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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class lists for September will be shared with parents on **Thursday 25th June**, ahead of our transfer day on **Friday 26th June**. We know how important this information is for families, and we want to reassure you that a great deal of time, thought and professional discussion goes into creating our classes. We carefully consider a wide range of factors to ensure the best possible mix for every child, academically, socially and emotionally so that all pupils are set up to thrive. We ask parents to support us by speaking positively about the class lists, helping your child feel confident and excited about their new class, as your encouragement plays a vital role in ensuring a smooth and happy transition for everyone. On transfer day itself, the school day will begin as normal for children in Reception through to Year 5, before they spend time getting to know their new class and teacher.

Teacher Placements for 2026/27

Reception	Mrs Baker	Mrs Gdesis and Mrs Edge (Thursday)	Mrs Thow and Mrs Perryman (Th&Fr)
Year One	Miss Allen	Miss Gibbons	Mrs Elliott and Mrs Edge (Friday)
Year Two	Mrs Best and Mrs James (Monday)	Miss Sadler	Mrs Davies
Year Three	Miss Wigger	Mrs Stacey	TBC (M,T,W) Mrs Gherardi (W, Th, Fr)
Year Four	Miss Almond	Mrs Sales	Mrs Saunders (M,T,W) and Mrs Blanch (W,Th,Fr)
Year Five	Mrs Solomon	Miss Cole	Miss Hicks
Year Six	Miss Verran	Mrs Ramsden (M,T,W) and Mrs Williamson (Th,Fr)	Mrs Johnson

New Members of Staff

Mrs Johnson has been appointed and will be joining us in September and will be attending transfer day. Mrs Sales has been appointed and will be teaching in year four until Mrs Perry returns from maternity leave. Both are experienced teachers.

Unfortunately, Mrs Sales is not able to join us for transfer day, but she will be coming to meet her new class on Thursday 25th June. We are currently in the recruitment process to fill the vacancy created by Miss Tinsley leaving in year three. However, transfer day being a Friday Mrs Gherardi will be teaching. Once this process has been completed, we will create an opportunity for the new member of staff to meet the children.

Snacks at Upton Junior School

Due to a number of allergies, please can parents be mindful around the snacks children are sent into school with. If parents could avoid egg that would be greatly appreciated. We remain a nut free school which includes products that contain nuts.

Disco

A huge thank you for supporting the recent Discos we had at the schools. We raised a staggering **£1,920** between the two schools which will go towards us purchasing a new minibus. Thank you too for the staff, PSFA and of course our DJ for supporting us.



If any parents have a business and would like to provide prizes for our Summer Raffle, could you please contact Sarah Heaton on: heatonsarah@hotmail.com or drop any prizes directly to the school office, by Friday 10th July.
Thank you for your support.

Minibus

We are putting our minibus up for sale if you are interested please email the school office at **office@uptonjun.dorset.sch.uk**

Fidget Toys

From tomorrow, we kindly request that no fidget toys are brought into school unless prior agreement has been made with the class teacher. Recently, a wide range of items—both large and small—have been brought in, many of which are becoming damaged, misplaced, or used inappropriately during playtimes and lessons, leading to unnecessary distractions in class. Children have also been trading these causing fall outs and upsets.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused and effective learning environment.

Pencil Cases

We kindly ask that, in September, children at the Junior School are provided with a clear plastic pencil case. This change is being introduced to support the development of responsibility and independence, as children will be able to organise, access, and manage their own equipment more effectively. In addition, we are phasing out the use of smart sacks, as these have become costly to maintain and are not proving durable over time. A simple, clear pencil case will ensure consistency across the school and help create a more practical and sustainable approach to storing classroom essentials.

We will be providing all the necessary equipment and we will be providing pencil cases for children in receipt of the pupil premium. The pencil cases need to be plain and clean with no branding or patterns and be no bigger than twenty centimetres in length. They can be brought from Amazon, most large supermarkets and stationaries.

Thank you for your support with this change.

Example:



Parking

Please can parents be mindful when leaving the car park at the infants as we have had some reports of parents driving far too fast down Guest Road. Also, please do not park in Guest Road as some of neighbours have been blocked in. Lastly, remember that St. Martin's Road is shut to cars during school pick up and drop off times.

