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The Upton Schools Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers

2nd May 2025

I am delighted to be writing to you in our brand new Upton Schools Newsletter. This will come out every two weeks and will include information and updates from both schools plus dates and other useful information.

During the recent training day, the staff of both schools worked together to explore the school rule of Be Ready which is a common rule across both schools. We chose this so we have progressive, aligned and age appropriate expectations of Being Ready for learning and what this looks like for all our children. This will increase the independence of the children, aid learning and improve transition between the year groups. In the next newsletter I will be able to share with you how we are communicating this to the children and what it looks like.

Our assemblies in both schools over the next few weeks will be focusing on Safeguarding and in particular the NSPCC PANTS assemblies. These assemblies will cover important topics such as consent and speaking out to stay safe.

At the Junior school you will be aware that, currently, we have been unable to employ someone to supervise the road closure. This, and the busy nature of the roads around the schools, has inevitably increased the risk at the start and end of the day. To reduce this both schools are continuing to work with Dorset School Streets scheme plus consistently talking to the children about road safety. I strongly urge all parents and carers to talk to their children about road safety. As always please drive carefully and park considerately around both schools in order to keep our children safe.

A huge thank you to the Infant parents for supporting us with the sponsored Easter Bunny Hop, it was great fun and a huge success. We raised over £3,000 which is just incredible. Thank you to all our families as every contribution is greatly appreciated, please pass on our thanks to everyone who sponsored the children. A special thank you to the Blanch family who raised a whopping £200!

At the Junior school we are getting a lot of mobile phones being brought to school which is causing considerable challenges in our ability to store them securely. I strongly urge you not to send your child into school with a mobile phone and I would question whether they really need too. If your child does bring their phone into school, it is at your own risk.

Finally, as we are enjoying such beautiful weather please remember to supply your child with a filled water bottle each day and that they arrive to school with suncream on.

It has been a positive start to our federation process and both staff and children have embraced the change and we are looking forward to deepening the ties between the schools.

Best wishes,

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher



As it is the Summer Term, all students are welcome to wear smart shorts – no denim please.



Lost property will be available to look through in the school playground today (2/5) at 3pm.



Tuesdays and Thursdays - Year 6 will hold an ice-cream sale 3.15 – 3.30

Diary Dates



- ❖ Monday 5th May – Public Holiday
- ❖ Monday 12th – 15th May – Year 6 SATS week
- ❖ Monday 19th May – Year 2 transition music event
- ❖ Tuesday 20th – 23rd May – Dogs Trust Workshop / UJS
- ❖ Friday 23rd May – HAMWIC Foundation dress down day for both schools
- ❖ Monday 26th – 30th May – Half Term

- ❖ Hooke Court Residential Yr 6 – Final instalment is due on 31st May 2025, and all instalments must be paid to ensure your child's place.

- ❖ Monday 2nd June – Inset Day
- ❖ Tuesday 3rd June – students return to school
- ❖ Wednesday 4th June – Sealife Centre Year 5 School Trip

Upton Junior School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer the following teacher led afterschool clubs this term.

Bookings can be made on MCAS up until the club starts.

All clubs are £15 for the 5 week course or £7.50 if you are in receipt of Free School Meals.



Drawing Club on Mondays with Miss Cole (years 3&4)

May 12th, 19th,

June 9th, 16th and 23rd



Ukulele Club on Mondays with Miss Gibbons (years 5&6)

May 12th, 19th,

June 9th, 16th and 23rd



Cricket on Thursday with Mr Long (years 4,5&6)

May 15th, 22nd

June 5th, 12th and 19th



Yoga Club on Tuesdays with Mrs Bennett (years 5&6)

June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

July 1st



Arts & Crafts on Thursdays with Mrs Williamson (all years)

June 5th, 12th 19th, 26th

July 3rd



Film Club on Mondays with Ms Mauri (all years)

June 9th, 16th 23rd, 30th

July 7th



Football Club on Mondays with Mr Thompson (years 5&6)

June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

July 7th

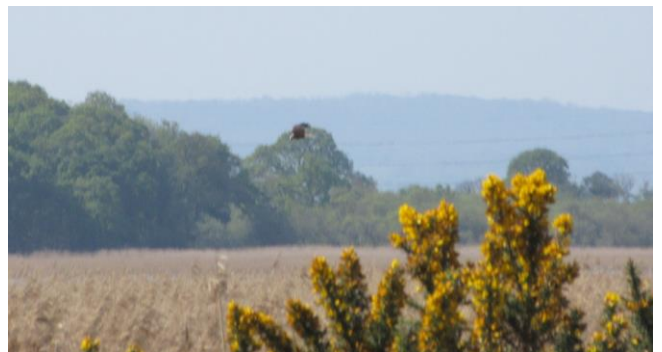
Year 5 School Trip

Year 5 went to Lytchett Bay Heath on the 29th and 30th of April.

