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The Upton Schools

Belonging  **Growth**  **Excellence**

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

20th March 2026

As part of our recent Federation, The Upton Schools are excited to begin the process of designing a brand-new shared logo. This marks an important moment in our journey as Upton Infant and Upton Junior Schools come together with a unified identity and vision.

The new logo will need to represent our combined values of Belonging, Growth and Excellence, our community, and the strong partnership now established between the two schools. Next week we will be talking to the children in assemblies about the Logo, its purpose and how it will be used. The competition will open after Easter and close on Monday 4th May. Once a winner has been announced it will be professionally produced and will be used across both schools. Next year we will begin the process of incorporating this into a new uniform across both schools ready for September 2027.

To enter, the children must draw a design on a A4 piece of paper and hand it into either school offices. Please make sure the child's name and class is on the back. We hope we have loads of ideas and entries as this winner will leave a lasting legacy across the schools for years to come.

Make Up

We have noticed that there are an increasing amount of children arriving to school wearing make up. Please can parents monitor their children to make sure this does not happen.

WhatsApp

We are having a few issues with children and WhatsApp groups and the impact of children making inappropriate comments coming into school. I strongly urge parents to check their children's phones and to limit their use to age-appropriate apps. The Hamwic safeguarding hub is an excellent resource for parents to find out more about how to keep their children safe online. [Online Safety Hub - Hamwic Education Trust](#)

School Facebook Pages

Please have a look at the Facebook pages to see updates of what is happening in the schools. Recent highlights include the recent school trip to Farmer Palmers, the Year 5 and Year 6 football tournament at Sandford Primary School as well as lots of curriculum updates.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and are able to enjoy some of this sunny weather we are having.

Best Wishes

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School

Parenting together in a digital world



Parenting Together in a digital world

Join us on **Tuesday 14 April, 7.00pm to 8.30pm**, for an online information event designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting their child in today's digital world.

This online event offers practical insights and open, non-judgemental conversations about how smartphones and digital technology can influence children's wellbeing. Professionals will share insights on supporting safe and balanced tech use, and there will be the chance to ask your own questions.

Our confirmed speakers are:

Dr Helen Thomas, Hampshire GP – medical perspective on children's health and device use

James Law, Primary Headteacher – experiences and impacts of changes in primary settings

Leanne Symmonds, Secondary Headteacher – secondary school perspectives

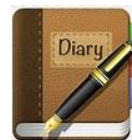
Sixth Formers from Ringwood School

David Sidwick, Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner – insight into online safety and police advice

Use the link below to register:

[Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
(Parenting Together in an Online World)

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 25th March – Sensory Detectives for Parents - 9am-10.30am
- ❖ Friday 27th March – Last day of school before Easter Holidays
- ❖ Monday 13th April – Children return to school
- ❖ Wednesday 15th April – Yr 4 Swimming will start throughout the Summer Term
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd April – Yr 5 Upton Heath Trip

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				
Tuesday	PE			PE
Wednesday	PE	PE		
Thursday			PE	PE
Friday		PE	PE	

Upton Infant School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ Monday 23rd March – Year 2 Library Trip
- ❖ Tuesday 24th March – School Disco
- ❖ Wednesday 25th March – Sensory Detectives for Parents – Held at the Juniors
- ❖ Friday 27th March – Last day of school before Easter Holidays
- ❖ Monday 13th April – Children return to school
- ❖ Friday 17th April – Class Photos
- ❖ Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th April – Reception Trip to the Oceanarium

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PE Days

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

Upton Infant School



Reception's Library Trip

Over the next few weeks each year group at the Infant School will be visiting Upton library.

Our Reception children had a great time listening to stories, joining in with the actions, doing the library treasure hunt and enjoying the books. Thank you Lisa for looking after us all and making our morning so enjoyable!

A huge thank you to the brilliant parents and helpers that came with us! Without your help we wouldn't have been able to go.



Sensory Detectives for Parents

A 1.5 hour session with an experienced Occupational Therapist and Advanced Sensory Integration Practitioner to explore:

The 8 Senses

Gain an awareness of what the 8 senses are and how they impact all of us.

Sensory Differences

Learn how to spot what may be a sensory difference and when it becomes a difficulty.

Sensory Strategies

Explore a range of sensory strategies that can help make home life feel calmer.

Ask questions

An opportunity to ask questions for individualised support.

More Information

www.activeplaytherapies.com
@annawillisot



9AM-10.30AM

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MARCH 2026

UPTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

for parents and carers of children at Upton Infant and Junior School



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3RD-6TH APRIL
2026

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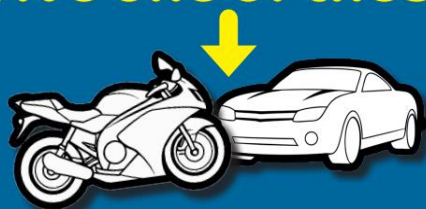
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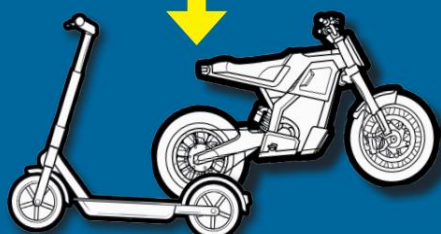
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Under 18 and want to drive one of these?



Then don't drive one of these!



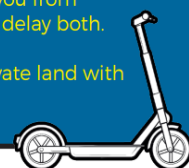
Did you know that if you are caught riding an illegal e-bike/e-scooter, you could lose your driving licence before you pass your test?