Hot Weather

Due to the hot temperatures next week, please send children into school in PE kit to help keep them cool. Also please make sure children bring in a filled water bottle and have sun cream applied before school. **Please can all Year 6's wear their school uniform on Monday 22nd June due to the leavers photos.**

Best wishes

Duncan Churchill

Executive Head Teacher

Upton Infant and Junior School

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ Monday 22nd June – Year 6 Leavers Photos
- ❖ Thursday 25th June – 5.30pm meeting for new Yr 3 parents held at the Juniors
- ❖ Friday 26th June – Transfer Day
- ❖ **Monday 29th June – Inset Day**
- ❖ Tuesday 7th July – Year 6 Production – for Year 6 parents/carers only.
- ❖ Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Hooke Court Residential Trip
- ❖ Wednesday 15th July –Yr 4 Swimming - Extra date added

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

PE Days

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday			PE	
Tuesday	PE			PE
Wednesday		PE	PE	
Thursday				PE
Friday	PE	PE		

Upton Infant School Announcements



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- ❖ Monday 13th July – Yr 1 Sealife Centre School Trip

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PE Days

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

FREE!

TASTER SWIMMING LESSONS

Tuesday 23rd June
16:00 & 16:15
Suitable for 3 years +
Places limited, contact reception on
01929 5000000 to book your place

Purbeck
Sports Centre



Friends of Wimborne
Library
invite you to a talk



How DO they do it?

A talk about Brownsea Open Air Theatre
for the whole family,
with audience participation!

With Eileen Rawlings

Saturday 18th July, at 2.30 pm
in Wimborne Library

Tickets £5, members free,
Accompanied children welcome.
Please book (adults *and* children)
in advance at the Library

Summer Holiday Activities 2026

TEENZ

Look out for
'TeenZ' events
specifically for
children aged 10+

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



Booking closes on
Wednesday 1 July

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



LYTCHETT MINSTER SUMMER FAYRE 2026

All funds raised support
students of
Lytchett Minster
School

FOOD & DRINK	STALLS	INFLATABLES	LIVE MUSIC & MUCH MORE!
- Food & Drink - Stalls - Licensed Bar - Raffle	- Inflatables - Face Painting - Craft Workshop - Games & Fun	- Live Music & Much More!	

SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026 | **10AM TO 5PM**

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POST GREEN ROAD BH16 6JD

pta@lytchett.org.uk

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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 Theatre School has been successfully running in schools in the Dorset area since 2002.

Strictly Stage is a Performing Arts School, based on dance (Commercial, Cabaret, Ballet, Tap & Modern, Hip-Hop and much more), 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 Wicked, Aladdin, Shrek, Bat out of Hell, Matilda etc.

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

Classes available for ages 18 months+ both boys and girls. Prices start at just £6.50 per session which is payable per half term.

Email: hello@strictlystage.uk INSTA: [@strictly_stage](https://www.instagram.com/strictly_stage) FB: [@StrictlyStageTheatreSchool](https://www.facebook.com/StrictlyStageTheatreSchool)

TICKETS!

FROM
£23.10

BEYOND BROADWAY

Saturday 25th July 2026 2pm & 7pm

The Lighthouse Theatre, Poole

Access tickets via the
LIGHTHOUSE WEBSITE!

Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a sticker booklet. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer and can join in with library events, collecting special stickers along the way.

Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have collected 6 stickers, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

Read to the Beat starts Saturday 4 July



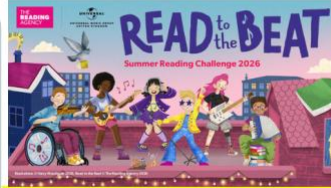
The Summer Reading Challenge website will be having a Read to the Beat makeover - take a look at the [webpages](#) from early July. It will be full of book recommendations, games, quizzes and fun things for children to explore.



Culture Quest

Over the summer holidays, The Arts Development Company will be running Culture Quest. Through a Culture Passport, children will be encouraged to explore Dorset's rich creative offer trying new activities, and discovering new interests.

Children can pick up their passports from their local library from 24 July.



2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat, celebrates the joy of reading through music, rhythm and performance. Through vibrant illustrations, fun rewards and free library activities inspired by music and sound, Read to the Beat invites children to discover how stories and music connect, while enjoying their local library and sharing the experience with family and friends.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a free holiday activity for children, and a key moment for the National Year of Reading. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence.

Library events

Libraries will have free events planned throughout the summer holidays for children to join in with. Keep checking our [What's On](#) webpages as more events are listed all the time.

Look out for some special events delivered by Dorset Music Service in Dorset libraries.



The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries.

Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire, Connect and Enable** our communities



WETSIDE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 20TH JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 27th July - Thursday 30th July
Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August
Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August
£28.80
Suitable for ages 3yrs +

8:45-9:15 - Early Steps 1
9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 1
8:45-9:15 - Early Steps 2 -
Must be able to swim 15m unaided front & back
9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 3 -
Must be able to swim 25m unaided front & back.

Stroke Technique Workshop

Monday 27th July - Wednesday 29th July
Monday 10th August - Wednesday 12th August
Monday 24th August - Wednesday 26th August
8.45-9.30
£32.40

Master all 4 strokes in one workshop!
Improve your technique in front crawl, back crawl, breaststroke & butterfly. Join our 3 day workshop and refine techniques and build confidence.
Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.

