



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter February 2026



Message from Ms Carruthers:

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



A **HUGE** thanks to the Upton-By-Chester Horticultural Society for their generous gift to school. The Horticultural Society is celebrating 80 years (1946-2026) and as such is gifting gardening packs to all the local schools. We have got a selection of flowers and vegetables to grow including marigolds, nasturtium and sunflowers plus peas and pumpkins. I am sure Mr Conlan and Mr Ellinson will want to get involved!! ☺

Fundraising for school - <https://gofund.me/8a6e89745>

Phoebe and Rory's Mum has decided to challenge herself this year by completing a number of runs culminating in a Marathon in November (rather her than me!!!). She has kindly offered to fund raise for school and as such has set up a 'go fund me' page. Any money she raises is going towards I-Pads and laptops for the children - if you can support and donate we would all be really appreciative - please see the link above and thank you in advance for your donations ☺ Good Luck Hannah!!!

Don't forget to check out our website filled with lots of information about school and what your child is learning:

[Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School: A Warm Welcome to Upton Westlea](#)

A message from our School Council.....

A **HUGE** thank you for supporting our 'Break the Rules' Day - we raised just over **£300**.



Class News:

EYFS: Apple Blossom Class have been working outside, where we have a builders yard in the role play. We have been drawing plans and using the den frame and building blocks to create our designs. We have used our baby photos to decorate the home corner inside and drawn pictures of our family. We are glad the rain has stopped and we can get all the resources back out! The birds enjoyed eating the bird feeders we made!

Year 1: Willow Class have been very busy. We have celebrated Internet Safety Day by chatting about what AI is and how it helps us. We shared our happy places for Mental Health Week. We enjoyed our trip to the zoo and spotting Oak Manor from our History lessons. The children have been very creative and learnt how to collage and designed their own chocolate bars in DT.

Year 2: February has been another busy month in Ash Class! In DT, we have learnt about Henry Ford and designed and built our own vehicles. The children have showed fantastic creativity and resilience when turning their plans into finished cars. In Art, we have explored mark making, experimenting with different media to create patterns and textures. For Safer Internet Day, we discussed voice assistants and how to use technology safely. During Children's Mental Health Week, we focused on listening too and supporting our friends, and we enjoyed a SCARF visit where we learnt about the importance of gratitude. Well done, Year 2, for your continued enthusiasm and teamwork!

Year 3/4: Elm Class have had a very safe end to the half term. We started off by exploring how to stay safe with AI for Internet Safety Day. For Children's Mental Health Week, we had a visit from SCARF's very own Harold the Giraffe who taught us how to take care of our bodies and minds. We also completed a class mosaic on what groups/interests we feel like we belong to as well as identifying places that make us feel safe and supported. We ended Spring 1 with learning all about the architect, John Douglas, who designed the Eastgate Clock and Grosvenor Park Lodge in Chester.

Year 5: Holly Class have worked so hard completing their own myths and their writing has been absolutely fantastic. As well as this, the children did themselves proud on their Maths No Problem assessments. Well done Year 5. Finally, the children really enjoyed building and programming their crumble kits to create a carousel which rotated with a motor.

Year 6: Miss Key was so impressed with the way Year 6 conducted themselves during their Geography fieldwork in Chester city centre. Part of this involved completing a survey with members of the public. We had lots of positive compliments about their behaviour and good manners and some people even approached us to take part! A really enjoyable morning! Well Done Oak Class ☺

Eden: The **Oaks** of Eden have enjoyed learning about Plants in Science. We have enjoyed conducting different experiments including what would happen to a plant if it had all of its leaves removed, how would it make its food? We were all surprised by our findings! In Forest School, we have loved using natural materials for threading and learning about animals different habitats! Another month! Well done Oaks!

The **Acorns** of Eden have been reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See? and exploring our environment to see what we could see. There are lots of different colours in the story so we have had a lot of fun mixing our own colours and making rainbows. We really enjoyed using coco powder to make playdoh Brown Bears, it was very tricky not to eat the bears though!! Acorns have also read Elmer the Elephant and looked at colour patterns, we really enjoyed making our own 3D Elmer and getting very sticky with the glue. Acorns have been working very hard on our turn taking and are getting very good at waiting for our turn when we play What's in the Box? For Mental Health Week we all took part in 'Hello time', saying hello to each other and giving a wave and a smile.

Headteacher Awards for February have been awarded to...

Leo (Y4), Buba (Y6), Dylan (Eden), Reagan (Y5), Jannat (Y6)

Sparkly Box Reader Awards go to.....

EYFS – Archit, Y1 – Huey, Y2 – Sophie, Y3 – Sadra, Y4 – Sophia, Y5 – Ella, Y6 – Ananya, Eden – Dylan

Attendance Awards:

Molly (Y1), Jamie (Y3), Lena (Y3)

Dates for March 2026:

Date	Class	Event
5 th , 12 th , 19 th March 2026	Holly Class (Year 5)	Drama Workshops with Chester Uni – Commedia dell'arte
Spring 2 (Every Thurs)	Elm Class (Years 3/4)	Storyhouse Workshops
5 th March 2026	Whole School	World Book Day (Time to wear your PJs)
12 th March 2026	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Visit to Lynton Farm
17 th , 18 th , 19 th March 2026	Whole School	Book Fair in the Hall
17 th March 2026	Apple Blossom (R), Oak (Y6)	Hearing, Sight, Weight and Height Checks
18 th & 19 th March 2026	Whole School	Parents Evenings
20 th March 2026	Whole School	Down Syndrome Day – Odd Socks Day
24 th March 2026	Eden – Oaks	Visit to Chester Zoo (No Forest School for Y3/4 today)
25 th March 2026	Whole School	Easter Lunch
26 th March 2026	Year 1 to Year 6	Easter Movie Night 'Zootropolis'
27 th March 2026	Whole School	Non-Uniform Day for Rupert's Rainbow
30 th March 2026	Whole School	Easter Egg Tombola
1 st April 2026	Whole School	Easter Bonnet Parade (Optional)

School finishes at **3.10p.m.** on **Wednesday 1st April** for the Easter Holidays.

Thank you for your continued support

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