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd June – Students return to school
- ❖ Wednesday 4th June – Year 5 Sealife Centre School Trip
- ❖ Friday 6th June – Upton Junior School Sports Day – parents to arrive at the rec from 9.30am
- ❖ Thursday 12th & Friday 13th June – Sailing course for Year 5 & 6
- ❖ Monday 9th – 19th June – Year 6 Bikeability
- ❖ Thursday 26th June – PSFA Summer Fayre 3.15 – 5pm



Rhythm Mix Dance Academy's Annual Show

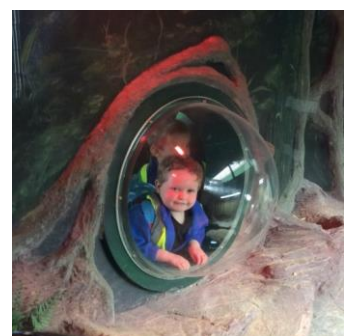
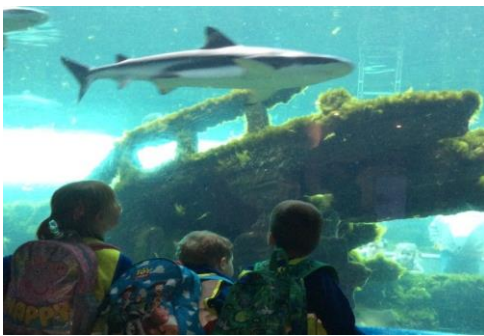
At the weekend, Mrs Perry's dance school had their annual show. The children had so much fun and were amazing both on and off the stage.

Rhythm Mix runs dance classes from aged 3+ years at Upton Community Centre every Wednesday. Check out their website for more details – www.rhythmmixdance.co.uk

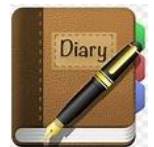
Upton Infant School Announcements

Our Reception children started their 'Amazing Animals' topic in style with an exciting and informative visit to The Oceanarium in Bournemouth. We are so proud of the fantastic way they represented the school. Everyone had a brilliant time!

Thank you to our wonderful helpers for supporting us and allowing us to be able to go.



Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 19th May – Year 2 transition music event being held at the Juniors
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- ❖ Monday 26th – 30th May – Half Term
- ❖ Monday 2nd June – Inset Day
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd June – Students return to school
- ❖ Tuesday 10th June – Hive school trip to Sealife Centre
- ❖ Thursday 19th June – Upton Infant School Sports Day – more information to follow

Our official Summer Concert poster is here!
Letters with all the details, including ticket purchase information, will be sent out soon, so keep an eye out! 📧





All about
the child

The Hamwic Foundation
Supporting our children
and families that need us most.



Who we are

The Hamwic Education Trust Foundation has been established to provide support for our pupils and families that need us most.

What We Do

Supporting our pupils is our priority.
We will aim to deliver this by supporting basic needs, boosting confidence, learning and self-esteem.
In addition, the Foundation provides Christmas Eve Boxes for these pupils.

How we support

Examples of where the Foundation can support are as follows:

- Items to support basic needs
- Residential trips, after school clubs
- Music lessons or other extra-curricular activities

Non-school uniform days

You can donate to the Foundation by taking part in our non-school uniform day which will help raise money for the Foundation

We need your help

To support the Foundation, please get in touch by emailing donations@hamwic.org or calling us on 023 8078 6833.

We are also on Just Giving – please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hamwic-education>

Thank you



COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!

**FAMILY
ACTIVITY
DAY**
Short Breaks Live 25

Monday 26th May
10am – 2pm
The Treehouse, Hurn, BH23 6DT

In partnership Diverse Abilities, Artz+ Sportz+ and Activate will be holding an amazing family day for children (under 18 years old) with disabilities and their siblings, with access to:

- Dance Workshop
- Interactive Theatre Show
- Archery, boccia and games
- Forest School Activity
- Trampolines & Bouncy Castle
- Indoor Soft Play
- Outdoor Play Area
- Water Play Area
- Mini Golf
- And much more!

FREE - No booking required
New & existing families welcome

Bring your own folding chairs, blankets and picnic, refreshments available

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CARERS WHO MAY HAVE A BUSINESS
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SUMMER
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**SUMMER
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26th of June

3.15-5PM

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All disabilities accepted including children awaiting diagnosis.

1:1 support for children available.

Siblings welcome too.

Join us for May Half Term artz and sportz fun....



Photo credit: Jayne Jackson

Full details of our latest holiday activities can be
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dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz

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Our one-week inclusive, supportive, and vibrant Creative Arts Summer School courses allow young artists to set their imaginations free and find their creative voices. Plus, they'll make friends and have fun along the way, too!

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Led by AUB's expert tutors, your young artists will learn in an encouraging environment where there's no right or wrong way to be creative. Each year we're thrilled to welcome both new and returning youngsters to study at AUB. Any returning artists can expect new and exciting projects to get stuck into!

