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The Upton Schools

Belonging  **Growth**  **Excellence**

Newsletter

28th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have recently made some changes to the leadership structure of the schools to support our federated approach and crucially to help us achieve smooth transitions for children and families while ensuring we are able to focus on securing excellent outcomes for children. Primarily this change is from year group leads to phase leads.

Mrs Thow will be leading Reception and Year One which will help us to focus on a smooth transition between these year groups. As Mrs Thow is part time this position is a job share and we will be internally recruiting for this role at the infants soon.

Mrs Stacey will lead Year Two and Year Three enabling us to work on the transition from the Infant school to the Juniors as we know this needs to be smoother for children and families.

Mrs Solomon will be leading Year Four and Year Five to give us the capacity to plan the progression the children need to make from the end of Year Three so they are ready for Year Six.

Miss Verran is leading Year Six so she can solely focus on the particular demands of this year group and 'Secondary readiness'.

Obviously, this change is new and we are developing how this is going to help us deliver our vision of 'Belonging, Growth and Excellence.' In the coming weeks and months, I will be able to share more information about this.

Safeguarding

Our Academy Trust have developed an excellent resource for parents and professionals to increase knowledge about safeguarding and the potential risks children are exposed too.

I strongly urge all parents and carers to take a look. Please click on this link, which can also be found on our websites:

<https://hamwic.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>

Please see the message below from our academy trust about further support about Safeguarding.

We know how important it is to keep children safe online, and we want to make sure our upcoming online Information Session answers the questions that matter the most to you.

In the New Year, experts in online safeguarding from the OSH will host a trust-wide event designed for parents and this is your chance to shape the content of the session.

Would you like information on Roblox, YouTube, social media safety, or cyberbullying? Or maybe something else? Tell us what you want to learn more about by completing this short survey:

[Parent Survey Online Information Session on Pupil Online Safety](#)

*Don't miss the chance to influence the content - please complete the survey by **Wednesday 3rd December.***

Together, we're building a safer digital space for every child.

Thank you for contributing.

Year Six Football

I am delighted to report that on Tuesday our Year Six football team had their first game of the season. They played Livingstone Primary at the county ground in Hamworthy winning 5-0 in the County Cup. The boys played fantastically as a team and loved the experience.

Year Six Ambassadors

Our Year Six Sports Ambassadors had a great day of training at Poole High School. We look forward to seeing them positively impacting during our playtimes.

In the coming weeks I will have some exciting news about how we are going to increase the sporting opportunities at our schools.

Christmas

As we are hurtling towards Christmas, I hope everyone has seen the letter that came out from both schools about the Christmas Fayre's we are holding on Thursday 11th December. In the coming weeks, the schools will start to look a lot more Christmassy. However, if anyone is refreshing their Christmas decorations and has some good quality unwanted decorations or even trees, we would be very grateful of any donations!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School

Orders to be placed via MCAS by **Monday 1st December.**

Please select either a Main or Vegetarian option for the Christmas meal.



Christmas Lunch

Upton Schools Thu 11th December

Main

Roast Turkey
or
Vegetable Cranberry Slice (V)

Sides

Roast Potatoes
Sausage bites / Quorn Sausages
Stuffing & Gravy
Broccoli, Peas and Carrots

Dessert

Festive Christmas Cookie

Squash and Party Hat included

*Menus may be subject to change

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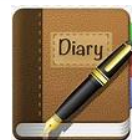
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Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

December Dates

- ❖ Tuesday 9th – Christmas Music Concert
- ❖ Thursday 11th – Christmas Fayre
- ❖ Thursday 11th – Christmas Dinner – please order by 1st December
- ❖ Thursday 18th – Last Day of Term – return Monday 5th January 2026
- ❖ Friday 19th – INSET day

PE Days – up until 18th December 2025

	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

December Dates

- ❖ Wednesday 3rd – 2pm Caterpillars performance
- ❖ Thursday 4th – 2pm Dragonflies performance
- ❖ Friday 5th – Pantomime
- ❖ Monday 8th – 10am Year 1 dress rehearsals for grandparents
- ❖ Monday 8th – 2pm Ladybirds performance
- ❖ Tuesday 9th – 2pm Year One performance
- ❖ Wednesday 10th – 10am Year One performance
- ❖ Thursday 11th – Christmas Fayre
- ❖ Thursday 11th – Christmas Dinner – please order by 1st December
- ❖ Wednesday 17th – 10am Rock Steady performance
- ❖ Wednesday 17th – 5pm Year Two performance
- ❖ Thursday 18th – 2.40pm Hive performance
- ❖ Thursday 18th – Last Day of Term – return Monday 5th January 2026
- ❖ Friday 19th – INSET day

PE Days

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

Do you need to apply for your child's new school place?

Is your child due to leave their current school in July 2026 and transfer to the next school in September 2026?