Don't choose to lose.
#OpThink

It is against the law to ride a privately owned e-scooter on any public road, pavement, or land such as parks.

You risk your scooter being seized, receiving a fine, and points on your driving licence. This can prevent you from obtaining your provisional, full licence, or delay both.

You are only allowed to ride them on private land with landowners' permission.



A legal e-bike (EAPC) must have a 250w motor and provide pedal assist only.

- It must not have a throttle.
- It must cut off at 15.5pmh (25kph).
- You must be aged 14 or over to ride on the public road.
- The above does not require a driving licence or insurance.

A non-compliant/modified e-bike requires registration, a driving licence, insurance, and a helmet. This means that they are essentially a moped. If your bike does not comply it cannot be used on a road without the above.

In the UK e-bikes exceeding the 15.5mph speed limit have not been legalised for road use.

If you ride a modified e-bike you risk serious injury or death, as the bike frame and brakes are not designed for such speeds.

Modifying bikes to exceed the above speed is illegal.



For guidance, visit www.gov.uk and search **EAPC Standards** or scan the QR code



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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE

WEEK 1

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

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



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

DATES:

WEEK 1

Monday 30th Mar
Tuesday 31st Mar
Wednesday 1st Apr
Thursday 2nd Apr

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

SPORTS

Mon BADMINTON | CRICKET
Tue DODGEBALL | TENNIS
Wed TAG GAMES | FOOTBALL
Thu HAND BALL | BASKETBALL

- ✓ SKILLS, GAMES & CHALLENGES
- ✓ QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✓ SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS



HELD AT:

LYTCHETT MINSTER SPORTS CENTRE

WEEK 2

MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

HELD AT:

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



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

DATES:

WEEK 2

Tuesday 7th Apr
Wednesday 8th Apr
Thursday 9th Apr

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

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

STAY ACTIVE. MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN

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Easter
in Dorset

pycf
Young People's
Youth and Community
Foundation

Easter at PYCF

Tuesday 7th April 10.00am-11.30am

Sen Sensory Play Session for families with children aged 1-8 years old with SEN diagnosed or undiagnosed) £3.00 per family

Thursday 9th April 10.30am-2.30pm

HAF Friendly Food Club - A cooking session followed by some Science Fun with the mini professors. Lunch provided £10 per child age 8 and up or FREE with a HAF code

Friday 10th April 11.00am-3.00pm

HAF Easter Family Fun day

Arts, crafts, games, face painting, pottery and lunch! Adults & children under 3 free. Children 3 and upwards £5.00
FREE with HAF code

To book please email office@pycf.org.uk or call
01929 552934

Wareham Family Hub, PYCF Youth and Community Centre, Worgret Rd, BH20 4PH. (We are next door to Purbeck Sports Centre)

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Sturminster Marshall Golf Club are excited about their LAUNCH of a great new initiative to get more mums trying golf in their newly formed "Her Golf Social" group. Open to all mums of the school who would like to try something new whilst socialising with friends and other likeminded mums.

🌸 Mums, It's Time to Tee Off! (No Experience—or Gear—Required) 🌸 We are forming a fun relaxed ladies social group called "Her Golf Social" Click on the google questionnaire below to show interest.

Do you want to learn a new skill, get outdoors, and meet a fantastic group of local likeminded women?

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Her Golf Social! Whether you've held a club before or you're looking to get back into the swing of things, this group is for you.

Why Join Us?

We know life is a juggle. That's why we've designed our sessions to fit around your schedule:

- School Run Friendly: Midweek morning sessions.
- The After-Work Wind Down: Evening sessions for the working ladies.
- Weekend Fun: Weekend afternoon meet-ups.

What's Included?

- 🌟 Beginner-Friendly Coaching: Relaxed, "no-stress" sessions tailored to your level.
- 🍷 Social Events: Coffee mornings, evening drinks, and organized outings.
- 📧 Monthly Newsletter: Stay in the loop with upcoming events, tips, and club news.
- 🚫 Zero Pressure: You don't need a golf membership, and you don't even need your own clubs! Just bring yourself and a pair of trainers.

Our Mission

To create a supportive community at Sturminster Marshall Golf Club where the focus is on having fun, making friends, and enjoying the fresh air—the golf is just a bonus! Ready to join Her Golf Social?

We'd love to have you.

To get more information on our first "Taster Session" and social events fill out the google questionnaire.

🔗 Link to Show of Interest Form <https://forms.gle/SkjKaKYAPUkjuzuq8>

✉ Proshop@sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk

Tag a friend who needs a new hobby this year! 🌟

#SturminsterMarshall #LadiesGolf #NewHobby #GolfLife #WomenWhoGolf #DorsetLiving #LadiesSocial

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STURMINSTER
MARSHALL
GOLF CLUB



1 HOUR TASTER SESSION AT THE CLUB
*FREE - SAT 21ST OR SUN 22ND MARCH 1-2PM
CALL PRO SHOP ON 01258 858444 TO BOOK

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EMAIL US TO GET A REGISTRATION FORM

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Spring Concert

Join us for an uplifting programme from our Lower & Upper School Musicians, Choirs and Ensembles



Lytchett Minster School

Tuesday 24th March 2026

The Gainsford Theatre

7.00pm

Tickets:

£3.00 Adults

£1.00 Concessions

Available via ParentPay

& on the door

Refreshments from 6.30pm
+ Interval

Tickets will be available from Friday 27th February.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
Spring
**OPEN DAY AT
BROADSTONE BUSINESS CENTRE
WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 10AM-3PM**

**FREE EASTER THEMED HUNT.
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**CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP.
FUN CRAFT TABLE.**

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