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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and you were able to spend some time together as families. It's been so nice to see the children back in school and I can't believe we are already in the summer term, where has this year gone?! We are in the process of planning transition events for our new reception children, our new year threes and of course year six.

Logo Competition

We have had some great entries already for the competition to design our new 'Upton Schools' logo. There is still plenty of time for children to enter and leave a lasting legacy at school.

Quick reminder – Upton Schools Logo Competition

Deadline: 1st May

Designs should be on A4 paper

Please put your child's name and class on the back

Hand entries into your child's school office

We can't wait to see all the brilliant ideas!

Summer term reminders

Hopefully with warmer days on the way here are a few reminders on how to help the children be ready for some sun (and the usual surprises from the English weather!):

- ✓ Please apply sun cream at home in the morning as staff cannot do this during the day
- ✓ Make sure children bring a water bottle every day
- ✓ And just in case... coats still needed!

PE Uniform

A reminder about our PE uniform as we are seeing lots of children arrive at school in football kits.

- PE t-shirt with school logo or plain red, blue or yellow t-shirt
- Plain black/navy jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings
- Plain black/navy sweatshirt/hoody
- Black trainers

Thanks as always for your support — here's to a fun and busy summer term ahead!

Best Wishes

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 22nd April – Yr 5 Upton Heath Trip
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd April – Year 4 swimming – group 1 (for 5 weeks)
- ❖ Thursday 23rd April – Rugby Tournament
- ❖ Wednesday 29th April – Recording studio trip
- ❖ Friday 1st May – SEND bowling trip
- ❖ Week commencing 11th May – Year 6 SATS
- ❖ Friday 15th May – Hamwic non uniform day
- ❖ Monday 18th May – Year 5 Sealife Centre trip
- ❖ Monday 18th – Wed 20th May – Year 3 Art trip to Upton Park
- ❖ Tuesday 19th May – BSO Lighthouse trip

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – Inset days
Children return on Thursday 3rd September.

	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

- ❖ Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th April – Reception Trip to the Oceanarium
- ❖ Friday 1st May – SEND bowling trip
- ❖ Tuesday 5th May – Heights and Weights (Reception only)
- ❖ Friday 8th May – Year 2 trip to Lighthouse
- ❖ Friday 15th May – Hamwic non uniform day

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PE Days

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

From Lytchett Minster and Upton Town Council...

SAVE THE DATE!



This year's
Picnic in the Park
is on...



**SATURDAY 27TH
JUNE**

Stay tuned for more updates!



May Half Term Activities 2026

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



**Booking closes on
Wednesday 6 May**

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



Upton
Country Park

ALIEN DESIGN COMPETITION

Open to all
ages, groups
and
individuals

COMPETITION RULES

Help Upton Country Park design their Halloween 2026 Trail characters. We are looking for unique and creative alien designs for our four alien characters- Astra, Estelle, Izar and Dara. Design just one or all four with the winning designs chosen by the Upton Country Park Team and used in our Halloween 2026 trail out in the Country Park!

Submissions to be returned no
later than

JULY 17 2026



For completed submissions please email these to uptoncountrypark@bcpcouncil.gov.uk or post them to The Visitor Services Team at Upton Country Park, Poole Road, Poole BH17 7BJ



FREE ENTRY

Donation to
Forest Holme Hospice welcomed

Handmade Spring Fair

St Michael's Church, Hamworthy

Saturday 25th April
12.30pm - 3.30pm

Craft Supplies, Handmade Gifts,
Refreshments and More!

BUTTONS
& BOWS



More info



Turlin Moor Recreation Ground

What's on in April

Meeting point: outside the playpark at Foreland Road (BH16 5AT)



Community Litter Pick

Sun 12 April | 11am - 12pm

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



Volunteering

Scan for park
information,
including
accessibility



Wild Wellness Wander

Tues 14 & 28 April | 10am - 11am

Join us for a relaxing walk (approx. 1km) around Turlin Moor, getting out in the fresh air and taking in the wildlife and beautiful surroundings.



Activity for adults.

Free event

Community Growing Space Tidy Up

Sat 25 April | 10am - 12pm

Come and join us in giving the community growing space a tidy up ready for spring.

We will be clearing the raised beds and litter picking.



Volunteering

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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Dawn Chorus Walk

Sat 2 May | 6.30am - 7.30am

Rise early to experience the best show of the season - Turlin Moor offers the chance of spotting birds of prey, some lovely waterfowl, and a whole range of singing birds.

Meet outside the playpark at Foreland Road (BH16 5AT)



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LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

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Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
BH16 6JD

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Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May

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Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

BOOKINGS AND SPECIAL OFFERS:
<https://aspirelifespports.magicbooking.co.uk>

COST:
£24 per child
1 x Sibling 25% off



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A fun and energetic Football Holiday Club for children of all abilities!

- ✓ Skills, games and matches
- ✓ Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Safe and supportive environment

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FREE!



Saturday 9th May
@ Thomas Hardy School
10am – 3pm

**A day of music, drama and dance performances
and workshops for all the family.**

Performances by orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)

"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions

Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

music.wessex.ac



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