



# Upton Primary Moving Times

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Upton-upon-Severn CofE Primary, Nursery and Pre-School and Riverboats SureStart Children's Centre  
Working together to support the local community

Our School Vision is to offer inspiration to young lives 'Anything is possible, we can all succeed'

## Bible quote for the week:

But test everything; hold fast what is good.

*Thessalonians 5:21*

## YEAR 5 - MALVERN (EXTREME) ELEMENTS RESIDENTIAL TRIP

The temperature had dropped, snow was predicted, so it must have been time for Year 5 to head to Malvern Elements. From the minute the children arrived at Malvern Elements, they acted as super ambassadors for the school.

Walking up to the Beacon in a snow storm was definitely a highlight, especially when we reached the top of the Beacon and the snow was swirling all around us. Even when the children were cold, they didn't moan, as long as there was hot chocolate and cake, all was good.

We would like to thank all the staff at Malvern Elements for going above and beyond in the care they gave us whilst staying. We would also like to thank all the parents for ensuring that the children had sufficient warm layers, as they definitely needed them.



## RIVERBOATS CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We took over the management of the Riverboats Children's Centre in December 2016. As a result we have been able to further enhance our pre-school provision. We now have capacity for 46 children, an increase of 16, due to the extra facilities on offer through Riverboats. The Department for Education states that the core purpose of Children's Centres is to improve outcomes for young children and their families and reduce inequalities for families in their greatest need and their peers in:

- child development and school readiness
- child parenting skills and
- child and family health and life chances

We support child development and school readiness by expanding our pre-school and having a designated 2 to 3 year-old specialist room. We work with the National Childbirth Trust who run a range of sessions within the Centre. The Midwife and Health Visitor Clinics support child and family health. We also run a Stay and Play and Messy Play session and are now open 5 days a week all through the year with additional facility for a holiday club for all children from age 4 to 11. As the Headteacher I am passionate in my desire to ensure that the Children's Centre continues to flourish and I am delighted with how well the Centre has progressed over this year. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see us facilitating please let me know through the school office.

## ROAD CLOSURE - OLD STREET

Old Street will be closed for two weeks from the 5th March and a diversion put in place. However, please bear in mind that local traffic will use the back roads as a cut through which may create extra traffic in School Lane and Gardens Walk. Please therefore be extra careful, as this through-traffic may be travelling faster than our local school traffic would normally do so.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

All the children enjoyed a range of book related activities on Thursday including a book swap and a book treasure hunt in the library.

Their book character outfits all looked amazing. Thank you for help with outfits and donations towards new library books.

### CELEBRATION OF LEARNING ASSEMBLIES

YEAR 5 - Wednesday 7th March at 9.00 am

YEAR 6 - Thursday 15th March at 9.00 am

YEAR 2 - Friday 16th March at 2.30 pm

YEAR 1 - Friday 23rd March at 2.30 pm

Please wait at the Nursery/  
Pre-School entrance (black gate by  
school office) where you will be let  
in by a member of staff.

### PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Ben Jones (Year 1) ran a mile family run event. He did this in an impressive time of 15 minutes in a minion onesie and raised £120 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.



### RAGS 2 RICHES

Please return all bags to the school's playground entrance during morning drop-off on Wednesday 7th March.

### MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

The Friends will be serving hot drinks and biscuits, for a small donation, from 1.30 pm in the Parish Church.

### IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

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| Mother's Day Service   | Friday 9th March at 2.00 pm (Upton Parish Church)    |
| Easter Service         | Thursday 29th March at 9.30 am (Upton Parish Church) |
| Spring Term Ends       | Thursday 29th March                                  |
| Easter Break           | Friday 30th March (Good Friday) to Friday 13th April |
| Summer Term Starts     | Monday 16th April                                    |
| May Day                | Monday 7th May (school closed)                       |
| Summer Half Term Break | Monday 28th May (Bank Holiday) to Friday 1st June    |

**Thank you everyone from Mrs Julie Wills and the Upton Team**