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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. This week I thought I would write to you about bullying and our schools' approach to it, how we manage it and what parents and carers can do if they have concerns.

At our school, we are committed to providing a safe, happy and inclusive environment where every child feels valued and respected. We take bullying, and allegations of bullying extremely seriously. We define bullying as behaviour that is deliberate, repeated over time, and intended to cause physical, emotional or social harm to another person.

Bullying can take a number of different forms, including:

- ❖ Physical bullying—such as hitting, pushing, kicking or damaging another person's belongings.
- ❖ Verbal bullying—including name-calling, insults, threats or the use of discriminatory language.
- ❖ Social bullying—for example, spreading rumours, deliberately excluding others, manipulating friendships or encouraging others to leave someone out.
- ❖ Cyberbullying – using mobile phones, social media, messaging apps or online platforms to upset, threaten or intimidate someone.

It is also important to understand what bullying is not. Occasional disagreements, friendship difficulties, arguments or misunderstandings between children, while sometimes upsetting, are not usually considered bullying. Bullying involves a pattern of behaviour that is intentional, repeated and harmful.

Throughout the year, we regularly discuss bullying with pupils through assemblies, PSHE lessons and class discussions. Children are taught how to recognise bullying behaviour, understand its impact, and most importantly, know how to seek help. We encourage all children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or concerned about someone else.

If a concern about bullying is raised by a child, parent, carer or member of staff, it will be referred to our Anti-Bullying Champions: Mr Williams in the Infant School and Mr Thompson in the Junior School. Working alongside me, they will carefully investigate any concerns, agree appropriate actions and support all those involved. Parents and carers will be kept informed throughout the process.

By having clear procedures and open communication, we aim to ensure that bullying is prevented wherever possible and that any concerns are addressed promptly, sensitively and effectively. Together, we can continue to make our school a place where every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.

Parking

We would like to remind all parents and visitors to park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. Recently, we have received reports of vehicles being parked illegally or inappropriately on streets surrounding the school. In some cases, residents have been unable to leave their driveways, and carers and healthcare professionals have experienced difficulties accessing vulnerable members of our community. Please be mindful of local parking restrictions, avoid blocking driveways, junctions and access routes, and the road closure of St Martins Road.

Golf Free Taster

We are pleased to continue our link with Sturminster Marshall Golf Club and the Mike Dodd Golf Academy. We have had many students over the years learn golf at the golf club and are still playing golf to this day. Every year Mike and the team offer some FREE taster sessions at the golf club and they are pleased to announce there are some more available. Please see details below and book direct with them to give golf a try. All equipment is provided so give them a call and start their golfing journey.

Saturday 3rd October 1-2pm
Tuesday 6th October 5.30 – 6.30pm
To Book Email Mike mike@sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk
Phone Pro Shop 01258 858444

The club also runs holiday clubs and has an on-site kids' golf academy for anyone who would like to continue after the free taster session.

A bit of news – Sturminster Marshall Golf Club Junior team are national champions after beating all county teams at national finals

I would recommend this, recently a member of our school who had a free golf taster while at the Infants and took up golf has recently been winning competitions and is busy turning themselves into the next Rory McIlroy.

Save the Date

On Tuesday 2nd February 2027 at 5.30pm we are going to be having the second of our SEND Parent Workshops. We are pleased to have David Slathery our link Educational Psychologist, Louise Young, Dorset Specialist Teacher for ASC, Anna Willis, from Active Play Therapies and a presentation about Stormbreak which supports children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. Please come along!

Key dates

Parents Evening-Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October
Juniors Sports Day Thursday 27th May
Infants Sports Day Friday 28th May

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School



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

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ 21st October - Year 6 Tank Museum School Trip
- ❖ 23rd October – Last day of Term – return Monday 2nd November 2026
- ❖ Parents Evening-Tuesday 20th October and Wednesday 21st October
- ❖ 5th November - Year 6 Parents SATS Information Evening
- ❖ 11th November – Flu immunisations

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

- ❖ 2nd October – Individual School Photos
- ❖ 13th October – Open Evening for New Starters Reception Sept 2027 - @ 5.30pm
- ❖ 23rd October – Last day of Term – return Monday 2nd November 2026
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PE Days

