



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter April 2025



Message from Mrs Carruthers:

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

Huge thanks to all the children (and parents) who took the time to make their own Easter bonnets for our parade – it was a very colourful spectacular!!

Congratulations to our Easter Bonnet winners: Edward (R), Lena (Y2) and Bryn (Eden)



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](#)

Class News:

Nursery: Whilst the rest of the school were at the zoo, Blossom class decided to take full advantage of the empty playground and jumped on our wheeled vehicles to travel all around the open space! The children squealed in delight!

Reception: Apple Class had a wonderful time at the zoo. They were so sensible and well behaved. We loved watching the penguins diving. The monkeys were also a big hit! The ducks kept us entertained as we had our lunch on the picnic benches. We are already looking forward to going again!!

Year 1: Willow Class had a fantastic time at the Zoo. Here is what some children said about it.

'I loved the chimpanzees and the birds'

'I liked the snakes'

'It was fun and liked seeing all the animals'

'I like that my mummy came'

'I liked seeing the penguins'

Year 2: Ash Class had an amazing time at Chester Zoo just before the holidays! We saw so many animals but our favourites were the red pandas, penguins and lions!

Here is what year two had to say:



'I liked it when we went into the bat cave!'

'I liked it when we saw the penguins because they were jumping out of the water.'

'It was the best day ever!'

Year 3: Hazel Class kick-started April with an amazing trip to Chester Zoo. The children were impeccably behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

'I liked seeing the penguins swim and the red pandas in the tree' - Felicity

'I liked the part where the penguin jumped in and pooped in the water right in front of us.' - Lily

'I liked the red pandas and snow leopards. I liked the monkeys with the massive bums!' - Phoebe

'I liked to see the blue tits because they are so cute' - Tooba

'There was a monkey that was newborn and the mum monkey was touching it to see if there was anything on it' - Oliwia

'We saw flamingos standing on one leg. Me and Brooke tried to copy and stand on one leg but we kept falling over.' - Olivia

'I liked the bat cave...I thought there was a bat on my leg!' - Sophia

'In the bat cave I thought there was one on my bag so I kept shaking and it was funny when the monkeys looked like they were kissing' - Brooke

'I saw this cute animal sleeping but it opened its eyes and it was scary!' - Emilia

Following a lovely long Easter break, Hazel Class are now enjoying History lessons with the Storyhouse where they are learning about the Iron Age and have also started writing a story to accompany the beautiful, wordless book, 'Journey' by Aaron Becker.

Year 4: Birch Class enjoyed our trip to the zoo at the start of April. The children have all enjoyed their workshops with Alex from Chester Zoo over the last few weeks and enjoyed having another session with him at the zoo. They have remembered lots of Alex's facts about habitats which will help with our new science topic for this term - Living things and their habitats.

Some quotes about the trip to the zoo:

"It was fascinating learning about all the different animals."

"The workshop with Alex was interesting."

"It was fun seeing the cheetahs because they are my favourite animal."

Year 5: Holly Class had such an amazing time at Chester Zoo. The children were so enthusiastic when we completed our workshops and the workers at Chester Zoo were very impressed.

Some of the things we said were...'

'I loved going in the bat cave and trying to scare Mr Rimmer'

'I loved seeing all the animals'

'It was so much fun to spend the day at the zoo.'

Year 6: Oak Class had an enjoyable day at the zoo at the end of term. We must have walked miles!

'It was fascinating to see so many different animals' Lewa.

'I liked how we did a bit more learning at the zoo when we did the workshop with Alex' Oliver J

'We saw the cheetah which not many of us had seen before' Eric E

'I like how we learnt about nature and how we can help animals survive' Erin

We have come back eager to get going with our SATs this half term which will take place in a couple of weeks time.

Eden: Eden really enjoyed their trip to the zoo. The children enjoyed seeing lots of different animals.

Quotes from the children after our day included:

'We saw a butterfly use its proboscis!'

'The elephants were waving their trunks around.'

'I loved the rooms with the slithery snakes and the chimpanzees swinging on ropes like the monkey bars.'

'It was really awesome walking around the zoo and the bat cave was really dark.'

Sparkly Box Reader Awards at the end of last term were awarded to...

Brodie (Eden), Eric (Y6), Yunus (Y5), Rumer (Y4), Sophia (Y3), Lena (Y2), Ali (Y1) ?? (R)

Attendance Awards for Spring 2 were awarded to: Harriet (Y1), Lydia (Y6), Francesco (Y5)

Dates for May 2025:

Date	Class	Event
1 st May 2025	Oak Class (Year 6)	'SNAP TRAP' E-Safety session @ The Firs
12 th – 15 th May 2025	Oak Class (Year 6)	SATs week
15 th May 2025	Whole School	'Fun at the Fair' lunch
16 th May 2025	Whole School	Class Photographs
19 th May 2025	Whole School	Times Tables Rockstar Day
23 rd May 2025	Whole School	Finish for half term @ 3.10p.m.
2 nd June 2025	Whole School	INSET Day
3 rd June 2025	Whole School	Children return to school @ 8.40a.m.

Thank you for your continued support

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