Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter 2: 14th September 2026

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

7th – 18th SEN Review Fortnight
15th/16th – Whole School Flu Immunisation
17th – Reading Open Lesson (A-L) – 8.45-10.30am
18th – Reading Open Lesson (M-Z) – 8.45-10.30am
18th – SEND Coffee Morning – 10.30am
18th – Charity Cake Sale at the end of school
21st – Behaviour Information Evening – 5.00pm

OCTOBER

6th – Y6T – Class Assembly – 2.40pm
9th – World Mental Health Day (#HellowYellow)
9th – Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y3/Y5)
12th – Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y1/Y2/Y4)
13th – Cheltenham Literature Festival (Y6)
14th – Harvest Festival (KS1-9am/KS2 – 2.30pm)
19th & 21st – Parents Evening
23rd – New Reception Welcome Worship – 2.40pm
26th – HALF TERM

A reminder that all diary dates for the school year can be found in the 3-fold calendar we provided you at the end of last academic year. It can also be found on the 'Term Dates' page of our website.



Message from the Executive Headteacher

As we move through another busy and productive week, I would like to remind families that our SEND Review Fortnight continues and concludes on Friday. If your child has a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND), please ensure that you have met with your child's class teacher by the end of the week to review progress and agree targets for the forthcoming term.

These meetings form an important part of the Assess, Plan, Do, Review cycle and provide a valuable opportunity for school, parents and pupils to work together in supporting each child's development. Parent and pupil involvement is central to this process, helping us to ensure that targets are meaningful, personalised and focused on enabling every child to achieve their full potential.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school this week for our 'Reading Open Lesson Event'. This event is designed to give families a greater understanding of how reading is taught across the school, provide practical ideas for supporting reading at home, and offer the opportunity to spend time alongside your child during their reading lesson.

Reading is at the heart of learning, and by working together we can continue to foster confident, enthusiastic readers who develop a lifelong love of books.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to seeing many of you in school during the week.

With love ♥
Mrs Broadbent

SEN Review Fortnight



SEN Review Fortnight continues this week. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity for class teachers, pupils and parents/carers to come together to review progress made during the last academic year and discuss priorities for the year ahead.

During the meeting, we will celebrate each child's successes, review the support currently in place and agree any new targets, strategies or reasonable adjustments that may be required to help them continue to thrive both academically and personally.

We believe that strong collaboration between home and school is essential in ensuring the best possible outcomes for children with additional needs. Parents and carers are therefore invited to contact their child's class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet during the review fortnight.

If you would like a member of the school's Inclusion Team to be present at the meeting, please let your child's class teacher know when arranging the appointment, and we will do our best to accommodate this request.

We look forward to working in partnership with families to ensure every child receives the support, encouragement and opportunities they need to achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support.



Our value this term is

GENEROSITY

Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

British Values and School Core Values

Individual Liberty Love – our love of life, the freedom to be ourselves, to be special, to be unique, to make our own choices, to enjoy the world.
Rule of Law and Democracy Truthfulness – we tell the truth, we know right from wrong, we follow the rules and we play fairly. We make informed decisions and we vote on things that matter to us.
Mutual Respect & Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs Respect – our love of another, we recognise diversity and individuality. We treat each other in the way that we would like to be treated.
Perseverance – We must do all that is necessary to uphold our School Values and British Values.

Menu

This week is Week 3

COLLECTION

School Contact List & Collection Policy
Please ensure that you contact list is up to date with the school





Reading Open Classroom Event – Thursday 17th (surnames A-L) & Friday 18th September (surnames M-Z)
This week, we are delighted to be holding the first of several Open Classroom Events planned throughout the year. These events provide an opportunity for parents and carers to come into school, learn more about our curriculum and spend time alongside their children as they learn.

At our schools, we believe that after safeguarding, reading is our highest priority. Reading is the key that unlocks learning across the entire curriculum. When children can read confidently and fluently, they are able to access, enjoy and succeed in all areas of their education. That is why our first Open Classroom Event will focus on Reading.

The morning will begin with a short presentation from our Curriculum Lead (Head of School) and Reading Lead, who will explain our approach to teaching reading, share key information about the reading curriculum and discuss how families can support reading at home. Parents and carers are asked to go directly to the Main Hall at 8:50am, when lessons begin.

Following the presentation, parents and carers will be invited to join their child's Reading lesson and experience first-hand how reading is taught within the classroom. We hope this will provide valuable insight into the strategies, approaches and resources used to develop children's reading skills and foster a lifelong love of reading.

