



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter March 2026



Message from Ms Carruthers:

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

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

Don't forget to check out Hannah's fundraising page - she is raising money for I-Pads and laptops for the children - Go Hannah!!! ☺



World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2026

I don't know anyone who doesn't like coming into school in their PJ's!!! What a fab day we all had - the children enjoyed lots of activities related to reading. The children also had the opportunity to read in different classes - WELL DONE to everyone - we REALLY do love books ☺



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

Polite request - Please can the children refrain from bring 'Fidgets' into school - they are becoming a distraction in lessons and are getting lost. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Class News:

EYFS: Apple Blossom have been busy with Drawing Club. Writing codes about Tiddler and Wacky Races! They have been trying hard with practising handwriting too... getting those gross and fine motor muscles working. They have been trying so hard in PE working on their listening skills to start and stop. They have been spinning, rocking and rolling!

Year 1: Willow Class have been working hard in Geography to become to UK experts. They have used atlas to find the countries, capital cities and seas. In Science, we have just finished off learning about animals by investigating different animal poo. We used what we discovered to decide if they are herbivores, carnivores or omnivores.

Year 2: March has been another exciting month in Ash Class! In English, we have been learning about toys from the past and present, exploring how they have changed over the last 100 years and using this knowledge in our writing. In Maths, we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes, identifying their properties and using them to build our own models. In History, we have thoroughly enjoyed our sessions with Storyhouse, where we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London through engaging and interactive activities. We also took part in World Down Syndrome Day by wearing odd socks, discussing the importance of equality, and celebrating our differences. It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and showing such positive attitudes throughout the month.

Year 3/4: Elm Class have had a wonderful March! We have cozied up in our PJs for World Book Day and enjoyed reading stories to Reception/Nursery children. We've also been working hard to 'get a grip' on our handwriting grips in our regular handwriting lessons. We've been disappointed that the weather has postponed our farm trip (twice!) but it makes it all the more longed for when we go on 30th April. Forest School, an Easter Movie Night, an Easter Egg Tombola, an Easter Egg Hunt and an Easter Bonnet Parade more than make up for it though!

Year 5: In Holly Class we have worked so hard on completing a biography about Chris Hadfield the past couple of weeks. The children have enjoyed conducting research and piecing together their evidence to create an informative piece of writing. As well as this, we have begun working on angles in Maths. The children have worked well at understanding different angles and how we can measure angles using a protractor. Well done Year 5.

Year 6: Year 6 enjoyed World Book Day by joining in with the BBC online lesson where we thought about our 'reading vibe' - genre of books we enjoy, where we like to read and when. We also listened to/read to children in Year 2 and Eden in the afternoon of World Book Day. As well as this, we had some very helpful Year 6 children helping with the Book Fair so thank you to them for giving up their time after school. Many thanks to everyone who supported the book fair - because of your support, we have got some rewards to spend on books.

Eden: Oaks have had a great half term learning about Chester Zoo in our History lessons and animals and their life cycles in Science. We really enjoyed learning lots of information about George Mottershead and how he built Chester Zoo starting with two goats and a woolly monkey. To end our work on these topics we had a great day at Chester Zoo. We learnt a lot of interesting information about animals who are found in the rainforest with Ed the Zoo Ranger! Who knew that a baby Orangutan can stay with their mum for up to eight years! Well done Oaks, for another fantastic half term!



'Acorns' of Eden have been making the most of the sunnier weather and getting outside as much as we can. We have been looking for minibeasts and planting seeds in our outdoor area, we hope as the plants grow, more minibeasts will visit our garden. We have enjoyed reading Jasper's Beanstalk and What the Ladybird Heard. We enjoyed creating our own farm to retell the story of What the Ladybird Heard. One of our highlights was on World Book Day when we had some visitors from Year 6 who came to read with us. We really enjoyed looking at books together and having stories read to us. We have also worked very hard to all join in with our group time activities over the past few weeks, everyone is now able to sit together for singing time and What's in the Box. Well done everyone, you all definitely deserve two weeks off after all of your hard work!

Headteacher Awards for March have been awarded to...

Edward (Y1), Molly (Y1), Jaydon (Y2), Ophelia (Y5)

Sparkly Box Reader Awards go to.....

EYFS - Lucie, Y1 - Molly, Y2 - Harriet, Y3 - Samuel, Y4 - JJ, Y5 - Reagan, Y6 - Natalia, Eden - Efriya

Attendance Awards:

Mila (R), Harriet (Y2), Elisa (Y6)

Dates for April 2026:

Date	Class	Event
Mon 20th April 2026	Whole School	Return to School at 8.40a.m. prompt!
Thurs 23rd April 2026	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	St Georges Day Parade in Chester
Thursday 23rd & 30th March 2026	Ash Class (Year 2)	Storyhouse Sessions with Elenka
Wed 29th April 2026	Ash Class (Year 2)	Visit to Weaverhall Museum

Thank you for your continued support

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