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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this Newsletter finds you well and happy. It has been another exciting few weeks at our schools. Please remember to have a look at both schools Facebook pages for photos and updates of what the children have been doing. For example, on Wednesday some of our budding musicians from the Junior school went to a recording studio with Mr Potter to record a song. It is going to be available on vinyl, so we are officially cool!

Appointment of Class Teacher (maternity cover) – 4Pumas

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Ward has been appointed as the class teacher for 4Pumas after the summer half term until the end of the academic year.

Mrs Ward is an experienced teacher who has recently taught within our infant school, bringing with her a strong understanding of our children and our Federation. We are extremely pleased to welcome her into this role.

To ensure the smoothest possible transition, Mrs Ward has already spent time in 4Pumas getting to know the children, building relationships and becoming familiar with class routines. This will help provide continuity and reassurance for both pupils and families as we move into the final part of the year.

Mobile Phone Policy Update

Our mobile phone policy has been updated and will be published on the school website once it has been formally agreed by the Governing Body.

We strongly discourage children from bringing mobile phones into school. The only circumstance in which a child should bring a mobile phone is for safety reasons, if they are walking to or from school independently.

For this reason:

Only pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 should be bringing mobile phones to school

Year 3 pupils should not need to do so, as they should be coming to school accompanied by an adult.

All pupils who bring mobile phones to school must agree to follow the Mobile Phone Code of Conduct, outlined below.

You must agree to follow the school rules if you bring your mobile phone to school:

- Only pupils in Years 4 to 6 are permitted to bring mobile phones to school if they are travelling to and from school independently.
- Phones must be switched off, not just put on silent when children enter the school site.
- You must hand your phone into the school office immediately on arrival at school.
- You may not use your mobile phone on the school premises. This protects the privacy and welfare of others.

- You must not take photos or recordings (video or audio) of staff or other pupils in school uniform for any purpose.
- Avoid sharing your contact details with people you do not know, and do not share others' contact details without consent.
- Do not share your phone's passwords or access codes with anyone else.
- You must not use your mobile phone to bully, intimidate or harass anyone, including via:
 - Email
 - Text or messaging apps
 - Social media
- You must not use your phone to send or receive anything that may be criminal in nature.
- School rules on bullying, harassment and intimidation also apply to mobile phone use outside of school.
- Vulgar, obscene or derogatory language is not permitted and breaches the school's behaviour policy.
- You must comply with any request from staff to switch off or hand over your phone. Failure to comply is a breach of the behaviour policy.

County Lines

Below are contact details for support if anyone in our school community is worried about people they know becoming involved in county lines which leads to children becoming criminally exploited. If you are concerned please call the number as we know of cases of this happening within Upton.

Need support?

**ESCAPELINE PROVIDES
CONFIDENTIAL TELEPHONE
SUPPORT AND ADVICE TO
PARENTS AND CARERS WITHIN
THE SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND
AFFECTED BY CRIMINAL AND
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.**

WE'RE HERE IF YOU NEED US:

**Tuesday's &
Wednesday's
10am - 1pm**



0800 389 3899

Goodbyes

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we share the news that the wonderful Mrs Jones, TA in Ladybirds, will be leaving us on Friday 12th June.

Mrs Jones has been a valued member of our school community for just over ten years, and during that time she has been an incredibly important part of our team. Her care, commitment and professionalism have made a lasting difference to so many children, and her warmth, humour and kindness have been felt by staff and pupils alike.

We thank Mrs Jones sincerely for everything she has given to our school and wish her every happiness for the future.

Executive Headteacher Update

As you may remember, I was appointed as Executive Headteacher of Upton Infant School and Upton Junior School on a one year and one term secondment.

I am delighted to share that, following a successful selection process, my position has now been made permanent.

I am truly honoured to work with the magnificent children across our schools, alongside our hard-working, dedicated and passionate staff. I look forward to continuing to lead the ongoing growth and development of our Federation in the years ahead.

Hamwic Federation – non-school uniform day

On Friday 15th May our schools are having a non-school uniform day to raise money for the Hamwic Federation.

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

For further events happening in school please see page 5.

