



Upton Westlea Primary and Nursery School

Parents' Newsletter July 2025



Message from Ms Carruthers:

A very warm welcome to the last newsletter of the 2024-25 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 2025

Parent Meetings for Years 1 to 6 will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 2nd September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 1

Thursday 4th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 2

Friday 5th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 3/4

Monday 8th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 6

Tuesday 9th September @ 2.45p.m. – Year 6

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 Miss H Palmer
Year 1	Willow	Mrs F McCracken (M, T, Th, F) Mrs B Davies (W)	Miss D Erskine Mrs P Hunt
Year 2	Ash	Miss L Dalton	Mrs S Barratt
Year 3/4	Elm	Mrs C Jones	Mrs S Barratt Mrs G Holder Miss H Nicholson
Year 5	Holly	Mr J Rimmer	Miss H Nicholson Mrs S Barratt
Year 6	Oak	Miss H Key	Mrs D Woollen Miss H Nicholson
Eden		Mrs V Field	Mrs D Carline Mrs S Gerrard Mrs S Gittins Mrs K Broadbent TBC

Class News:

Nursery: Nursery children were fantastic for our Sports Day! They were all so enthusiastic and enjoyed joining in each race. We were so proud of how they all behaved whilst waiting in between each race and for how everyone participated.

Reception: Reception had two lovely days in succession. On Sports Day, everyone joined in with the races. The egg and spoon was our favourite.

We really enjoyed the swimming too. Everybody was very brave -Charlie the teacher- helped us get into the water, splashed our faces and then we used the floats to swim across the pool.

Our work this term has been listening to Fairy Tales. Our favourite, so far, is The Paper Bag Princess where the princess didn't marry the prince after all as he wasn't very kind!



Year 1: What a fantastic end to Year 1. The children had a great time at Sports Day and truly enjoyed their session in the swimming. We have also been very busy making soft toy whales during our DT days. We have used a pattern to draw and cut out our fabric piece before joining them with fabric glue. Year 1 have also enjoyed Art days and using paper to sculpt.

Year 2: Wow! What a brilliant end to the year! The swimming pool was an absolute success and the children had so much fun! They were so excited before their session that Miss Dalton caught some of them with their swimming hats and goggles on in the cloakroom! Sports Day was brilliant too! All the children cheered each other on, gave it their all and had a great time. Year 2 have continued to work their very hardest through this month! We have finished our own versions of Grandad's Secret Giant in English, loved comparing nurses then and now in history and concluded our plant investigation in science. Miss Dalton, Mrs Barratt and Mrs Hunt would like to say a HUGE well done to all the Year 2 children for their hard work all year! It has been a pleasure!

Year 3: Hazel Class have ended the year on a high note with some excellent sportsmanship at Sports Day, cheering their teams on. They have also produced some wonderful brochures to advertise the Jardin des Plantes as well as a further brochure on Gustave Eiffel as our engineer focus for our art days. What a great end of the year!

Year 4: We have had a busy final month in Year 4! At the start of the month, we had Sports Day and all the children enjoyed taking part in different races for their team. We also had our DT days this month where the children designed and made packaging for different products using nets to make the 3D boxes. Some children also attended the Summer Fair where they had lots of fun looking at the different stalls.

Year 5: Sports Day

The children had a fantastic time taking part in a variety of races and activities. There was a great atmosphere as they cheered on their teammates and showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout the day.

Sports Festival

Our pupils loved rotating around the exciting sports carousel, spending time at each station and trying out new activities. A highlight of the day was meeting players from Chester Football Club, the children enjoyed taking photos, playing games with them, and getting involved alongside children from other schools. It was a fun and memorable experience for everyone involved.

Year 6: Well, another Year 6 are on their way to high school. All of the children have had their transition days to their new schools and they all came back excited about a new start which is all very positive.

We had a lovely leavers' evening on Tuesday with the children sharing their final thoughts of primary school and some lovely (and emotional) photographs from across the years. Plenty of tears! All the children were presented with a book of their choice and a certificate as well as some children receiving awards for a range of achievements.

A fantastic night for a fantastic group of children. We will miss you all but wish you well in your next adventure!



Eden: What another busy month we have had in Eden! All of the class did us very proud at our Sports Day, no one gave up and we all enjoyed taking part in the different races. We all had an amazing time in the swimming pool, everyone in the lessons tried really hard to learn new swimming skills and those in the play session had a fantastic time even if that did include being sharks! And to cap off the month of July, our beautiful butterflies hatched and we enjoyed setting them free on the school field, keep your eyes peeled for our Painted Lady butterflies! Well done Eden!

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 – Erin

Maths Award – Eric E and Oliver J

Sportsperson of the Year – Lydia

Outstanding Achievement – Jaydell

Pupil of the Year – Oliver F

September 2025 Dates:

Date	Class	Event
1 st September		INSET DAY – Staff only
2 nd September	Whole School	Children Begin
2 nd September	Willow Class (Year 1)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
4 th September	Ash Class (Year 2)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
5 th September	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
8 th September	Birch Class (Year 5)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
9 th September	Holly Class (Year 6)	Meeting for Parents in the School Hall
11 th 18 th 25 th September	Elm Class (Year 3/4)	Working with Storyhouse Practitioner
15 th September	KS1 & KS2 classes	Clubs begin
19 th September	Whole School	Jeans for Genes Day
26 th September	Whole School	European Day of Languages

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 and existing Nursery children will be returning to school on **Thursday 4th September 2025**

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:



We say a fond farewell to Mrs Holmes, Mrs Gold, Miss Costelloe and Mr Jones – we wish them all the very best for their 'next chapters' whether that's retirement or new roles. A massive 'THANK YOU' for everything you've done at Westlea – you will all be missed incredibly.

Finally, we wish Miss Erskine 'Good Luck' on her impending marriage to Mr Newman on the 28th July – we are sure she will have an amazing day and we look forward to welcoming her as Mrs Newman in September ☺

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

K Carruthers