

# News from us



**Spring Term Newsletter**

**Week Ending 14 01 2022**

**Whole School Attendance**

**96.91%**

## From Mrs Mayo

Happy New Year. I hope that you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break. All of the children have settled back in to school well and ready for their new topics. For their new topics, we will not be sending out curriculum letters. Instead, there will be an overview of the year for each class on their class page. This will be uploaded soon.

Key Stage 1 and Reception parents, please can you make sure that children come to school appropriately dressed for Forest School. I would advise layers that they can take off while inside, gloves, hats and jogging bottoms. It has become apparent over the last weeks that children are wearing more fashionable clothing rather than practical ones which means they are not getting the full benefits of forest school.

Thank you to those that are currently testing due to the cases in school.

From Monday 17 January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6.

It is crucial that people isolating with COVID-19 wait until they have received 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests on 2 consecutive days to reduce the chance of still being infectious.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on day 6 and day 7 to release from isolation.

It is essential that 2 negative rapid lateral flow tests are taken on consecutive days and reported before individuals return to their job or education, if leaving self-isolation earlier than the full 10-day period.

For instance, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10.

Those who leave self-isolation on or after day 6 are strongly advised to wear face coverings and limit close contact with other people in crowded or poorly ventilated spaces, work from home if they can do so and minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19.

The default self-isolation period continues to be 10 days, and you may only leave self-isolation early if you have taken 2 rapid lateral flow tests and do not have a temperature in line with guidance.

There are still simple things we can all continue, to reduce the risk of spreading the virus and other winter illness too, which are:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## House Points Total

**WILLOW**

**55**

**ASH**

**102**

**SYCAMORE**

**80**

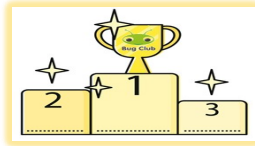
**OAK**

**67**

**Upton Snodsbury School Christian Values are**

**Friendship, Respect, Thankfulness, Forgiveness, Responsibility, Trust**

**"Where a love of learning grows"**



Bug club champions is about how many of you are starting a book on bug club and answering those questions/quizzes correctly with the bug face on. We will be checking bug club champions every month. Children will be rewarded with a badge to wear for the rest of January.

**8/12 children in Year 1 have started reading at least 1 book. That's 67% engagement!**

**Matilda W is our Bug Club champion in Year 1  
Sidney is our Bug Club champion in Reception**

**Year 2 80% of children read at least 1 book.  
Charlie is our Bug Club champion in Year 2**

**7/8 children in Year 3 have started reading at least 1 book. That's 37% engagement!**

**Joseph is our Bug Club champion in Year 3**

**12/13 children in Year 4 have started reading at least 1 book. That's 92% engagement!**

**Max is our Bug Club champion in Year 4**

### **Year 3/4 Topic - World War II**

Last week Y3/4 started exploring their new topic through a topic day. The children came dressed as evacuees, land girls and soldiers. We explored when and why World War II started and the key events during the years of war. We focused on the home front effort. We discussed what it would have been like to be an evacuee. We packed our suitcases and were evacuated to Devon. Unfortunately, the air raid went off so we had to take shelter until the Warden gave us the all clear. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day and have shown a great interest in the topic.





Friends of Upton Snodsbury C of E First School

## Parents Yoga Evening

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Sunshine Room  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

*A restorative evening of candlelit slow flow yoga with hot drinks and cake to finish.*

Hosted by Eden Yoga Studio  
[www.edenyogastudio.co.uk](http://www.edenyogastudio.co.uk)

Limited availability

Tickets now available to purchase via the Schoolmoney Shop at £10 each

Participants to complete a health questionnaire, covid waver form, and advised to take a LFT before attending.

Yoga mats will be provided, but you can also bring an additional blanket to snuggle for Shavasana (relaxation at the end of class).

## FUSS Fundraiser

### Break the Rules Day!

Friday 21st January

Next Friday in school, is 'Break the Rules Day'. For every rule broken you will be fined £1.

- ♦ Come to school in own clothes - £1
- ♦ Having crazy hair - £1
- ♦ Wearing nail varnish, makeup or face painted - £1
- ♦ Sweets in lunchbox - £1
- ♦ Drink which is not water - £1
- ♦ Pens no pencils - £1



## Stars of The Week



### Year R - Chloe

For showing fantastic listening and taking care when drawing bodies for Arts Morning.

