



# ***Upton Noble News***

**Friday 10th October 2025**



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move further into the term, it is wonderful to see how well the positive start to the year has been maintained. Behaviour in school continues to be excellent, and the atmosphere around the classrooms and playgrounds is a really happy one. Our Acorns are now joining us on the main playground, and the love and care shown towards them by our older year groups is what Upton Noble Primary School is all about. Children are working hard, showing kindness and respect towards each other, and embracing the challenges and opportunities their learning is bringing.

It has also been a busy few weeks for school events. We were very proud to take 40 children to the first cross-country event of the season, where their effort, determination and teamwork shone through. Our Year 5/6 football team also played their first fixture of the year, representing the school with great spirit despite a tough result on the day. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Carymoor, where they explored nature and sustainability in an exciting and hands-on way, while Year 4 were immersed in Viking life during their incredible themed day to launch their new topic. We also had the very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Mr Symes and the Year 5 pupils, which raised well over £200. Well done, Year 5!

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new pupil leadership team. Heidi and Rowan have been announced as our Head Girl and Head Boy, with Hugo and Hattie as our Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. We know they will all do a fantastic job in their roles and be excellent role models for the school.

As a school, we continue to place a strong emphasis on attendance. Every day in school makes a real difference to children's progress, confidence and friendships, and we are grateful for your support in ensuring pupils are in school as much as possible. Next term, we will be in touch with parents and carers where attendance is becoming a concern, so that we can work together to support children in making the very most of their time at Upton Noble.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Bisset and Mr Oakes

## EYFS & KS1

Acorn Class have been embracing their learning around Rosie's Walk.



In Science, Elm Class have been learning about properties of materials, such as stiff, hard bendy, absorbent, stretchy, dull, shiny and waterproof. They tested to see if the coat and wellies were waterproof.



In Science Willow Class tested different materials to find out which would be best to use for waterproof coat.



## KS2

Ash Class enjoyed their school trip to Carymoor this week.



Beech class had a Viking learning day where they dressed up and learnt about crafts.



In PE, Sycamore Class have been showcasing their fantastic netball skills! They have progressed in their learning of the different types of pass, ways to shoot, key defending and attacking skills as well as learning some crucial rules. They have loved discussing the similarities and differences in netball compared to other sports and translating some important team skills!



# Upton Noble Cross Country Team



Year 3 & 4 Boys



Year 3 & 4 Girls



Year 5 & 6 Boys



Year 5 & 6 Girls

Last Thursday, the football team competed in their first fixture of the school year. It was fantastic to see so many new faces to the team as well as some superb performances for the children who returned. Unfortunately, St Vigor and St John got the better of us on the day, but the team performance was one to be proud of. The first of many football fixtures this year and the team should be proud of their achievements already!



The BBC 500 Words story writing competition has just opened for this year. Children are invited to write a story they would love to read and submit it to the competition. There are lots of resources online at [bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](https://bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words), including ideas to inspire your story writing and all the details about how to enter.

We will have an assembly in school to tell the children about the competition, and it would be great to have some children enter. Teachers will be more than happy to read the children's stories before they enter, but it does have to be all their own work! Stories are entered online, and the closing date is Friday 7th November 2025.

Happy writing!

## Attendance Matters

It's always good to remind ourselves of how important it is for children to attend school every day. Good attendance gives every child the very best chance of success.

Government research shows that attendance in the **first few weeks of school is crucial** in setting children up for the year ahead. Children who are absent in the first few weeks are more likely to go on to be absent across the year and become “persistent absentees”, which can have a negative impact on their education.

**Pupils attending, all day, every day is essential. Those with 95–100% attendance are 30% more likely** to meet expected standards in **reading, writing, and maths** than those with 90–95% attendance

### Key Statistics



- **10 missed days** in a year can **significantly reduce** a child's chances of achieving educational milestones. ([GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk))
- **Persistent absence** in primary schools stood at **14.29%** in Autumn 2024/25. (*Explore Education Statistics*)
- Pupils with attendance below **90%** risk falling behind their peers academically and socially.

Upton Noble Primary School is committed to supporting all pupils to attend school all day, every day. Next term, we will be reviewing attendance and sending out monitoring letters with offers of support where attendance is becoming a concern.

Join us for a family-friendly exhibition tour of '[Niki de Saint Phalle & Jean Tinguely. Myths & Machines](#)' at [Hauser & Wirth Somerset](#) before the gallery opens to the public.

The guided tour is open to all ages, led by Bloum Cardenas, Niki de Saint Phalle's granddaughter and Trustee of the [Niki Charitable Art Foundation](#).

The [Education Lab: 'Our Imaginary World'](#) will be hosting a drop-in creative workshop between 10 am – 12 pm. The interactive session will invite visitors of all ages to reflect on art as a form of healing and empowerment.

[Roth Bar](#) will be serving brunch from 9 am, including a special menu of American pancakes and kids hot chocolates.

Tickets are free, but advance booking is essential: <https://www.hauserwirth.com/events/exhibition-tour-niki-de-saint-phalle-and-jean-tinguely-myths-and-machines/>

## **Free Family Exhibition Tour at Hauser & Wirth Somerset**

**Saturday 11 October, 11am**