The event will conclude between 10:00am and 10:15am.

We look forward to welcoming as many parents and carers as possible and celebrating the importance of reading together.

In the meantime, we encourage families to visit the Reading Curriculum section of our school website to find out more about our approach to reading and how we support children to become confident, successful readers.

office – we suggest that your 3 contacts are people who you authorise to collect your child from school. Our policy is that we only dismiss to people on your child's contact list. If somebody else is collecting, please make a note in your child's Reading Record and sign it to give permission.



Mobile Phone Disclaimer

A reminder that generally, we do not encourage children to bring mobile phones into school. We do however, understand that some older children do, as they use them to communicate with parents/carers when travelling to and from school. Should your child bring a mobile phone into school, these **MUST** be handed into the School Office.

The mobile phone remains your responsibility and we will not take responsibility for any loss or damage to devices.



No Dogs on Site

A kind reminder that no dogs are permitted on site except for therapy or assistance dogs.



School Policies

Our Governing Body determine which policies are school-based and which are Federation-based. A reminder that a copy of our most up to date policies can be found on the policy page of our





SEND Coffee Morning

Friday 18th September at 10.30am



We'd love to invite parents/carers along to our SEN Coffee Morning. It's a really relaxed, informal chance to pop in, have a coffee and chat with us.

Mrs Knight, Mrs Bailey, Young Minds Matter and Move More will be there to chat, answer questions and offer support.

And just to reassure you — this isn't only for parents of children with a SEN diagnosis! If you'd like to find out more about the graduated pathway, have questions about your child's needs, or would like some signposting to other family help and support, you are very welcome.

No pressure, no formal meetings — just come along, have a cuppa and a chat.



Behaviour Information Evening

We would like to invite you all to an Information Evening at 5pm on Monday 21st September to introduce new parents and refresh existing parents to the policy and Epraise app.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!



Allergy Awareness: Keeping Our Children Safe Together

We are pleased to share that K2 Train recently had the privilege of delivering comprehensive allergy awareness training to the staff at Heartwood Federation. In strict accordance with the statutory requirements of Benedict's Law, all of our school staff have now received expert training in identifying the signs and symptoms of allergic reactions, administering emergency medication, and understanding the 14 major allergens.

While ensuring our staff are fully equipped to keep your children safe is our top priority, we believe itis just as vital to educate the children themselves. Teachers will soon be sharing the attached poster with students to teach them how to be "Safe Buddies" and look out for one another. We highly encourage you to share and discuss this "Safe Buddy" information with your children at home to help reinforce these life-saving habits. Please also see our website for the school's policy on Allergy Awareness. Additionally, if any familieswould like any information on training courses that K2 Train offer, please contact Kim at k.j.hewlett@outlook.com

school website or Federation website – https://www.upton-st-leonards.co.uk/Policies/ or https://heartwoodfederation.co.uk/Key-Information/Policies/

Communication Policy



The strongest outcomes for children come when pupils, parents/carers and school staff work together. This partnership is at the heart of everything we do and helps ensure that every child is happy, supported and successful in school.

We want to work closely with families and encourage parents and carers to contact us if they have any questions, concerns or information that may help us support their child. We can only help with issues that we know about, and early communication often means that concerns can be resolved quickly and positively.

As a reminder, our Communication Policy asks that any concerns are raised through the following steps:

1. Speak with your child's Class Teacher in the first instance.
2. If the matter remains unresolved, speak with a Phase Lead (Mrs Baish, Mrs Day-Webb or Mr Turner).
3. If the matter remains unresolved, speak with the Head of School, Assitant Headteacher or Executive Deputy Headteacher.
4. If further discussion is needed, contact the Executive Headteacher.

By following these steps and maintaining open, respectful

Celebration Assembly

On Friday, the following children were recognised for their excellent attitude, behaviour or work.

Headteacher Award for showing a love of one another – Emma (3HB)
Headteacher Award for showing a love of life – Frasier and Hetti (6F)

Writer of the week – Hollie-Mae (5K)
Mathematician of the week – Evelyn (3L)

Stars of the Week

1B – Alfie
1GM – Spencer
2L – Lily
2M – Poppy
3L – Mila
3BH – Florence
4DW – Leo
4T – Alfie
5K –Arlo
5P – Jack
6F – Jack
6T – Darcie



Well done



One Way System

Please can we remind Parents/Carers that we opperate a one way system around the school grounds on drop off and pick up. Please enter via the front entrance and exit via rear entrance out on to Dirty Lane. This is to eliminate a bottle neck at the front gate. Thank you.