### Year 1 - Amelia

For persevering in her handwriting and showing us small letters with ascenders and descenders.

### Year 2 - Georgia

For working hard to plan some instructions for making African bread.

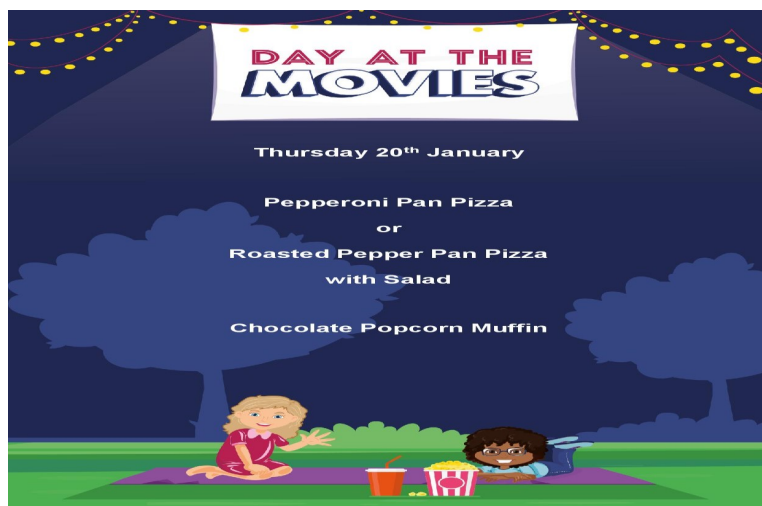
### Year 3 - Evie

For working independently and efficiently this week!

### Year 4 - Seb

For persevering with his art work during arts morning.





Parents applying for places at Primary, First, Infant, Junior and Middle schools have until 12 midnight **THIS SATURDAY** to complete their application via a secure online portal. Offers of school places will also be available to view via the same portal on Primary School Offer Day in April.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can get online at any Worcestershire library or if you require additional assistance please do not hesitate to talk to your school or to call School Admissions on 01905 822700.

To make an application or for more information on starting a new school, please visit: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

Innovate School Catering are having a Day at the Movies theme day.

This is being held on Thursday 20th January 2022. To order just log onto your school meal ordering account and order in the usual way.

Thanks



21st Jan - Break the Rules Day

26th Jan - FUSS meeting at 8pm The Oak

28th Jan - Parent Yoga Event

7th Feb - 11th Feb Children's Mental Health Week

12th-13th Feb - Grounds Day (info to follow)

15th Feb - Year 4 Bikeability Course

15th Feb- Fuss Disco (info to follow)

Term Break - 21st Feb - 25th Feb 2022

3rd Mar - World Book Day

6th April - Parents Consultations

7th April - Easter Service

5th May - Bags2Schools Collection

Term Break - 30th May- 3rd June 2022

6th June - TED Day 5

8th June - School Photographer - Class Groups Photos

21st July - Last Day of Summer Term



### Upton Snodsbury and Cowsden Wildlife Group

Being aware of and encouraging wildlife around us. Sharing ideas, wildlife news and local sightings.

Q Are you interested in the wildlife around you?

Q Have you seen something of interest that you would like to share with others?



- Take a picture and post it on the Facebook Group page – Upton Snodsbury and Cowsden Wildlife Group.
- If you don't do Facebook:
  - Email it to us and we will post it for you. [UptonSnodsburyWildlife@gmail.com](mailto:UptonSnodsburyWildlife@gmail.com)
  - Ask us to add your name to the list for regular updates of posts and information on events etc.
- If you have wildlife questions, post them, there is a wealth of knowledge in the village so someone may have the answer.

This is a simple idea to appreciate the wildlife in our village. In time we will also organise a couple of events such as:-

Restarting The Dawn Chorus Walk in early May  
(So much enjoyed when previously organised by David Matthews)

Supporting the Big Garden Bird Watch and the Big Butterfly Count

Any further suggestions gratefully received

### Peanut Allergies in School

Just a reminder to all Parents/Carers, that we do have children and staff in school who have peanut allergies.

Please double check the food labels on all items provided in lunchboxes and the children's Friday snack, to ensure that they don't or maybe contain nuts.

Thank you.

**STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022**

School admissions for:  
Primary/First/Junior/or Middle School  
Deadline: 15th January 2022  
Apply now at:  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

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