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The Upton Schools

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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

9th January 2026

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a good festive break and were able to spend some time together as families.

Thank you to the year four and five parents for your understanding and support on Monday when the heating in these classrooms was not working resulting in us making the difficult decision to shut the school. The 'Rest and Reset' day we had at the beginning of the week was a huge success and really helped the children to settle back into school and gave the teachers time to celebrate the progress the children made in the Autumn term.

Changes to Behaviour Policy

At Upton Schools, we believe that every child thrives in an environment built on our three Rules: **Be Kind, Be Ready, Be Respectful**. We are excited to share how we celebrate positive behaviour and outstanding effort across our school community.

To encourage and recognise exceptional effort and those special 'wow' moments, we use **House Points**. Every child is placed into a colour house when they join Reception or Year 3. House Points are awarded consistently and fairly by staff and are a wonderful way to celebrate achievements.

- ❖ **Infant School:** Children receive a physical token for each House Point.
- ❖ **Across both schools:** Children will also receive a sticker when awarded a House Point. We are repurposing the Perfect Platinum stickers from the Junior School for this.

Individual House Point Awards

❖ **50 Points – Bronze Award**
Bronze sticker and a postcard sent home.

❖ **75 Points – Silver Award**
Silver certificate presented in assembly and a small bag of sweets.

❖ **100 Points – Gold Award**
Gold certificate, a special Gold Pencil, and a non-uniform day to celebrate!

Once a child reaches 100 points, their tally resets so they can continue earning rewards. At the end of the year, the child with the most House Points in each year group will enjoy a special trip to Costa Coffee as a treat!

Postcards Home

Teachers will also send postcards home to celebrate children who consistently demonstrate excellent effort and behaviour. This helps us share their success with you.

Weekly Celebration Assemblies

Every week, we hold a celebration assembly to recognise children who have gone above and beyond following our school rules.

❖ **Infant School:** Certificates are called **Golden Critterificates**, reflecting our Learning Critters theme.

❖ **Junior School:** Children are celebrated as **Stars of Upton**.

These assemblies are a fantastic way to showcase the hard work and positive attitude of our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and rewarding environment for all our children. Together, we can ensure every child feels valued and motivated to do their best.

Uniform reminder

In line with our uniform policy, we would like to remind you that jewellery should be kept to small stud earrings only, no rings, bracelets or necklaces. Children should not be wearing make-up or false nails to school. For safety and neatness, long hair should be tied back. Thank you for your support.

[Uniform Policy | Upton Junior School](#)

Non School Uniform Days

A reminder that on non-school uniform days children should not be wearing Jewellery.

Medicines

We have revised our approach to medicines, and we will now be sending asthma inhalers and other important medications with the children from the Infant school to the afterschool club at the Junior school. These will be handed to the parents on pick up from the afterschool club so they must be sent back into the Infant school the following morning. I appreciate this isn't ideal, but it is the most effective way to ensure children are safe.

Parents Evening

Parents evening for the schools will be on the following dates:

- ❖ UJS = Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th February
- ❖ UIS = Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February

At the Infant school these will be taking place in a classroom within each year group and at the Junior school they will be in the hall as usual. For the Infant school appointments please enter the school by the main entrance as all other entrances will be locked. During parents evening the walkway between the two schools will be kept open. Sign up will be via the MCAS app and will go live within the next few weeks.

Dates

Last day of school for half term is Friday 13th February with children returning to school on Monday 23rd February.

A reminder that both schools will be shut on Friday 6th March for a training day.

Thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

Duncan Churchill
Executive Head Teacher
Upton Infant and Junior School



Sports for Champions UK

Wednesday 4th February



Upton Junior School are excited to be hosting an inspirational workshop with Pierre Henry-Fontaine. Pierre needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help your school and other athletes across the country, find out more below!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/upton-junior-schoolfundraiser>

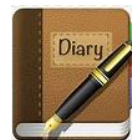
Pierre Henry-Fontaine
Basketball

Year of Birth: 1981
Coach: Retired
Representing: England



Paper sponsorship forms have also been sent home this week.

Upton Junior School Announcements



Diary Dates

- ❖ Thursday 22nd January – Pantomime – “Alice in Wonderland”
- ❖ Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th January – Bikeability Year 4
- ❖ Wednesday 4th February – Sports for Champions Athlete “Pierre Henry-Fontaine”
- ❖ Tuesday 10th February 3.30 – 6.30pm– Parents Evening
- ❖ Wednesday 11th February 3.30 – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
- ❖ Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term
- ❖ Monday 23rd February – Children return to School
- ❖ Friday 6th March – INSET DAY

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



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PE Days

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

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2026

SATURDAY SEND SESSIONS 9.30 - 12.30 P.M.

**7TH & 14 FEB: SOFT PLAY & ACTION VAN FUN
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5 - 17 YRS FOR 21 FEB

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FOR ADDITIONAL QUERIES TEL: 01305 252250



£8.92 PER SESSION

BOOKINGS CLOSE 15 JAN 26
CONFIRMATION EMAILS 16 JAN 26

PARENTS MUST STAY IF THIS IS YOUR CHILD'S FIRST SESSION
HOWEVER IF IT'S NOT THE FIRST SESSION, YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR CHILD
IN THE CARE OF THE ARTS+ SUPPORT TEAM.

Free community session: 'An Introduction to Autism'



What is the session about?

The session was co-developed with parents of autistic children, a SENCo, Dorset Parent Carer Council and Specialist Teachers and Educational Psychologists from Dorset Council.

It will help you to:

- Understand what autism is and how it may impact young people and families
- Learn some practical strategies to support an autistic child/young person

Please note, this is a general information session, so we won't be able to discuss individual children or schools.

The session will be delivered by either an Educational Psychologist or a Specialist Teacher from Dorset Council

Who can attend?

Anyone from the community, this could include people:

- with an autistic child
- with a child undergoing an assessment for autism
- who are interested in learning more about autism

Where and when?

Purbeck Youth and Community Centre (PYCF) Wareham Family hub, Worget Road, BH20 4PH (behind The Purbeck School)

Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 10-11.30am.

Event Registration

Scan the QR code or use the link below to register:

Purbeck - An Introduction to Autism - Parent/Carer Autism training - Spring Term



Registration Link: [Click here to book](#)



U6-8 RECRUITMENT

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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, evasion, spatial awareness and decision making. Ripa 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 C's' 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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