I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and are able to spend some time together as families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Duncan Churchill

Executive Head Teacher

Upton Infant and Junior School



Online Safety Hub

Trusted digital safety advice for caregivers



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR SAFER SCREENS

A CALL FOR CHANGE

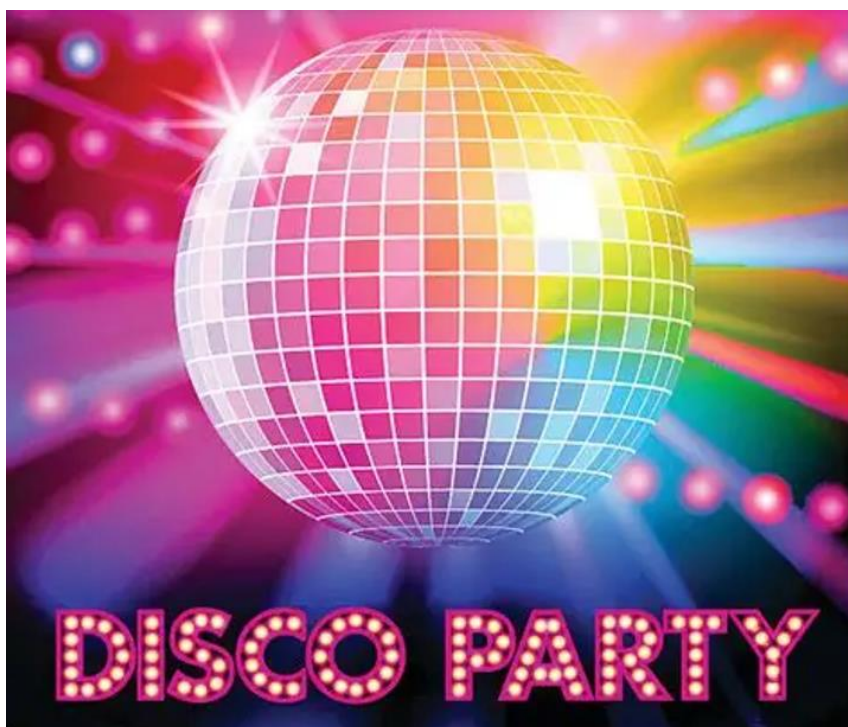
We often hear news about smartphones and the internet but knowing how to keep children safe online can feel challenging.

The Hamwic Online Safety Hub offers easy-to-access articles, videos, and practical tips to help parents stay informed about the latest technology, games, and apps.

Please see the links below which has some informative videos about screen usage and tips on how to reduce it.

[Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

[Digital Support - Health Professionals For Safer Screens](#)



Get ready to bust some moves to the latest tunes at the PFSA school disco!!

Thursday 21st May - Yr 4 and Yr 6 - 45-minute session each after lunch

Thursday 4th June - Yr 3 and Yr 5 - 45-minute session each after lunch

Non-school uniform, £5 per child includes squash and a treat to bring home.

Please complete the form below and return with £5 in sealed envelope to the school office by Friday 8th May

I give permission for my child to attend the school disco

Childs name.....

Class.....

Allergies

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ 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 11th, Wed 13th & Thurs 14th May – Year 3 Art trip to Upton Park
- ❖ Tuesday 19th May – BSO Lighthouse trip
- ❖ Thursday 21st May – School Disco Yr 4 and Yr 6
- ❖ Thursday 4th June – School Disco Yr 3 and Yr 5

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

- ❖ 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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Children return on Thursday 3rd September.

PE Days

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



Lychett United Branch Royal British Legion

OPEN DAY

**Battle of the Somme
110th Anniversary**

Saturday 6th June 12 - 4pm

RBL Club 93 Dorchester Road Upton BH16 5NW

**Poppy Appeal
Stand**

BBQ

Model Tanks

Tombola & Raffle

Cake Stall

Upton in Bloom

**Free Military Family
History Research**

WW1 Sing-a-long

**Kids Model & Colouring
Competition Announcement**



Free Entry!