Secondary applications - Closing date 31 October 2025

• Primary - Secondary School • Middle - Upper School

Primary applications - Closing date 15 January 2026

• Starting School • Infant - Junior School • First - Middle School



Dorset residents apply online at:
dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/apply-school-place
or call 01305 221060



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FAMILY FUN CHRISTMAS PARTY

22ND DECEMBER 2PM-6PM

AT PYCF - WAREHAM FAMILY HUB

WORGRET ROAD, WAREHAM BH20 4PH

FREE FOR FAMILIES WITH A HAF CODE

FEE PAYING - ADULTS FREE, UNDER 3 FREE, 3 YEARS AND UP £5

2PM-3.30PM CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND FACEPAINTING

3.30PM-4.30PM TIME TO EAT PLUS A VISIT FROM FATHER CHRISTMAS

4.30PM-6PM - FAMILY XMAS DISCO WITH GAMES

CHRISTMAS DRESS OPTIONAL

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WHAT IS RIPPA RUGBY?

It's Tag, Touch and contact based Rugby games designed with the objective to develop skills such as catching, passing, invasion, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Rippa Rugby develops communication skills and improves overall fitness levels. Above all it's great fun. Our aim to make our sessions the most rewarding activity your child will participate in all week.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

To develop the RFU 'Five Cs' within a child in line with National Curriculum standards which includes:

- Competence and skill development
- Confidence to take part in sport and games
- Connection with other children to develop strong friendships
- Creativity to try something different and not be afraid of making mistakes
- Caring character and encouraged to support and look after each other

WHO IS IT FOR?

It is for school children (both boys and girls) aged between 4 and 13 years old during the following times:

- During and after school/pre-school
- School holidays
- Rugby themed birthday parties

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

It's only £5 per session per child per hour (school subsidy may apply). Visit our website for more information.

COACHING CONSULTANCY

We also offer a coaching consultancy for teaching staff and developing coaches at competitive rates.

Provision of coaching services at Rugby themed parties.

All our coaches are DBS Cleared, First Aid trained and RFU Level 2 Experienced Bournemouth Rugby Age Group Coaches.

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TURLIN MOOR Community CHRISTMAS

for families children and young people

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER
3 PM - 5.30 PM

The event will be at the **Turlin Moor Family Hub** with play and activity areas for 0-8 year olds and **Turlin Moor Youth Centre** with an activity area for children and young people aged 8+

FREE - Hot Drinks & Mince Pies and Father Christmas Grotto

Plus, don't miss our **gift stalls** and **tombola!**

If you're looking for information, advice, or guidance, our team is here and ready to help



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COFFEE AND Q&A TOUR

Confidence | Creativity | Ambition | Respect | Enthusiasm | Determination

At TCA, we pride ourselves on our unique feel and inclusive atmosphere, where our motto is: 'small school ethos; big school offer.' Our curriculum, teaching and values seek to bring out the best in everyone, across the board. Our experienced and dedicated staff support every student to reach their full potential, both in and beyond the classroom.

COFFEE AND Q&A TOUR



Mr Phillips
Principal



Miss Pitman
Senior Vice Principal

TOUR: 3.30-3.55PM | Q&A: 4-4.30PM

We warmly invite prospective parents and carers to join us for a tour of the academy, followed by a 'coffee and Q&A' session on life at TCA, and how to apply for a place.

DATE | WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2025

To book, contact us on 01202 676789 or enquiries@cornerstoneacademy.org.uk



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dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/winter-in-dorset

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY



THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2025

ST DUNSTAN'S CHURCH / UPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

DOORS OPEN FROM 5.30PM

KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFT WORKSHOP & MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS

FROM 6.30PM

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You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions** for parents and carers.

Normally we run the monthly drop-ins on the 1st Tuesday of the month but in **DECEMBER** we run **5 drop-in sessions from Monday 1st December - Friday 5th December.**

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pm

Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about:

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone



What parents say:

'Thank you so much for the group this evening. I can't tell you how grateful I feel, and I really do feel less alone and more validated. My hope is back'

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism. Sometimes my wife Sally will join in as well.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

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Thursday 4th December

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When?

Thursday
4th December

from 3.30pm
to 6.00pm



Where?

LOCATION

Broadstone Methodist Church Hall
Lower Blandford Road
Broadstone BH18 8DP



Turlin Moor Recreation Ground

December Programme

Meeting point: by the playpark on Foreland Road (BH16 5AT)



Community Litter Pick

Sun 7 Dec | 11am - 12pm

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



Volunteering

Winter Wonders Nature Walk

Weds 17 Dec | 2pm - 4pm

Join us for a casual walk (approx. 1km) around Turlin Moor, taking in some of the over wintering birds in the harbour and watching out for other wildlife.

Activity for adults.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars if you can - we'll have some spare pairs to use, too.



Free event

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information,
including
accessibility



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.

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