	Honeybees	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
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Upton Schools Calendar 2026 - 2027

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Aug 2027						
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Bank and Public holidays 2026/2027

Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Years day
Good Friday

25th December
28th December
1st January
26th March

Easter Monday
May Day
Spring bank holiday
Summer bank holiday

29th March
3rd May
31st May
20th August

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Inset Days
Hamwic Development Day

STARS HOLIDAY CLUB
FUN FRIENDS ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

October Half Term Holiday Club

Mon 26th Oct - Fri 30th Oct

We've got a week packed with fun! From sports and team games to creative activities and some spooky Halloween surprises, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Come along, make friends, get active and have an unforgettable half-term!

3 VENUES

Kingsleigh Primary School BH10 5HT	Lytchett Matravers Primary School BH16 6DY	Swanage Primary School BH19 2EY
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8AM - 4PM DAILY **£25 PER CHILD, PER DAY**

SAVE ON YOUR BOOKING!

- 20% DISCOUNT AT ALL 3 VENUES
- SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW! SPACES ARE LIMITED!

SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, TEAM GAMES, MULTI-SPORTS, HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES, CHALLENGES, AND MORE!

SCAN TO BOOK

A SAFE, FUN AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL!

PLAY ★ LEARN ★ BE ACTIVE ★ BELONG

STARS HOLIDAY CLUB
FUN FRIENDS ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

ACTIVITIES AT OUR OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB

We have a wide range of exciting activities for children to enjoy throughout the week, including...

A WEEK FULL OF FUN AND SPOOKY SURPRISES!

- INFLATABLE FUN
- DANCING GAMES
- GYMNASTICS
- ARTS N' CRAFTS
- FOOTBALL
- BASKETBALL
- TENNIS
- DODGEBALL
- TEAM GAMES
- SPORTS & MORE!

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Whether your child loves being active, getting creative or trying something new, there's always plenty to keep everyone entertained!

MAKE FRIENDS, GET ACTIVE AND HAVE AN UNFORGETTABLE HALF-TERM!

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Coffee Morning
26th September
10am to 12.30pm

Donations welcome to Macmillan cancer support
Let's raise lots of hope

UPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
Poole, Dorset

FREE TICKET OFFER

POOLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB **Kids Initiative** **FTY**

FOOTBALL BENEFITTING LOCAL CHILDREN
SPONSORED BY: GALE HOMES AND INVESTMENTS LTD

POOLE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB VS EUFC

Saturday 3rd October 2026
3PM KICK OFF

The Tatnam Stadium, off Well Lane, Poole, BH15 3JR

This voucher entitles free entry for a maximum of two adults and up to four children (up to the age of 18). The minimum entry for this ticket is one adult accompanying one under 18 who has received this ticket from a qualifying school.

ADMISSION: Please print this form and enter the name of the participating school who sent it and number of people attending and hand in upon entrance to the ground.

The voucher has no cash value and cannot be substituted for attendance at any other match at The Tatnam Stadium.

NAME OF QUALIFYING SCHOOL:

NUMBER OF PEOPLE ADMITTED WITH THIS VOUCHER:

A child from the Junior or Infant school must attend this match with this voucher

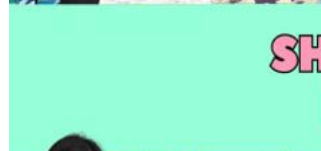
GLOBAL TALES BOOKFEST!



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WONG NAVA**



**SHIREEN
LALJI**



**RASHMI
SIRDESHPANDE**



**MAYO
AGARD-OLUBO**

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**REBEL READING
FEST 2026!**

SAT | 10 OCTOBER | 2026

10AM - 11.30AM

St Peter's Church, Ashley Cross, Poole



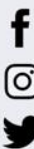
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Taekwon-do

KICKBOXING

LITTLE DRAGONS



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ALL CLASSES FREE FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS!



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take centre stage*

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

www.strictlystage.uk

There are limited spaces available and places are secured
on a first come first served basis.

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 academic year!

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Where talent comes to thrive...

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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.

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