

Upton Noble Church of England VC Primary School



27th March 2026



HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful few weeks here at Upton Noble, with many opportunities for our children to learn, take part in events, and represent the school with pride. We recently enjoyed a hugely successful Science Week. The mobile planetarium provided an exciting experience for pupils across the school, helping to bring learning about space to life in a memorable way. We were also pleased to welcome A Level students from Sexey's School, who delivered engaging workshops and inspired our pupils through hands-on activities. The Moon Buggy competition was an enormous success, and we were overwhelmed by the number of creative entries – thank you to everyone who took part.

Sport continues to go from strength to strength at Upton Noble. Our netball team competed well at the Millfield tournament, and pupils have taken part in two cross country events at Millfield, including the end-of-season relay. All of the teams performed incredibly well, with a standout achievement from one of our Year 3/4 boys' teams, who finished in 1st place. We have also taken part in a local football tournament at Wincanton Racecourse, finishing in 2nd place, as well as a highly successful tag rugby tournament in Frome. The children continue to represent the school with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Our end of term drama performances were, as always, a real highlight. The children did a fantastic job, showing confidence, creativity and great teamwork. It was wonderful to see them perform so proudly in front of their peers.

We have also held two very successful fundraising events. Wear Something Funny for Money for Red Nose Day and Crazy Hair Day for the PTA were both brilliantly supported. It was lovely to see so many creative outfits and some very imaginative hairstyles, and we are grateful for the support from our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

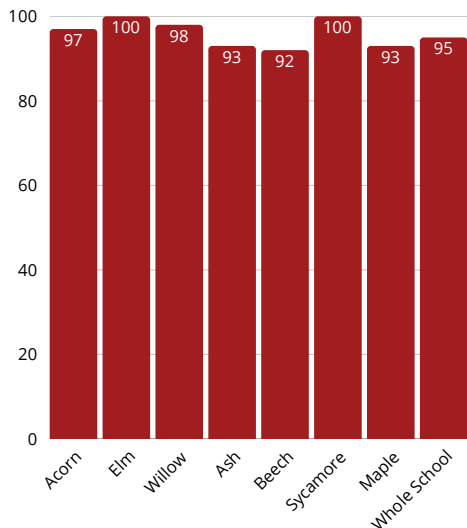
Best wishes,
Mr Oakes and Mrs Bisset

Safeguarding - If you have any concerns about a child the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Upton Noble Primary School is Mr Luke Oakes.

To report a child at risk please contact Children's Social Care – 0300 123 2224
Or contact them via children@somerset.gov.uk

"Let your Light Shine" Matthew 5:16

Attendance - 20-03-2026 - 26-03-26



Attendance Matters at Upton Noble

At Upton Noble, attendance is very important to us and to our pupils. We regularly monitor attendance to ensure every child is thriving.

Arriving late can mean missing key learning at the start of the day. Please note that after registration closes at 9.05am, any arrival is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children develop positive routines and achieve their very best. Supportive attendance meetings are put in place for pupils whose attendance is classified as persistently absent

Reminders

We would like to remind families that regular reading at home is vital for all children, regardless of age. Just 10 minutes each day can make a real difference to children's confidence, fluency and overall progress.

Reading together is also a wonderful way to spend time with your child, especially at bedtime. Sharing stories helps develop language, imagination, and a love of books, while creating a calm and enjoyable routine.

- Encourage your child to read daily
- Read stories together or take turns reading aloud
- Talk about the story and enjoy the shared experience
- Keep bedtime reading screen-free to support a relaxing routine

Thank you for supporting your child's reading and helping to build a lifelong love of books.

Farewell to Mr Williams

We say goodbye to Mr Williams, who is leaving Upton Noble and Beech class after more than five years with the school. We thank him for his time at Upton Noble and wish him all the best for the future.

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EYFS/ KS1



Acorn Class had a fabulous morning learning about pythons, tarantulas, hissing cockroaches, African land snails and guinea pigs.



Elm Class have been learning about the four seasons and the typical weathers and celebrations in each season. They sorted pictures into their season. They designed a seasons wheel to show their knowledge of the four seasons.