Battle of the Somme 1916 - Childrens Competition

Categories and Age Groups

- **Best Picture** – for children aged 7 and under
- **Best Model** – for children aged 7 and under
- **Best Picture** – for participants aged 8 and older
- **Best Model** – for participants aged 8 and older

Bring your entry to us at our open day
Saturday 6th June 2026 by 1400. for
your chance to win a prize.
Winners will be announced at 1500



TICKETS



**PURBECK
ART WEEKS
Festival**
23 May - 7 June



ADVENTURES WITH FLYING BEASTIES CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP (AGED 4-8YRS) WITH NICK JUBBER

Wednesday 27 May | 10.30-11.30am | Wareham Family Hub
Tickets: £5 per child (aged 4-8 years), parents welcome to sit in

Calling all children who've ever dreamed of flying through the sky - on the back of a dragon, or a giant bird called a roc (which is so big, it's said it can carry an elephant in its talons), or the most beautiful bird in all fairy tales - the legendary firebird. In this interactive event, author Nicholas Jubber will guide the children through tales of flying beasts - and together we'll create our own new ones. After last year's successful 'Make Your Own Monster' workshop we're delighted that local writer Nicholas Jubber is back again with more monsters and magic!



Wareham Family Hub
01929 552 934
office@pycrl.org.uk
pycrl.co.uk
BH20 4PH

For more detailed information on all our Events
www.purbeckartweeksfestival.co.uk

May Half Term Programme

MONDAY 25TH MAY - SUNDAY 31ST MAY 2026



Wetside Activities

Intensive Swimming Lessons
Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May
8:45-9:15 - Early Steps 1
9:15-9:45 - Early Steps 1
£28.80
Suitable for ages 3yrs +

Pool Inflation Swim Sessions
Tuesday 26th May - 13:30-14:30
Thursday 28th May - 13:30-14:30
Saturday 30th May - 14:45-15:45

£5.50 per person

Fun and Floats
Monday 25th May - 13:30-14:30
Wednesday 27th May - 13:30-14:30
Friday 29th May - 13:30-14:30

Normal pool admission fees apply

Parent and Baby Swim & Splash
Friday 29th May - 10:00-10:45

A fun and friendly session designed especially for little ones under 5. No booking required, normal pool admission fees apply. Under 3's swim free.



Dryside Activities

Dodgeball
Tuesday 26th May
10:30-11:30am
7-12 years
£8.80 per person
NEW!

Tennis
Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
14:00-17:00 - 4-14yrs
£17.50
Book directly with Neil Darragh
ndarraghtennis@gmail.com

Bouncy Castle Fun
Thursday 28th May
9:30-10:30am - 3-7 years
10:45-11:45am - 8-12 years
£5.25 per person

Football Fun Day
Tuesday 26th May
Thursday 28th May
9:00-15:00 - 6-16 years
£25
Book directly with Aaron -
07875 108666

Coach Tarbs
Wednesday 27th May
Friday 29th May
9:00-15:00 - 6-13 yrs
£30
Book directly with Will -
coachtarbs@gmail.com

Laser Tag
Thursday 28th May
12:30-13:30
£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Nerf Gun Fun
Thursday 28th May
13:45-14:45
£8.80
Suitable for ages 7-12yrs

Junior Functional Training
Thursday 28th May
16:30-17:15
£5.60
Suitable for ages 12-15 yrs

Archery
Saturday 30th May
10:30-12:00
£14.55
Suitable for ages 8yrs+ including adults

Stay and Play Gymnastics
Wednesday 27th May
9:30-10:30
£7
Suitable for Confident walkers to 4yrs (pre-school children)



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.



Contact reception on
01929 500000
sports.centre@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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10am - 2pm
Only £25 per day

Pizza for Lunch (included in the price)
Medals for Everyone
Prizes for the Tournament Winners

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS PRIMARY
Boys and Girls aged 4.5 - 9 years old
Wednesday 27th May

Improve your Football Skills, Technique and Knowledge in a sociable environment whilst encouraging sportsmanship and team spirit with the emphasis on HAVING FUN and ENJOYING FOOTBALL!



Email Totalsportsdorset@gmail.com
or Message **07795258274** to book a space

BUTTONS
& BOWS EVENTS

More info



Handmade Spring Fair
Upton Community Centre
Saturday 9th May
10am - 2pm

Craft Supplies, Handmade Gifts,
Refreshments and More!



