Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter — **Term 1 Newsletter 3: 21st September 2026**

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

21st – Behaviour Information Evening – 5.00pm
25th & 28th – Book Fair (after school)

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)
16th – PTA AGM – 7.30pm
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.



Our value this term is



Message from the Executive Headteacher

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful weekend and that our children are ready for another exciting week of learning across the Heartwood Federation.

As we move further into the autumn term, it has been wonderful to see pupils settling so positively into their routines, demonstrating enthusiasm for learning and embracing the high expectations we have for both achievement and behaviour. Thank you for your continued support in helping ensure that every child arrives at school ready to learn each day.

This week, we are looking forward to hosting our Behaviour Information Evening for Parents and Carers. This event will provide an opportunity to share our approach to behaviour, relationships and culture across the federation, as well as explain how we work together to create calm, purposeful and supportive learning environments where every child can thrive. I strongly encourage parents and carers to attend if they are able, as partnership between home and school is key to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children. Further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Alongside this event, pupils will continue to engage in a rich curriculum both inside and outside the classroom. Our staff are planning exciting learning opportunities across all year groups, and we look forward to celebrating the children's successes throughout the week.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement and commitment to our schools. Together, we continue to build a community where children feel safe, valued and inspired to achieve their very best.

I wish you all a positive and productive week ahead.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent

Behaviour Information Evening

We would like to invite you all to an Information Evening at 5pm this evening to introduce new parents and refresh existing parents to the policy and Epraise app.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!





6T Class Worship

We are welcoming Year 6 parents/carers to come to the Year 6T Worship on 6th October at 2:40pm. The class will be showing what they have learned so far this term.

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 1

COLLECTION

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

School Book Fair

We are delighted to be hosting our **Book Fair** in the school hall after school on **Friday 25th September** and **Monday 28th September**.

BOOK FAIR

Come along to browse a fantastic selection of books and help support our school. **Both cash and card payments are accepted.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Reading Open Lesson



We were delighted to welcome parents and visitors to our Reading Open Lesson events this week, where our children and staff truly shone. Throughout the event, the children demonstrated our Christian core value of **Love** through their enthusiasm, curiosity and genuine **love of learning**. It was wonderful to see pupils sharing their reading with confidence and pride, engaging thoughtfully in their lessons, and supporting one another so positively.
Our children were exemplary ambassadors for our school and their excellent behaviour, outstanding engagement and evident passion for reading were commented on during the events. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the Upton family and showcased the warm, nurturing learning environment that makes our school so special.
Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a pleasure to welcome you into our school and share in the joy of reading together.
Mrs Donaldson and the Upton staff



Reporting Absences

Please ensure all absences reported through the dedicated phone line (open 24/7) by 9am. Do not report via EPraise or email as they may not be picked up in time for the morning registers. Thank you.

Afternoon Pick Up

Following on from an Epraise sent out last week, a reminder that the school gates are closed promptly at 3.40 when all parents and children should be off site and not to allow children to use the school play equipment.

SCHOOL PICKUP



Parking concerns

We have had reports from residents in Twyver Close that parents are parking and turning around on their private drive. Can we emphasise that this is not permitted. Residents will continue to monitor the situation and will take pictures and report each incident to the local police.

A reminder that Bowden Hall allow our parents to park in their car park so there is no excuse for parking on private property or blocking residents access.
Thank you for the support with this matter.



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

Walking Home Permissions

A kind reminder to all parents/carers to ensure that the Walking Home Permission Slip sent with our Walking to and from School Policy is returned to the School Office as soon as possible. Staff will not allow your child to walk home if we have not go this on record.
With thanks.



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 – Jessica (3HB)
Headteacher Award for showing a love of our school value – Ariella (RE)

Writer of the week – Sienna (1GM)
Mathematician of the week – Oliva (6T)

Stars of the Week

1B – Nellie
1GM – Alfie
2L – Lillian
2M – Florence
3L – Aria
3BH – Finley
4DW – Verity
4T – Daniel
5K – Blake
5P – Isabelle
6F – Arya
6T – Archie



Special recognition to the whole of **Y5K** for their exemplary behaviour waiting for their flu vaccinations this week. They each showed huge respect and were a credit to our school.

Well done

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 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 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/