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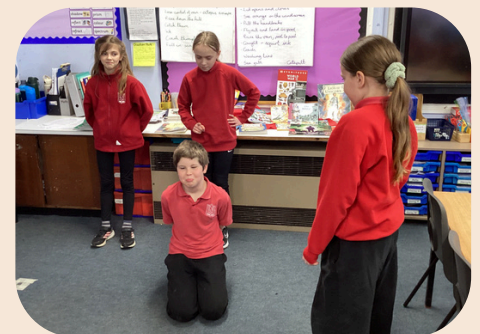
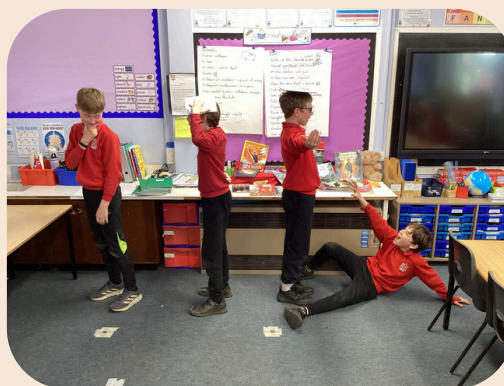
Ash class really did go crazy for crazy hair day



Beech class have enjoyed exploring Forest School



Maple Class have been creative and have acted out freeze frames based on the Easter story.



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Sports



Our Year 5/6 football team went to Wincanton Racecourse to take part in the annual football tournament hosted by King Arthurs! The children played incredibly well, showcasing the progress they have made as a team over the last few years. We played 9 games and won 7 of those comfortably, drawing one and losing one. This meant we finished 2nd place - a huge achievement! A massive well done to the 8 involved.



On Wednesday 18th March we took part in the Clive Lewis Schools' Tag Rugby Festival at Frome Rugby Club. The weather was glorious, providing perfect conditions for the children to enjoy the matches and showcase their skills. They demonstrated outstanding commitment and effort throughout the afternoon and their determination, teamwork, and positive attitudes were evident in every game. It was especially pleasing to see such strong displays of sportsmanship.

A special congratulations goes to the Year 3/4 team, who performed exceptionally well and won their pool.



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On Wednesday 25th March, 28 children took part in the Millfield Prep School Cross Country Relays. It was a fantastic event, with all children showing great determination and resilience in their running.

Special congratulations go to the Year 3/4 Boys Red Team, who achieved an outstanding result by winning their category. Equally impressive were the Year 3/4 Girls Red Team, who secured a well-deserved third place.

As always, the children displayed excellent sportsmanship and were wonderful ambassadors for the school.



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Friends of Upton Noble

Thank you for all the bags - it brought in £35 this time! Not loads, but thank you for everyone's donations and we hope to change it up next time and maybe try and do a clothes sale.. if anyone is keen to get involved or head that up please get in touch.

friendsofuptonnoble@gmail.com

Save the Date!

Join us for a Spring Breakfast on

Saturday 13 June

Wanstrow Village Hall

We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so pop the date in your diary!

More details coming soon...

We are currently raising funds to refurbish our school library, with the aim of creating a welcoming and inspiring space that encourages a lifelong love of reading and ensures all children have free access to high-quality books. This project will have a lasting impact on pupils' literacy, confidence, and overall enjoyment of learning.

Our goal is to complete fundraising by June 2026, allowing work to take place over the summer holidays and minimise disruption to pupils. Funds raised will go towards new shelving, comfortable furnishings, a wide range of new books, and creating an environment that truly supports imagination and a passion for reading.

Upton Noble School serves children from the local community and surrounding parishes, and many families benefit directly from the school. Any support offered will therefore have a meaningful and lasting impact on children in the area.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community and supporters so far, we are delighted to have already raised £10,000. This has given us strong momentum—but we still need help to reach our target in time.

At this stage, one of the most valuable ways people can support us is by helping to spread the word. We would be extremely grateful if you could share our Crowdfunder page far and wide with friends, family, colleagues, and across social media. The more people who see it, the closer we get to achieving our goal.

If you are able to contribute, no matter how small, it would make a real difference. And if your organisation offers match funding, this could significantly boost our total and help us reach our target even faster.

You can view and support our campaign here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/upton-noble-school-new-library>

Every share, mention, and donation truly helps us move closer to creating a beautiful, inspiring library space for our children.

Thank you very much for taking the time to support our project—we are incredibly grateful for any help you can give. Many thanks Upton Noble PTA

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Easter Bingo Reminder!

Don't forget — our Easter Bingo is happening next Wednesday (1 April 2026) at Upton Noble School Hall!

Eyes down at 6pm

Bingo from just £1

Everyone welcome – bring the whole family!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who has kindly donated bingo prizes — your generosity is amazing and makes events like this so special for our community

We can't wait to see you all there for a fun-filled evening!



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