



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School Parents' Newsletter May 2026



Message from Ms Carruthers:

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

A massive mention must be given to our Year 6 cohort who completed their SATs mid-May. They sat 3 Maths papers, 1 Reading paper, a Spelling paper and a Punctuation and Grammar paper. They were all absolutely AMAZING showing so much perseverance and resilience – Well Done to them all.

Our class photos were taken on the 15th May, due to the weather they were taken indoors this year – I have had a sneak preview and they will look amazing when they are all put together ☺ The Year 6 pupils had some additional photos taken as well to commemorate their final year at Upton Westlea.

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](#)

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!!! ☺

Class News:

EYFS: The children have been loving our drawing club story Jack and the Beanstalk! They created some fantastic codes to catch Jack from stealing the golden harp! They have planted their own beans and other vegetables outside. They even made their own beanstalks in their play and in transient artwork with leaves and petals collected from the EYFS garden.

Year 1: Willow Class have been enjoying our topic about plants and watching patiently for our sunflowers to grow. We have been out in the school grounds identifying the different trees. We are very lucky this half term to be learning all about the moon landing during our Storyhouse sessions. The effort the children have been making with their writing has been phenomenal.

Year 2: Ash Class have loved working with Elenka from the Storyhouse on their History unit- The Great Fire of London! They were very excited to perform their assembly to the school and all the children can VERY confidently remember ALL the facts! We also visited Weaver Hall Museum for a Great Fire of London workshop where we met Rosie, one of Samuel Pepys' servants! She told us what she had to do each



day- such as empty Samuel Pepy's chamber pot out the window every morning!! We re-enacted the events of the fire and made fire marks to protect our houses. Year 2 have been working hard on telling the time and we are encouraging lots of practice!

Year 3/4: Years 3 and 4 have delved into the Amazon rainforest this half term. We have been writing up our non-chronological reports on rainforests so ask us about the layers and what lives in each. We have been supplementing our English research with our Geography learning as well - even drawing out our own graphs to measure rainfall across different continents and considering why South America has so much rain (Hint: It has something to do with the Amazon!). Year 4's have also been working hard on their times tables in light of the Multiplication Check coming up after half term. I think everyone is confident on $6 \times 7 = 42$ (insert hand actions for 6 7).

Year 5: This half term, Holly Class have worked so hard in their English lessons. We have produced fantastic formal letters to the government regarding landfill in the UK. The children have tried so hard and what they have produced is fantastic. As well as this, we have been working very hard on understanding how to convert different units of measurement in Maths lessons. Lastly, the children have particularly enjoyed creating vector drawings on the computers. We have improved our skills on the computer and learnt lots of ways to be more efficient when working on the computer. Well done Year 5.

Year 6: We are incredibly proud of how Year 6 worked during SATs week - they all gave their best which is all we can ask for. We had an enjoyable afternoon in Upton Park to mark the end of SATs week. Still lots to learn and work on until the end of July and continual writing assessment in Year 6 but with lots of other lovely things to do in between!

Eden: Eden Oaks have had a really busy month learning about different habitats and what you would find in them. At Forest School, we have been busy planting lots of different flowers including sunflowers - we are all guessing who's sunflower will be the tallest! In English, we have been very intrigued to find out if the Little Lost Dragon will ever find his home and family? Sport's Day practise is in full swing and we have some very good egg and spoon runners this year! We are all looking forward to the day.

Eden Acorns have been having a great time using their new outdoor area, we have really enjoyed having so much space to do outdoor activities. We read 'Whatever Next' and made our own rockets to travel to the moon where we had a picnic and ate our rocket shaped sandwiches that we had made. We made some aliens with salt dough and read 'Aliens Love Underpants'. Finally, we have travelled back in time to find out about the dinosaurs, after reading the book 'Dinosaur Roar'. We made a dinosaur habitat which was all edible, so we could have a little snack while we played. We also discovered some ice eggs with baby dinosaurs trapped inside that we had to try and rescue, luckily, we were able to rescue all the dinosaurs. After a busy few weeks, we are all ready for a week off!

Headteacher Awards:

Dyllan (Eden), Edward (Y1), Mikolaj (Y1)

All of Year 6 for being absolutely fantastic during SATs week.

Dates for June 2026:

Date	Class	Event
1 st - 3 rd June 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	Residential to Min-Y-Don

2 nd June 2026	Willow and Ash Classes (Years 1 and 2)	Visit to Gordale Garden Centre
4 th June 2026	Willow Class (Year 1)	Last session with Storyhouse – Space
5 th June 2026	Whole School	INSET Day – Children NOT in school
11 th June 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	First session with Storyhouse – Mayans
15 th , 22 nd , 29 th June & 6 th July 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	'Skills to go BIG' sessions with Healthbox (Preparation for High School)
15 th and 17 th June 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	Bikeability
16 th June 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	SNAP TRAP presentation at 'The Firs'.
19 th June 2026	Oak Class (Year 6)	Year 6 meeting Upton High staff
23 rd June 2026	Whole School	Football World Cup Lunch
26 th June 2025	Whole School	World Views Day

Early Notice: Sports Day for the whole school is on **Thursday 9th July:**

9.00 – 10.00 KS1 (Year 1 and 2)

10.00 – 11.00 EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

11.00 – 11.45 Eden

1.15 onwards – KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Thank you for your continued support

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