



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter July 2026



Message from Ms Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the last newsletter of the 2025-26 academic year for the parents and families of Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'THANK YOU' for everything you have done for Upton Westlea this year. We have had another eventful year - Your children are incredible and you should be proud of each and every one of them.

We say 'Farewell' to our wonderful Year 6. They have worked so hard and we wish every one of them 'GOOD LUCK' for the future.

Information for September 2026

Parent Meetings for EYFS to 6 will take place on the following dates:

Thursday 3rd September @ 2.45p.m. - Year 1/2

Friday 4th September @ 2.45p.m. - Year 3/4

Monday 7th September @ 2.45p.m. - Year 5

Tuesday 8th September @ 2.45p.m. - Year 6

Wednesday 9th September @ 2.45p.m. - EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

All meetings will take place in the school hall - please arrive promptly. If you are unable to attend class teachers will put the information on their website page.

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher (s)	Support Staff
EYFS (Nursery and Reception)	Apple Blossom	Mrs E Clements (M-W) Mrs B Davies (Th-F)	Mrs J Shepherd Mrs C Johnson
Year 1/2	Maple	Miss Dalton (M, T, Th, F) Mrs B Davies (W)	Mrs P Hunt Mrs S Barratt
Year 3/4	Elm	Mrs C Jones	Miss H Nicholson
Year 5	Holly	Mr J Rimmer	Miss D Erskine
Year 6	Oak	Miss H Key	Mrs D Woollen Mrs G Holder
Eden (Oaks and Acorns)		Mrs S Moroney Mrs F McCracken	Mrs D Carline Mrs S Gerrard Mrs S Gittins Mrs K Broadbent Miss H Palmer

Class News:

EYFS: Reception and Nursery have been enjoying another sunny week. We were excited to practice for sports day and sorry we couldn't show you how fantastic we were at the egg and spoon race and jumping the hurdles!

We have been loving trying different fruit and wrote a shopping list for staff to buy!! This week it's pineapple, strawberries and blueberries!

Year 1: What an amazing year we have had in Willow Class. We have finished the year off strong and worked very hard on our own story of The Storm Whale. The children's handwriting and stories have improved so much over the year, I'm very proud of them. We have enjoyed learning about the world in Geography and labelling our own globes. Our end of year trip 'bought' with our attendance money was fabulous fun. The children enjoyed playing and eating ice cream in Chester.

Year 2: Ash Class have had a brilliant end to the year! Despite the hot weather, they have continued to work incredibly hard! They have finished their final piece of writing, adapting a section of Grandad's Secret Giant and turning it into their own story- we had Grandma's Secret Fairy, Dad's Secret Alien Pirate, Grandad's Secret Duck Detective and many more great ideas! We have also started and finished our history learning on nurses from the past who made significant changes to nursing. We have learnt about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The children have continued to enjoy their learning and work hard in all their lessons! Well done for all the hard work this year and best of luck with your journey into Key Stage 2!

Year 3/4: Elm Class have been working hard right up to the finish line with some amazing alternative endings to our book, Blue John. We have also been enjoying our DT lessons by constructing 3D shapes using nets and designing these boxes to appeal to a specific audience. I can see some marketing careers in the making here with the attention to detail that took place.

Year 5: The children have continued to work so hard and have produced their own book similar to 'The Hunter' which we have really enjoyed in Year 5! In Art, the children loved their perspective drawing and produced some fantastic work. As well as this, we have continued to work hard in our foundation subjects and the children even managed to make their very own pharaoh! Have a wonderful summer!

Year 6: Oak Class have had a busy end to their time at primary school. Lots of the children successfully passed their swimming assessment. They had a fabulous last forest school which consisted of getting absolutely soaked whilst playing water games/water fight finished off with toasting marshmallows on the camp fire. Then a wonderful presentation evening celebrating the achievements of the class with some fun certificates too!



Well done to everyone. You will all be very much missed around school but we do wish you the very best of luck at high school!

Eden Oaks: What an amazing end to a super year! Oaks class have worked so hard this year! We are very proud of all their achievements! We have had a busy couple of weeks and enjoyed some special events together. We had an amazing time meeting a wide range of animals and we were super brave holding some of them!! Our leaver's service was a special time to say good luck and goodbye to two of our children, we wish them all the best in their new schools! Well done Oaks!