ART EXPLORERS (7-9YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025 | 18–22 August 2025

This vibrant course encourages young artists to experiment and explore their creativity. They'll undertake a captivating series of activities designed to unleash their imagination and increase confidence. This course runs twice in the summer.

CREATIVE ARTISTS (10-12YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025 | 18–22 August 2025

This exciting course encourages young artists to be curious, playful, and unleash their creative voice. They'll conquer a variety of artistic mediums and learn a wealth of new skills that will untap their potential talent. This course runs twice in the summer.

CREATIVE VIDEO AND VFX – SUMMER FEATURE FILM (12-15YRS)

18–22 August 2025

This high-tech course is for budding video makers to learn the techniques used by filmmakers, show runners, video artists and YouTubers. They'll become junior directors, actors, and editors to produce incredible short films.

FINE ART FESTIVAL (12-15YRS)

28 July – 1 August 2025

This action-packed course allows aspiring artists to immerse themselves in the world of fine art. Along the way they'll explore both traditional and contemporary ways of making, using a range of materials.

SPECIAL FX AND CHARACTER MAKE-UP (12-15YRS)

18–22 August 2025

This highly practical and creative course is perfect for creative make-up enthusiasts that want to explore and experiment with special effects make-up and imaginative styles for performance, film, television, and theatre.

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28 July – 1 August 2025

This exciting hands-on course provides aspiring designers with a fun, immersive, and engaging opportunity to set their imaginations free. It's ideal for aspiring fashion designers who wish to understand and practice fashion design, styling, and take real-life concepts through to creation.

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Dorset Music Service, part of Octagon Music Hub, work hard to ensure that all children and young people in Dorset and Somerset can learn and benefit from music that matches their needs and interests.

Did you know we directly hire a wide range of instruments to young people at a low cost? You can hire instruments from just £63 per year, with **funding support available** to cover up to 100% of the cost for eligible pupils. We arrange collections by appointment from our Blandford office. Other collection locations can be organised at special request. Instruments are hired out on an annual basis from the month of hire.

All our instruments are in top condition as our specialist technician ensures they are well maintained. Please visit www.dorsetandsomersetmusicclub.org.uk and navigate to Parents and Carers, then Instrumental Learning, then Instrument Hire for all the info you need about hiring and help with fees.

Terms apply and all loans are subject to a Loan Agreement. If you have any questions please email dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Instruments include;

Viola, Violin, Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Cello, Double Bass
French Horn, Tenor Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, Baritone Horn, Tuba, Bass Trombone, Cornet
Alto Saxophone, Clarinet, Flute, Euphonium, Oboe, Piccolo, Specialist Clarinet, Bassoon, Specialist Saxophone

Instrument Hire to Young People



- Did you know Dorset Music Service directly hire a wide range of instruments to children and young people at a low cost? .
- Prices start from as little as £63 per year, dependant on the instrument.
- Funding support is available to cover up to 100% of the cost for eligible pupils
- You can collect/return by appointment from our Blandford office.
- All instruments are in top condition as our specialist technician ensures they are well maintained.
- Hire is on an annual basis from the month of hire.
- For questions email dorsetmusicservice@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk
- You can request an instrument online via our website;

www.dorsetandsomersetmusicclub.org.uk
Navigate to Parents and Carers/Instrumental Learning

Viola	French Horn	Alto Saxophone
Violin	Tenor Horn	Clarinet
Classical Guitar	Trombone	Flute
Electric Guitar	Trumpet	Euphonium
Bass Guitar	Baritone Horn	Oboe
Cello	Tuba	Piccolo
Double Bass	Bass Trombone	Specialist Clarinet
	Cornet	Bassoon
		Specialist Saxophone



Instrument sizing - a rough guide

Violin and Viola	Instrument Size	Arm measurement	Age of child
How to measure... With your child's arm fully extended and out in front of them, measure in centimetres from the neck to the middle of the palm.	1/4 size violin	47-51cm	6 to 7
	1/2 size violin	52-56cm	7 to 8
	3/4 size violin	57-60cm	9 to 11
	Full size violin	More than 60cm	11 plus
	14" Viola	59-63cm	N/A

Classical Guitar	Size of instrument	Height of child	Age of child
	1/4 size guitar	3'3" to 3'9"	4 to 6
	1/2 size guitar	3'10" to 4'5"	5 to 8
	3/4 size guitar	4'6" to 4'11"	8 to 11
	Full size guitar	5' and over	11 and over

Cello and Double Bass	Size of instrument	Age of child
	1/4 size cello	6 to 8
	1/2 size cello	8 to 10
	3/4 size cello	10 to 12
	1/4 size double bass	7 to 9
	1/2 size double bass	9 to 13

Terms and Conditions of hire:

- Instruments are hired out on an annual basis from the month of hire. Refunds are not applicable where an instrument is returned prior to the end of the hire period.
- Instruments must be collected and returned to our Blandford office at the start and end of your hire period.
- Replacement of strings and reeds are the responsibility of the hirer.
- All instruments must be returned in the same condition they were issued in.
- We strongly recommend that you insure the instruments through your household insurance to cover any loss or damage incurred.