Guitar Lessons

Hello, I am Alex. I teach 1-2-1 guitar lessons at the school. I have a few remaining spaces for lessons this term.

About the Lessons



I offer different progression routes depending on individual students' needs and interests. I use the Rockschool graded syllabus and Guitarist's Way books to help teach notation and tab reading. In lessons we work on technique, compose, improvise jam and learn to play in time using graded backing tracks.

Cost

Lessons are in school hours. They are 20 mins long and cost £15.20 per lesson

Bursaries

If you are interested in starting guitar lessons for your child this term do get in touch as I have some new spaces that have become available. My email is alfoster1983@gmail.com
You may also be aware that bursaries for lessons may be available from the GSW music Hub
https://www.gswmusichubglos.org.uk/media/csam1cse/gsw-bursary-application-form-2026-27.pdf

communication, we can continue to work together in the best interests of every child. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.



Free School Meals

If you think you qualify for your child/ren to receive free school meals then please take a look at the following link to apply.
https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/



Uniform Expectations

As we enter the new academic year, we would like to remind all families of our school uniform expectations.

Please take the time to review the correct school uniform requirements using the link below:
https://www.upton-st-leonards.co.uk/Statutory-Info/School-Uniform/

Recently, we have noticed an increase in pupils attending school in items that do not comply with our uniform policy. Examples of these include:

- Black trousers or black skirts
- Make-up
- Branded clothing, including items such as Nike Pro shorts and other visible designer or sportswear brands

Please note that this list is not exhaustive, and parents should refer to the school uniform guidance in full to ensure that all items meet our expectations.

Children who attend school wearing make-up will be asked to remove it. Any branded clothing or other non-uniform items that do not comply with our policy may be replaced with a suitable item from our uniform shop for the duration of the school day.

Our uniform plays an important role in promoting a sense of belonging, equality and pride in our school. We want all children to feel included and valued, regardless of their background. Allowing branded or fashion items can unintentionally create divisions between pupils and detract from the sense of unity that our uniform is designed to foster.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school each day dressed correctly and ready to learn. By working together, we can maintain the high standards and inclusive ethos that we value so highly at Upton St Leonards.




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SIMONE HOPKINS & SONS MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
Kickboxing
Builds Confidence Fitness & Friends
CAKE SALE
Friday 18th September 2026
at the end of school
We are raising funds for our charity GL3 Community Hub Churchdown, please support us with this
GL3 Community Hub Churchdown
We do Kickboxing at this venue!
So come and support us and enjoy some treats!
We're selling...
Delicious Brownies ♥ Cookies ♥ Biscuits ♥ & Cupcakes!
Ingredients: Eggs, Flour, Sugar, Butter, Milk and other goodies!


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MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
Builds Confidence Fitness & Friends
CAKE SALE
PRICES
Brownies 50p
Cupcakes 50p
Rice Crispy Cakes 30p
Shortbread 30p
Cookies 30p
Biscuits 30p
Tray Bake 50p
GL3 Hub Gloucester
Thank you for your support!


Girls Just Wanna Have Fun...
Playing Football!
CITY OF GLOUCESTER WFC
EST 1997
MORE THAN A CLUB
A PLACE TO BELONG
OUR NEW CUBS SECTION!
Fun, friendly, girls-only football sessions for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!
HAVE FUN
MAKE FRIENDS
BUILD CONFIDENCE
LOVE FOOTBALL
CUBS
GIRLS FOOTBALL, BRIGHT FUTURES!
AGES
RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 GIRLS
TRAINING
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5:30 – 6:30PM
LOCATION
BLACKBRIDGE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS HUB GLOUCESTER
CONTACT
07535 775838
WHAT TO EXPECT
FUN SESSIONS • NEW FRIENDS
CONFIDENCE • TEAMWORK
NO EXPERIENCE? NO PROBLEM!
Our sessions are all about having fun, making friends, and building confidence in a supportive environment.
COMPLETE A GOOGLE FORM TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE
SPACES LIMITED!
SCAN HERE TO COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM
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E-SCOOTERS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
LEGAL
Over 18 with a valid driving license.
Insured.
Taxed.
Legal to use on any public road.
Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.
ILLEGAL
Insurable.
Taxable.
Legal to use on any public road/pavement.
Subject to drink drive and other driving offences legislation.
Likely to be seized and crushed by Police.
gloucestershire.police.uk
yourcommunityalerts.co.uk
/Gloucestershire.Constabulary
@glos_police
glospolice
E-scooter know the law
It's illegal
It is against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road, cycle path or pavement.