FREE ENTRY
Donation to
Forest Holme Hospice welcomed

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 (street, disco, cabaret), 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 School of Rock, Aladdin, Mary Poppins, Grease & Matilda etc.

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

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 will take place at Upton Junior School in the main hall, every Thursday term time from 3.15pm – 4.15pm. The class will be for all year groups, boys and girls. The cost is £6.50 per session which is payable per half term.

If you would like to enrol your child with Strictly Stage, please visit our website:

www.strictlystage.uk > Contact/Enrol Now

We will then e-mail you confirmation of your child's place at Strictly Stage Theatre School over the Summer for a start date of September 2026.

There are limited spaces available, and places are secured on a first come first served basis. Book early to avoid disappointment!

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 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR!

Hope to see you there

Liz Rodda

Principal of Strictly Stage Theatre School

Email: hello@strictlystage.uk

FB: @StrictlyStageTheatreSchool
Insta: strictly_stage

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CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

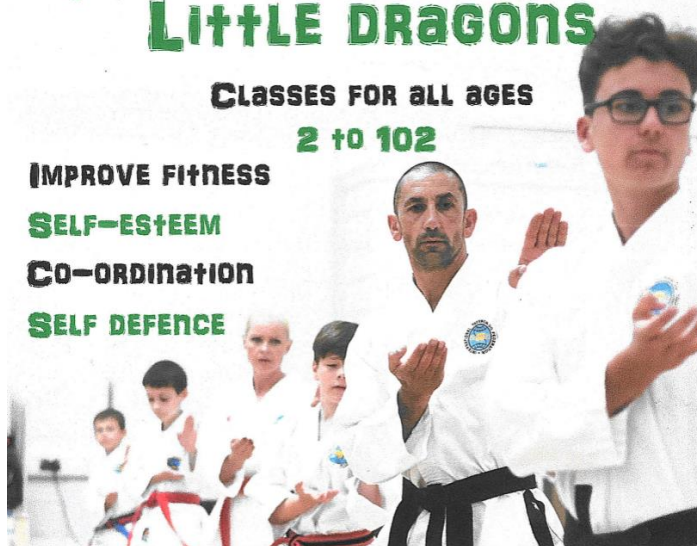
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TEL: 07810 616464 / 01722 744554

EMAIL: info@aspire-martial-arts.co.uk

ALL CLASSES FREE FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS!



May Half Term Activities 2026

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

Artz+ Sportz+ May Half Term programme has now arrived hot off the press!

For all Artz+ Sportz+ bookings, please email us at leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk with the following details;
Please include your name and child's/children's name, telephone number, chosen workshop/s and number of spaces required.

When sending us your activity requests can you also confirm, if you are allocated your preferences the following information:

- Staying & Actively Supporting
- Staying but not actively supporting
- Leaving Child/children

If it is your first time requesting an activity then you will be required to stay for the first session.

On your email request could you also let us know any support you think your child/children may need.

This is to ensure we can allocate the correct number of staff at allocation.

Bookings close **Wednesday 6th May** and allocation will take place on **Thursday 7th May**. Any remaining places will be advertised on Facebook.

Please note the telephone booking line number is no longer in use. All bookings must be sent via email.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Kind Regards
Artz+ Sportz+



**Booking closes on
Wednesday 6 May**

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





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MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

Lytchett Minster Sports Centre
Post Green Road
Lytchett Minster
Poole
BH16 6JD

DATES:

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May

TIMES:

08:00-12:00/ 13:00-17:00/ 09:00-15:00
Early drop off (AM) and Late pick up (PM) available

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FOOTBALL CAMP

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

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CREEKMOOR

WELLBEING CAFE

TUESDAYS 5-7PM




A welcoming drop-in for families to relax and connect



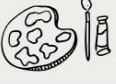
Enjoy a free homemade meal and hot drinks.

Pool and table tennis, board games and crafts, meet new people, and take a moment to unwind.

Our Occupational Therapists are also on hand if you'd like a friendly chat or a bit of extra support too.

Everyone welcome come as you are and make yourself at home





AIM Creekmoor, Creekmoor Youth Centre, Northmead Drive, BH17 7XZ

For more info email: fceo@aimcommunity.org