We were lucky with the weather and had a lovely time exploring the plants that live and grow there.

Some of us even saw a common lizard!

We completed our own 3D 'mini heath' worksheets - finding different types of plants and recording them.





Music Update



🎉 **Congratulations** to Our Talented Young Musicians! 🎊

Please join us in celebrating the fantastic achievements of our pupils who have recently passed their drum kit gradings! 🥁

Starting from the back (left to right):

- 🌟 Millie – Grade 1
- 🌟 Mia – Debut (Merit)
- 🌟 Amelie – Debut (Merit)
- 🌟 Matilda – Grade 1 (Distinction)

From the front (left to right):

- 🌟 Tilda – Debut (Merit)
- 🌟 Samuel – Grade 1 (Merit)
- 🌟 Micah – Grade 1 (Merit)

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication, and musical progress! 🎵

As a school, we're incredibly proud of our music provision and all pupils who take part in musical activities. 🎵 We're also thrilled to share that 30% of our pupils are currently learning an instrument in school — that's around 20% above the national average!

We offer lessons in:

- 🎸 Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Ukulele
- 🥁 Drum Kit
- 🎹 Piano
- 🎻 Violin
- 🎷 Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute
- 🎤 Singing

If you'd like your child to start learning an instrument, please contact our school office for more details.

Road Safety

Have your say on new powers to improve road safety near Upton Junior School

Dorset Council would like to trial the use of cameras to replace the physical barriers installed at St Martins Road, near Upton Junior School.

There has been a School Street traffic restriction near the junior school since June 2022. This has reduced traffic during the restricted hours, creating a safer environment for children walking, wheeling and cycling to school.

The cameras will remove the need for barriers to ensure drivers continue to comply with the traffic restrictions. The cameras will not be used for any other purpose.

However, before the council can install the cameras, it needs new legal powers to be able to enforce certain traffic offences. As these powers will be a new policy for the council, it must seek public views through consultation before they are introduced.

Your feedback will help the council understand the impact of these extra traffic enforcement powers and help identify other concerns.

Please share your views by taking part in the consultation which is open until 26 May 2025.

Please see the consultation here: <https://consultation.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/transport-policy/new-powers-to-improve-road-safety/>



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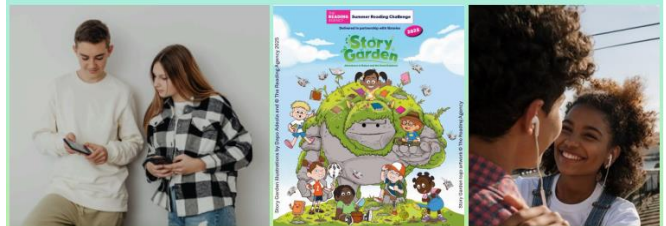
3RD MAY  **5TH MAY**

50+ RUGBY TEAMS
BANDS, DJ'S & 3 BARS
BBQ, COFFEE & ICE CREAM
CANDY FLOSS & POPCORN

BOUNCY CASTLES
FACE PAINTING
ICE BATHS
WEIGHT LIFTING COMP

MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US VIA INSTAGRAM OR WEBSITE
@LYTCHETT_RUGBY | WWW.LMRFC.COM | LMRFC, OLD WATERY LN, BH16 6HZ

Volunteers needed



Why volunteer?

- ✓ boost your CV
- ✓ improve your communication skills
- ✓ keep busy over the summer break

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

We are accepting
applications between
12 May until 20 June



BUTTONS & BOWS EVENTS

Handmade Fair & Craft Destash

Upton Community Centre

Saturday 3rd May

10am - 2pm

Craft Supplies, Handmade Gifts,
Refreshments, Children's Activities and More!

FREE ENTRY
Donation to
Forest Holme Hospice welcomed





WE ARE LOOKING
TO EXPAND OUR
YOUTH SECTION



U12 PLAYERS WANTED

Are you ready to take your football skills to the next level? We're on the lookout for players to join our team for the upcoming season.