Private Swimming Lessons

Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
1:1 - per 30 minute session £21.00
1:2 - per 30 minute session £23.10
Sessions available 8:45-9:15 & 9:15-9:45

Ideal for those wanting to build confidence, refine stroke technique or water skills.

Pool Inflatable Swim Sessions

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 13:30-14:30
Saturdays - 14:45-15:45

BRAND NEW inflatable for summer 2026!
Jump, climb and slide your way to the end of the 15m floating whirligig obstacle course.

£5.50 per person

Diving & Turns Workshop

Monday 3rd August & Tuesday 4th August
9:00-9:45
£21.60

Turn quicker. Dive stronger. Swim faster. Join our Diving & Turns Workshop and elevate your ability to the next level. Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.

Waterpolo

Thursday 6th August
9:00-10:00
£14.40

Ready to try something new in the pool? Learn the basics of water polo workshop. Dive in and experience the action. Swimmers must be able to swim 25m competently to take part.



Parent & Baby Swimming Lessons

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August
10.15-10.45
0-36 months
£20.40

Join our Parent & Baby Swimming Lessons and build water confidence from an early age. Gentle, fun sessions designed to strengthen your bond while helping your baby learn essential water skills in a safe, warm environment.



DRYSIDE ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 20TH JULY - SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST 2026

Junior Hiit

Wednesdays
9:00-9:45am
22nd July, 29th July, 5th August,
12th August, 19th August, 26th August
£5.60 per person
Suitable for ages 12-15 years

NEW!

Junior Functional Training

Mondays & Thursdays
20th July, 23rd July,
3rd August, 6th August, 13th August,
16:30-17:15
£5.60
Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Laser Tag

Thursday 23rd July - 10:30-11:30
Tuesday 28th July - 12:30-13:30
Thursday 6th August - 10:30-11:30
Thursday 13th August - 12:30-13:30
Tuesday 18th August - 9:30-10:30
Friday 28th August - 10:30-11:30

£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Nerf Gun Fun

Thursday 23rd July - 11:45-12:45
Tuesday 28th July - 13:45-14:45
Thursday 6th August - 11:45-12:45
Thursday 13th August - 13:45-14:45
Tuesday 18th August - 10:45-11:45
Friday 28th August - 11:45-12:45

£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Archery

Friday 21st August
10:30-12:00 & 13:30-15:00
£14.55
Suitable for ages 8yrs+ including adults

Bouncy Castle Fun

Wednesdays
22nd July, 29th July, 5th August,
12th August, 19th August, 26th August
9:30-10:30am - 3-7 years
10:45-11:45am - 8-12 years
£4.59 per person

Activezone Multi-Sports

Tuesday 28th July - 9:30-12:30
Friday 7th August - 9:30-12:30
Wednesday 12th August - 13:00-16:00
Tuesday 18th August - 13:00-16:00
Thursday 27th August - 13:00-16:00

Suitable for ages 7-12 yrs
£15

Tennis

Thursday 23rd July - 9:30-12:30
Wednesday 29th July - 14:00-17:00
Wednesday 5th August - 14:00-17:00
Tuesday 11th August - 9:30-12:30

4-14yrs
£17.50
Book directly with Neil Darragh
ndarraghtennis@gmail.com

Football Fun Day

Thursday 30th July,
Tuesday 4th August, Thursday 6th August,
Tuesday 11th August, Thursday 20th August
Tuesday 25th August, Thursday 27th August
9:00-15:00 - 6-16 years
£25
Book directly with Aaron - 07875 108666

Coach Tarbs

Friday 14th August, Wednesday 19th August
Friday 21st August, Wednesday 26th August
9:00-15:00
6-13 yrs
£30
Book directly - coachtarbs@gmail.com



Pickleball

Tuesdays 4th August, 11th August,
18th August, 25th August
16:00-17:00
Suitable for ages 7-12 years
£8.80

NEW!

Terms and Conditions

- Payment must be made at the time of booking.
- Sessions are subject to cancellation if minimum numbers are not met.
- Instructors subject to change based on availability.

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
28 - 30 JULY	4 - 6 AUGUST	18 - 20 AUGUST

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9:15AM - 12:15PM

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This summer, get ready for days packed with fun, laughter and unforgettable experiences! Join us at our holiday clubs, action-packed activities and fantastic fun days – there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Help with costs is available for eligible families. Visit Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme - Dorset Council to find out more.

During Schools out you can expect...

- a wide variety of sessions including sports, music, arts and crafts, cooking, drama, story writing and much more
- lots of unique and exciting experiences to enjoy with new friends
- tasty meals at activities and tips for how you can eat well from home

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If you have any questions, contact us
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