Eden Acorns: Little Acorns have been very busy investigating full and empty during water play. We have continued our theme of under the sea and created bubble pictures and also investigated different ways of making bubbles, including using a hoola-hoop to make huge bubbles. Our communication skills have been really improving, using our communication boards to help, we can tap something that we want or need and try and use the phrases to go with it. What a fantastic year Acorns have had, they most definitely deserve to enjoy their summer break!

School News:

Thank you to all our Year 6 relatives and friends who attended the **Year 6 Presentation Evening** – I'm sure you'll agree they are all absolute superstars ☺

English Award – Violet

Maths Award – Francesco

Sportsperson of the Year – Jake and Mete

Outstanding Achievement – Jasmine, Elisa, Arsalan, Oscar

Pupil of the Year – Natalia, Osman, Ayesha

September 2026 Dates:

Date	Class	Event
1 st September		INSET DAY – Staff only
2 nd September	Whole School (except new Nursery)	Children Begin
3 rd September	Maple Class (Year 1/2)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
4 th September	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
7 th September	Holly Class (Year 5)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall

8 th September	Oak Class (Year 6)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
9 th September	Apple Blossom (Nursery / Reception)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
10 th 17 th 24 th September	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Working with Storyhouse Practitioner
14 th September	KS1 & KS2 classes	Clubs begin
16 th September	Eden Oaks and Acorns	Coffee Afternoon
18 th September	Whole School	Jeans for Genes Day
21 st September	Whole School	Poetry Day
25 th September	Whole School	European Day of Languages
25 th September	Whole School	Cake Sale for Cancer Research
28 th September	Maple (Y1/2), Elm (Y3/4), Holly (Y5), Oak (Y6)	Family Member to School @ 1.30p.m.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

NO holidays will be authorised and **ALL** holidays 5 days or more taken during term time **WILL** be fined. The fine is £80 per child, per parent. This is a Government directive.

New Nursery children will be starting school on **Monday 7th September 2026**

School begins at 8.40a.m. (Gates will open at 8.30a.m. and close at 8.40a.m.) School finishes at 3.10p.m.

Don't forget about the Reading Challenge at Upton Library:



Free READ to the BEAT

Join the Summer Reading Challenge

- Join at your local library
- Starter pack includes bookmark and magazine
- Stickers and digital prizes after every two books read*
- Certificate and medal when Challenge completed PLUS karaoke machine prize draw
- Events bookable at each library
- Use the QR code to register in advance

*Books can be from any source and includes digital and all formats and genres. Stickers are normally given at every visit/2 books read and the Challenge is completed after 3 visits/6 books read but the target can be tailored to each child

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A message from the Department for Education....

'From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.'

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful Summer break ☺

K Carruthers

A FOND FAREWELL TO MRS FIELD

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take a moment to recognise and thank Mrs Field as she prepares to leave Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School after nearly 17 years of dedicated service. Over that time, she has made a lasting and positive contribution to our school community, supporting generations of children, families and colleagues.

We are incredibly proud that Mrs Field has secured the position of Head of School at Lache Primary School. This is a well-deserved achievement and a reflection of the commitment, care and leadership she has demonstrated throughout her time at Upton Westlea.

On behalf of our pupils, staff, governors and wider school community, I would like to express our sincere thanks for everything she has done for the school. Her passion for education, unwavering support for children and families, and dedication to developing others have helped shape Upton Westlea into the special place it is today.

While we will miss her greatly, we know that she will go on to make a significant difference in her new role. We wish her every success, happiness and fulfilment in this exciting next chapter of her career.

Thank you, Mrs Field, for your years of service, friendship and commitment to the children and families of Upton Westlea. You will always be part of the Upton Westlea family. ♥



A message from Mrs Field.....

'Where do I start? I want to start by saying thank you to all the children, staff and families that I have worked with over the years. It has been an absolute pleasure to have been part of the Westlea Community for the last 17 years! You know you have been at a wonderful school when you are talking to a pupil who says you taught my big sister and she is now 18! I have shared some many wonderful experiences and times with Westlea from residential in the pouring rain to amazing school events including the discos and trips to a wide range of wonderful places. I have so many amazing memories that I will always treasure and be thankful for. Westlea will always hold a special place and I promise to come and visit. Once again thank you for all your support over the years and I wish Westlea all the success going forward!'