REGISTER
YOUR
INTEREST
NOW



BRAND NEW U8 GIRLS TEAM



Are you ready to take your football skills to the next level? Would you like to be a part of our first all girls youth team? Register your interest today!

POOLE BOROUGH U8 GIRLS
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY



YOUTH FOOTBALL

Come and join our Borough Family. We have availability for Mini Hornets, ages 4 - 5 for fun and learning. Our U7- U11 squads compete in the Dorset FA Mini Soccer League.

WE CAN OFFER :

- ✓ Excellent Coaching
- ✓ Good Facilities
- ✓ Positive Environment
- ✓ Fun and Engaging

OPEN DAY :
SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 2025
11.00AM - 1.00PM
TURLIN MOOR RECREATION GROUND



Follow us on Facebook,
Instagram and Tik Tok






AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS!

-  **Upton Junior School**
-  **Easter- May HT**
5 Weeks
-  **Mugga**
-  **Pick up at 4.15pm**
at the school gate

CLUBS

Thursday

Football - Y3-6



FOOTBALL CAMP



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360° FOOTBALL CAMPS




Dates
27 & 28TH MAY

Time
8.45- 3PM

Price
£20

Activities

- ✓ Superhero Free Kicks
- ✓ Tournaments
- ✓ Challenge Maps
- ✓ Tactical/Technical Focus
- ✓ And much more!!

Camp Location

📍 MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL

To Book
www.360degreesportscoaching.co.uk

More Information Bookings@360sportsdorset.co.uk







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Dates
27- 30 MAY

Times
8.45-4.30PM
8.45- 3PM

Pricing From
£20

Activities

- ✓ Sports
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Nerf Theme Day
- ✓ Team Challenges

Camp Locations

📍 Wimborne

📍 Merley

To Book
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School holiday arts and sports events for Dorset children who are disabled and their families



May Half Term 2025

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz

Information for new parents/carers

Our tutors, coaches and support team will always do their utmost to support each child, including providing 1:1 support or greater, where required. We ask you to stay on site for your child's first session whilst we get to know you both. A member of our support team will be allocated to you. At future sessions your child may be left in the care of our team, where we are able to meet his/her needs. For sessions that include swimming we may ask you to attend if your child cannot change in/out of swimwear without assistance.

We can adapt many sports sessions to include wheelchair users. All indoor and some outdoor venues are accessible.

Our Team Leaders are Safeguarding Level 3 trained, and we have a team of Designated Safeguarding Leads. Staff trained in emergency first aid are present at all events. We also have staff trained in buccal midazolam to support children with epilepsy and in the use of EpiPens/adrenaline auto-injectors in the management of anaphylaxis. **Parents/carers must be available on an emergency telephone number.** If you would like to find out more, or discuss any concerns, please email: leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/artz-sportz

Please see final page for booking details. Dorset Short Breaks Care Passports: Please complete a Care Passport [here](#).

Dorset Council Artz+ Sportz+ is funded by Short Breaks funding and organised by Dorset Council Cultural Services.

COME ALONG & JOIN THE FUN!

FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY
Short Breaks Live 25

Monday 26th May
10am - 2pm
The Treehouse
Hurn, BH23 6DT

In partnership Diverse Abilities, Artz+ Sportz+ and Activate will be holding an amazing family day for children (under 18 years old) with disabilities, and their siblings, with access to:

- Dance Workshop
- Interactive Theatre Show
- Archery, boccia and games
- Forest School Activity
- Trampolines & Bouncy Castle
- Indoor Soft Play
- Outdoor Play Area
- Water Play Area
- Mini Golf
- And much more!

FREE - No booking required

New & existing families welcome

Bring your own folding chairs, blankets and picnic, refreshments available



Rock Hop at Tout Quarry

Tuesday 27 May
9.30am - 12.30pm
Ages 8 - 18 years

Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre,
Knightsdale Road, Weymouth,
DT4 0HS

Rock Hop - explore Tout Quarry sculpture park in Portland, where you will climb on, under, over and through things. Guided by a team of expert instructors you and your group will be helped to navigate the Portland stone art installations and explore the quarry. Everyone will need to wear a climbing helmet, that will be provided. Meet at Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre, the bus journey to the Quarry will be about 20 minutes.



dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/weec

learningstone.org/tout-quarry-sculpture-park-nature-reserve/

Booking closes on Wednesday 7 May

TEENZ Event - Coastal Explorer RIB Ride

Wednesday 28 May
2pm - 5pm

Ages 13-18 years

Meet at West Bay, details provided on booking

Take an exciting ride in a RIB (Rigid Inflatable Boat) with Lyme Bay RIB Charters along the coast from West Bay to Lyme Regis, enjoy time on the beach in Lyme Regis before heading back along the Jurassic Coast keeping a watch out for wildlife! Social time over soft drinks/ice creams in West Bay to finish.

