



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter June 2025



Message from Ms Carruthers:

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

I am absolutely delighted to tell you that Mr Rimmer has become a 'Daddy' for the first time – Jackson Kenny Rimmer was born on the 28th June 2025 weighing in at a healthy 8lbs 3ozs. I'm sure you'll join me and the rest of the staff in wishing him and his fiancée, Demi huge CONGRATULATIONS and good luck with the sleepless nights!!! A new chapter begins ☺

Mrs Claire Keighery left her role as Nursery TA on the 20th June – she has now started her new Learning Mentor role at St Werburgh's and St Columba's.

Staffing changes for September 2025

Mrs Jayne Gold, our Year 5 Teaching Assistant has decided to retire at the end of this academic year after 29 years at Upton Westlea – I'm sure you wish her well in the next chapter of her life – hopefully she will be able to relax and enjoy the peace!!!

Mrs Cheryl Holmes our amazing SENCO and Reception teacher has decided to take early retirement. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best for the future, whatever she decides to do.

Miss Alicia Costelloe our Year 4 teacher has now completed her ECT years and is now moving onto pastures new. She has managed to secure a position at Westfield Primary School, Halton – they are very lucky to have her.

Mr David Jones our Year 4 Teaching Assistant will be leaving at the end of this academic year, we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to Upton Westlea over the years. We really will miss them but wish them every success for the future.

We are currently advertising and interviewing for some of the vacancies above and will let you know in due course the outcomes.

Don't forget our school video – Please feel free to share it with your family and friends ☺

<https://vimeo.com/1079561644/93d3b17e67?share=copy>

Class News:

Nursery: Blossom/Nursery class have enjoyed being Pirates and also being bug hunters! They are loving our story 'Ten Little Pirates' by Mike Brownlow. They have been busy making treasure maps and going on

treasure hunts. We also said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Keighery who moves onto ventures new! We will all miss her lots and wish her lots of luck in her new job!



Reception: Apple Class have had a great time watching the caterpillars turn into chrysalis. We can't wait for the butterflies to hatch!

Chester FC have been working with the children in PE, we have been very impressed with their skills! We are really looking forward to our turn in the pool.

Year 1: Willow Class have been enjoying our new English book The Storm Whale. They made some beautiful storm pictures and loved acting out the storm with fabric. We have been busy in Maths learning about volume and mass.

Year 2: June has been another busy month for Ash Class! After the Easter Holidays, we got straight back into things and began our new English book- Grandad's Secret Giant. The children enjoyed predicting what the main character would look like and writing about the different events of the story. In History, we have started a new unit on nurses from the past and have enjoyed exploring the life and achievements of Florence Nightingale so far. Also, the Year 2 children have completed the optional SATs and we are all so proud of what they have achieved!

Year 3: Hazel Class have returned for the final half term in great spirits! They have been finding out all about France and the journey Zeraffa Giraffa took from Egypt to Paris. Though nothing can beat the excitement and buzz around class than having our very own (temporary) swimming pool put up on the playground! All the sneak peeks and anticipation has been worth it though and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their first block of swimming lessons.

Year 4: We have had a busy month in Year 4. We started this month with our art days. We learnt about Edward Hopper and painted pieces of art in his style using watercolours. The children have also had their swimming lessons this month which they have all enjoyed, especially with the pool being at school! We have also been reading the book Blue John in our English lessons and the children are all enjoying learning about caves.

Year 5: This half month has been a very busy month in Holly Class. In English, the children have started reading 'The Hunter' and as a class, we love the book. The class have loved thinking about hunters and using their inference skills to consider how Jamina and the elephant are feeling at different points throughout the story. In Maths, we have continued to work very hard and have been focussing on area and perimeter. The children have impressed me with their resilience in this topic. Lastly, the children have loved their swimming time using the swimming pool on the playground. It has been so nice to see all children trying their best in the pool and being extremely respectful.

Well done Year 5!

Year 6: Many of the children in Year 6 visited Min y Don Adventure Centre in Wales for three days last week and had a fantastic time. They took part in a range of activities such as kayaking and abseiling with all children having a go at most activities. All helped by the glorious sunshine we had! Some children stayed in school and did some lovely arts and crafts with Mrs Woollen along with some baking. As the end of term draws near, all Year 6 children are spending time at their new high schools. We cannot believe it is nearly time to say good-bye.



Eden: Eden have had a very busy month. We have been learning about the Seven Wonders of the World and have enjoyed researching them and learning facts about the different wonders. We are all very excited to see our chrysalises turn into butterflies, we love coming in every morning to check for changes! Who knew caterpillars can grow so quickly! We have also been learning about healthy eating and loved making fruit faces and tasting different fruits. Well done Eden!

Headteacher Awards:

Ollie (Y3)

Dates for July 2025:

Date	Class	Event
3 rd July 2025	Whole School	Sports Day: 9.00 – 10.00 Years 1 and 2 10.00 – 11.00 Nursery and Reception 11.00 – 11.45 Eden 1.15 onwards – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
7 th & 14 th July 2025	Oak Class – Year 6	Skills to go BIG workshop with Healthbox
9 th July 2025	Holly Class – Year 5	Sports Festival at King George Sports Hub, Blacon
10 th July 2025	Reception to Year 5	Transition morning – Children will visit their new classes
14 th July 2025	Whole School	French Day
15 th July 2025	Oak Class – Year 6	Presentation Evening
16 th July 2025	Whole School	'Mini' Summer Fair after school Police Safety Bus visiting
17 th July 2025	Whole School	Year 6 Leavers Meal
17 th July 2025	Whole School	Art Exhibition in the Hall @ 2.30p.m.
21 st July 2025	Blossom Class – Nursery	Nursery Graduation
21 st July 2025	Willow (Y1) & Ash (Y2) classes	Visit to the Park

Reminder: We finish school on Tuesday 22nd July @ 1.00p.m.

Thank you for your continued support

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- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
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- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



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