Upton St Leonards C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Term 1 Newsletter 4: 28th September 2026

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

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)
20th – PTA AGM – 7.30pm
19th & 21st – Parents Evening
23rd – New Reception Welcome Worship – 2.40pm
26th – HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

4th & 5th – School Photographer
20th – Children In Need
16th – 20th – Anti-Bullying Week
16th – Odd Socks Day
17th & 19th – Open Day for new 2027 parents (9.00am)
24th – Y2M Class Assembly – 2.40pm
30th – 4th – Explore Advent

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 head into another week at Upton St Leonards, the school continues to enjoy the calm, purposeful atmosphere that has characterised the start of the term. It has been wonderful to see children fully engaged in their learning, developing their confidence and making the most of every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom.

Although this is a quieter week, there is still plenty happening across the school. Our annual Book Fair continues in the school hall after school today. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to browse a wide selection of exciting books, discover new authors and foster a love of reading at home. Every purchase helps to support the school by enabling us to access additional books and resources for our pupils. Both cash and card payments are accepted, so please do come along if you are able. We would love to see as many families as possible supporting this wonderful event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We wish all our families a happy and successful week ahead.

With love ♥

Mrs Broadbent



School Book Fair

We are delighted to be hosting our **Book Fair** in the school hall after school again **today.**

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!

6T Class Worship

We are welcoming 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.





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

Hello Yellow – World Mental Health Day

YOUNGMINDS Hello Yellow

On **Friday 9th October**, we are encouraging all pupils to wear something yellow alongside their school uniform to take part in YoungMinds' Hello Yellow, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. YoungMinds is a UK charity supporting children and young people's mental health, so that no young person feels alone when things get tough. Pupils will also take part in an assembly this week about the day, focusing on why it's important to talk about how we feel. A yellow bobble, socks or ribbon is plenty, so there's no need to buy anything new. Voluntary donations are welcome and will go directly to YoungMinds. Thank you for helping us show our pupils that their mental health matters.

You can donate at this link: Donate | Hello Yellow | YoungMinds

Parent's Evenings

Parent Consultation Meetings will be available to book via Epraise from **6.00pm** today, Monday 28th September.



Appointments will take place on:
Monday 19th October and
Wednesday 21st October
3.30pm - 6.00pm
Each appointment is 10 minutes long.
To book your appointment:

1. Log in to Epraise
2. Click on the three dots (...) on the home screen
3. Select Parents' Evening
4. Choose your preferred date and time

To ensure that all appointments run smoothly and fairly, please arrive promptly for your allocated time slot. Unfortunately, due to the tight schedule, late arrivals will be turned away and may need to arrange an alternative appointment at a later date.
We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's progress.

PLEASE NOTE:- We are still aware of the issues we have been having getting our new parents onto epraise. We will be in touch as soon as this is up and running. Thank you for your patience.

thrive Removing barriers to learning

Summer Thrive Challenge

Thank you to all the children who have completed the **Summer Thrive Challenge**!
Certificates have now been issued to all the children we are aware of. If your child has completed the challenge but we have not yet been informed, please let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure they receive their certificate.
It has been so lovely to hear how much the children have enjoyed taking part in the activities. If you would like more ideas on how to continue benefiting from **Thrive**, please feel free to contact the pastoral team at the Hub.
Well done to everyone who took part!

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

Celebration Assembly

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

Headteacher Award for showing a love of learning – George (3L)
Headteacher Award for showing a love of our school values – Oliver (1B)

Writer of the week – Amelie (5K)
Mathematician of the week – Felix (2L)

Stars of the Week

1B – Tammy
1GM – Rosie
2L – Bea
2M – Emery
3L – Charlie
3HB – Theo
4DW – Ruby
4T – Alex
5K – Uwem
5P – Will
6F – Dulcie
6T – Olivia



Well done!

Reading Volunteers needed

We really need more volunteers to hear our children read. If you've heard readers before and you could spare some of your time again, are new to hearing readers or know of someone who would like to do this, we would love to hear from you.
Please either epraise Miss Baish or email the school office on usladmin@heartwoodfederation.co.uk.





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

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

Sporting News

Athletics Championships

A huge well done to all 21 children from Years 2–6 who represented our school at the Athletics Championships yesterday at the Prince of Wales Stadium.

The children showed fantastic behaviour and represented our school brilliantly. Everyone gave their very best in both the field events and track races, helping us achieve an excellent second-place finish overall!

Mr Morgan and Mr Turner are incredibly proud of everyone for this fantastic achievement.

A special thank you also goes to our wonderful parent helpers for their support and for helping to make the day such a success.

Well done, everyone!

Girls ESFA Round 1

Huge well done to our girls' football team! Lacie L, Ava K, Olivia T, Ella RE, Cici QE, Ellia H, Isla H, Ja'Layah M, Isabella C. Who competed in the ESFA Round 1, playing three games and drawing all three.

Considering it was only their second time playing together, keeping a clean sheet across all three matches is a fantastic achievement. What a brilliant start for the team!

Boys Football

Well done to our boys football team today finishing 3rd in the ESFA 7-a-side finals!

The boys won their group with a 6-0 win, 0-0 draw followed by a 1-0 win. They then played incredibly well in their semi final but agonisingly lost on penalties!

Huge well done to Charlie, Luca, Jake, Rory, Jack, Henry, Isaac and Jesse!



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/



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.

Art Competition – Christmas Window

Christmas Window Art Competition December 2026

We are looking for a budding young artist to design a Christmas Window for the Upton St Leonards village advent windows trail.

Our school is taking part and have been allocated window number 11, which means our window needs to be in place and lit up from 11th December 2026 until the 1st of January 2027.

The winning design will be put up in one of the windows at the front of school by the winning child with the help of Mrs Townsend.

Entries of all artwork must be original and on paper then handed in to Mrs Townsend or Mrs Knight by the 6th of November 2026. Please feel free to see Mrs Townsend if you want to ask any more questions.







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Sunday 8th November
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USL School Field (opposite school)
please consider walking due to limited on street parking
Small Rides
tickets
£5
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www.ticketsource.com/upton-st-leonards-primary-school-pta
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