Please note this activity is subject to weather conditions. It is not suitable for anyone with current or past medical conditions affecting the neck, back, spine, hips or knees.

www.lymebayribcharter.co.uk



Bounce, Sportz & Swim Sensory

Thursday 29 May
10am - 1pm
Ages 5-16 years

Purbeck Sports Centre, Worgret Road, Wareham,
BH20 4PH

Join us for games and sports fun, with trampolining, bouncy castle, soft play, sensory toys and Didi cars, followed by a fun session in the pool.



Booking closes on Wednesday 7 May

Kayaking/SUP Fun

Friday 30 May
9.30am - 12.30pm
Ages 6-18 years

Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy,
Portland, DT5 1SA

A fun-filled dual watersports session where you will be using sit on kayaks and paddle boards (SUPs) in the sheltered waters of the Sailing Academy.

During your session you will learn and develop your paddling skills, switching between kayaks and paddle boards at the halfway point of your session.

Then take a short, guided trip with our fully qualified instructors on the beautiful waters of Portland Harbour.

No previous experience is necessary, your instructors will teach you everything you need to know and guide you throughout your session.



Information for parents/carers

Booking

Places must be booked in advance. If demand is high, we will allocate places. We can supply details of how we do this fairly on request. Unless otherwise stated, activities cost **£7.65** per child for 2-3 hours, **£10.20** for 4 hours and **£12.85** for 5 hours or more. There is a 20% subsidy for those on income-based benefits. To book email: leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk stating your name, address, telephone number, chosen workshop(s), number of spaces and child name(s). Bookings close on **Wednesday 7 May** and allocation will take place on **Thursday 8 May**.

After allocation, any remaining spare places will be advertised on www.facebook.com/ArtzSportz

Direct Payments

You can pay for your child's place with Direct Payments. You can provide your own carer to accompany your child paid with Direct Payments. Please inform the admin team when your place is confirmed if you would prefer to bring your own carer.

Artz+ Sportz+ have a strong team of Support Staff but may not be able to provide certain specialist medical or care needs.

Cancellations

Refunds can only be made if you cancel more than two weeks before an event, or if we have to cancel an event. Please let us know as early as possible, if you need to cancel a session. This enables us to offer the place to another child and adjust staffing levels.

Artz Sportz Sensory

These sessions are designed for children with more complex needs who may be supported by our team, where possible, or by their own personal assistant.

Indicates a wheelchair friendly event

Join our mailing list

Send your name, address and email address to Artz+ Sportz+, Leisure Service, Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester DT1 1XJ. Email: leisure@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Join us on Facebook

Keep up to date on news and events. Search for Artz+ Sportz+ and 'like' the page to receive updates and to keep in touch with us. www.facebook.com/ArtzSportz

The Xchange

The Xchange provides news, information and a listing of events/activities for families with children who are disabled.

To join visit dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/about-the-xchange

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Early Bird

MAY 2025

Mon 26 May 2025

- USA Sports Day
- Crafty Arty Activity Day

Tues 27 May 2025

- Carnival Explosion Day
- Dance Fusion Day

Wed 28 May 2025

- Crafty Arty Activity Day
- USA Sports Day

Thurs 29 May 2025

- Champions League Football Day
- Crafty Arty Activity Day

Fri 30 May 2025

- Carnival Explosion Day
- Crafty Arty Activity Day

BOOKING INFORMATION

Junior Bronze/Gold Members **BOOK ONLINE - TODAY!!!**
www.thejunctionbroadstone.co.uk or simply call 01202 076404
 (Phone Bookings: Monday - Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm)

BOOKING CONDITIONS:
 Once booked, no refunds/credit notes will be issued for non-attendance. Transferring days once booked is not permitted.

BOOK EARLY ... LIMITED SPACES ...




 **THE JUNCTION**
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MAY 2025

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



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YEARS**

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DAILY ACTIVITY FEES

Members	£18.00
Non Members	£20.00

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OTHER INFO

- All activities start from 08:30 - 09:15 (registration) to 16:45 - 17:15 (collection)
- Packed lunch/mid morning snack/waterbased drinks (waterbottle/cap top) required
- Suitable sports clothing to be worn
- Waterproof jacket/clothing required

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FOOTBALL DAY

Take part in the thrill of the UEFA Champions League ... the BIGGEST European Football Tournament!

