



Upton Westlea Primary School Parents' Newsletter October 2025



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the second newsletter of the new academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary School.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who attended our first 'Family Members to School' and 'Stay and Play' events – we had over 100 family members attend, all participating in activities with a 'Reading' focus. Please find below some lovely quotes from parents:

- 'I enjoyed every moment spent with my child and their class teacher'*
- 'Such a good idea to involve parents/families in class – can we have more afternoons like this'*
- 'The teachers do an amazing job thinking of all the ideas'*
- 'I enjoyed being able to see my son interacting with people in his class and using his imagination to make a puppet'*
- 'It's so nice to see how happy and enthusiastic the children are'*
- 'Really enjoyed working together with my child to create something of interest to him'*
- 'So well organized considering the size of the class'*
- 'Everything was perfect – such a lovely school'*
- 'It was great seeing how R learns phonics – it will help with learning to read at home'*
- 'We really enjoyed all the session'*
- 'It was really lovely getting to see the children's routine and my sister's friends. The environment is so lovely.'*
- 'I like the variety of things to keep the kids engaged.'*
- 'All of it was really lovely I enjoyed the group part and seeing L join in with the song at the end.'*

School News:

October has proved a very busy month....

Our KS2 children had the opportunity to watch a production by Storyhouse on Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. Miss Key said *'Key Stage Two had such a treat watching the comedy Twelfth Night by Shakespeare performed by Storyhouse in school. It had a modern twist and although much of the language was from Shakespeare himself, the children seemed to have a good understanding of what was going on. We all loved the dancing, singing and acting – great fun and a lovely way to spend a Thursday morning!'*



A message from our Junior Safety Officers...

"Hi, We are your new Junior Safety Officers in school. We are here to promote road safety and teach everyone how to keep themselves safe. We feel safety is really important to talk about and we wanted to be good role models by sharing this information and making sure we all respect this".

From Violet and Tara-Rose

Look out for activities and competitions from Violet and Tara-Rose in the future ☺

Class News:

EYFS: Apple Blossom have had a very busy and active few weeks! The children have been on an Autumn walk and collected apples, which were then washed and eaten for snack.

The new bikes arrived and the children have been practising their balancing skills to ride them.

Thank you for all of the baby photos sent into school. The children really had fun working out who was who. They also chatted about similarities and differences between how they looked then compared to now.

Year 1: What a wonderful October Year 1 have had. The children have loved junk modelling their boats. They have written their own retelling of Lost and Found, they worked incredibly hard! This week we have been super chefs making 'the best fruit salad ever' and then master artist learning about colour mixing and putting it into practice painting a rainbow.

Year 2: Ash Class have had a very busy October! The highlight was our amazing trip to Lynton Farm! Ash Class have had an amazing day at Lynton Farm! All the children really enjoyed feeding the animals and learning about all the work that farmers do! Also, we were extremely lucky to watch the sheep dog, Peggy, round up the sheep. The children have also really enjoyed their Forest School Sessions with Mr Ellinson looking at animals and their habitats.

Year 3/4: What a busy October! Elm Class have been on an exciting Roman tour of Chester this month. We marched the streets of Deva, chanting in Latin until we reached the amphitheatre. Here we arranged ourselves into formation and charged at the teachers! We've also been lucky enough to watch a Storyhouse production of Twelfth Night (with a bit of K-Pop Demon Hunter music mixed in!) and we've worked with Storyhouse to put together our own production to share with the school after half term.

Year 5: Another month has flown by and what a busy October it has been. In Holly Class, we have been working incredibly hard on our column methods when adding and subtracting. We are now starting to look at multiplication where the children are finding factors! In English, the children have finished the book 'The Queen of The Falls' and were so excited by the ending. We have produced some fantastic writing about the daredevil and her mind-blowing feat. Lastly, the children have thoroughly enjoyed our learning around forces and have loved completing different experiments and investigations to find the answers to some tricky questions. Brilliant work Year 5!

Year 6: The children in Oak Class have had a busy start to the year. We all enjoyed our trip to Chester Military Museum - we handled many artefacts from the Second World War and enjoyed looking at all the displays both inside and outside.

We also had a great DT day looking at food and nutrition during the war and learnt all about rationing. We prepared and cooked Bubble and Squeak – mixed reviews on the final taste test but it's all about the process!

Eden: Eden have had a fantastic first half term of the year! The Acorn children have enjoyed exploring their new environment and learning about the different traditional tales. Parents to school was a great success and it is lovely to hear that some of the magic beans that you planted with your children are growing well! The Oaks children have really enjoyed and engaged well with the story 'The Curious Case of the Missing Woolly Mammoth!' Who knew there was magic hour in The Curious Museum! The children have completed some amazing pieces of writing and working hard on our presentation. Well done Eden!

Headteacher and Reading Awards this month have been awarded to...

Ella-Grace (Eden)

Harry R (Eden), Isla (R), Paisley (Y1), Fifi (Y2), Lena (Y3), Otis (Y4), Ella (Y5), Najwa (Y6)

Well done to you all ☺

Dates for November:

Date	Class	Event
Thurs 6 th Nov		Storyhouse
Fri 7 th Nov	Ash Class (Year 6)	Futures School Day – Sustainability Workshops at Storyhouse
Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th Nov	Whole School	Anti-Bullying Week including 'Odd Socks Day' on the 10 th Nov
Wed 12 th & Thurs 13 th Nov	Whole School	Parents Evenings
Fri 14 th Nov	Whole School	Children in Need – Non-Uniform Day
Fri 14 th Nov	Elm Class (Years 3/4)	Lantern Workshop
Mon 17 th Nov	Whole School	Individual School Photos
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th Nov	Whole School	Parliament Week
Wed 26 th – Thurs 27 th Nov	Ash Class (Year 2)	Residential to Delamere
Thurs 27 th Nov	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Lantern Parade in Chester
Fri 28 th Nov	Whole School	Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate or Bottles for the Xmas Tombola

EARLY NOTICE – SCHOOL XMAS FAIR AND JOLLY JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Thank you for your continued support

K Carruthers