To include:

- ✦ Skill Challenges
- ✦ Crossbar Target Competition
- ✦ The Dreaded 'Penalty' Shootout
- ✦ Dadgy Decisions (probably)

PLUS... The Magic of Matchplay to decide who will be the ultimate CHAMPIONS!!!

Prize Ceremony @ 4.30pm ... Everyone Welcome!

USA SPORTS DAY

A FUN-filled day encouraging activity, education, developing teamwork/confidence and celebrating our great USA Sports offer.

To include:

- Baseball
- Basketball Shootout
- Soccer Target
- Track 'n' Field Events
- Lacrosse
- Dodgeball
- Ice Hockey (sorry no ICE!)

Prize Ceremony @ 4.30pm... Everyone Welcome!

CARNIVAL EXPLOSION DAY

We're bringing the magical experience of Carnival Games to The Junction!

There's going to be something for everyone to enjoy...

To include:

- Ring/Hook/Toss
- Balloon POP
- Sack Race
- Wooden Ring Targets
- And more....

Frisby Golf
 FUN Obstacle Courses
 Egg 'n' Spoon (of course!)

Medals & Prizes To Win...so let the Carnival Magic Begin ...

CRAFTY ARTY ACTIVITY DAY

A super day awaits all ... let your imagination and creativity flow in these popular craft days that are a huge favourite with all.

To include:

- Cool Crafty Creations
- Sporting Break-Out Challenges
- FUN Fitness Sessions
- Painting
- Take Home Art Creations
- PLUS much more...

Varied Daily Themes, Guaranteeing A FUN Packed Day For ALL!

DANCE FUSION DAY

A full day of dance incorporating the world's varying styles and techniques, all delivered with the latest music sounds ...

PLUS a mini performance at the end of the day to showcase the skills learnt for mum/dad to be amazed ...

A FUN Packed Day For ALL!

INCLUDES POM POM CHEERLEADING

FUN SWIM SESSIONS

Fun in the Pool with floats, rafts, inflatable goals, balls ... PLUS great music

Dates available:

Wednesday 28 May 2025
 13:30 - 14:30

Thursday 29 May 2025
 13:30 - 14:30



Session Fees:
 Children:
 £5.00 Mem / £5.75 Non-Mem
 Adults:
 £1.50 Mem / £3.00 Non-Mem
 Under 8's to be accompanied by an adult

Payment required at the time of booking to secure spaces.

FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

Junior Bronze Membership | ONLY £20.00 per year | 0 - 15 Years

FOR ALL 5-12 YEAR OLDS | BOOK EARLY ... LIMITED SPACES

SEN Parent

SUPPORT Group



11.30am -1pm

Monday 28th April

Friday 23rd May

Monday 30th June

Friday 25th July

Here at

Wareham Family Hub

PYCF

Worgret Road, Wareham,

BH20 4PH

Face to face support group for families affected by Special Educational Needs (SEND) - Diagnosed or undiagnosed.

In partnership with - NHS Public Health Nurse, DPCC and Dorset Council

Refreshments and Activities. Children are welcome.

No need to book, just drop in!

If you have any questions, please call 01929 552 934 or email office@pycf.org.uk



STARS

HOLIDAY CLUB

MAY



Tuesday 27th -
Friday 30th May
Daily: 08:00AM -
16:00PM

HALF TERM

Lytchett Minster School
BH16 6JD

Multi-Activity
Holiday Club for
children aged 4-
13 with activities
such as -
Football, Dance,
Gymnastics,
Inflatable Fun,
Dodgeball, Arts
&
Crafts, Nerf
Wars, Tennis,
Cricket and
many many
more!



£20 PER DAY

SIBLING, AND STARS MEMBERS DISCOUNT
AVAILABLE!

Contact
kirsty@starscorporateld.co.uk
to book your spot!

VE-Day 80th Anniversary Childrens Competition

Enter a picture or a model about VE-Day to win a prize!

Categories -

1. Best Picture under 7 year olds
2. Best Model under 7 year olds
3. Best Picture 7 years +
4. Best Model 7 years +



Judging will take place during our VE-day celebration **Saturday 10th May 2025 12 noon – 16.00** at **Lytchett United Royal British Legion**, 93 Dorchester Road, Upton, Poole. Please bring your entry before 14.00 to be judged winners announced at 15.00