



UPPER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN ONE 2026

The Upper Junior team are delighted to welcome children back for a new school year and we hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing summer holiday. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and have impressed us with their learning behaviours and STEP manners.

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM?

The Great British Menu (DT)

In this DT based unit, children learn about the principles of nutrition and where our food comes from. They practise a range of food preparation skills and use their knowledge to design, make and evaluate their own healthy pasty.

Animals including humans (Science)

In this biology unit, children learn about the changes people go through as they age. They describe how various systems in their bodies function, including the circulatory system and how nutrients and water are transported



UJ Curriculum Overview



ENGLISH

Malala Yousafzai Children use her famous speeches to write their own passionate text about children's rights

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken Children study classic fiction to experiment writing in different forms and registers as they explore the historical characters.

A Ghastly Waxwork Children engage with an extract of 'Great Expectations', a heritage text where children are exposed to rich and complex language.



MATHS



Children will:

- Recap the four operations using formal operations and mental strategies.
- Develop understanding of place value by reading, writing and ordering large numbers including decimals.
- Solve problems involving factors, multiples, primes and square/cube numbers.
- Use rounding to check calculations.



'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded on Pageticker. Children are expected to bring their reading book to school every day.

Homework - Maths or SPAG homework is set each Wednesday and checked the following Tuesday. Please check Century for due assignments and remember you can access the pathway any time for personalized learning.



Century

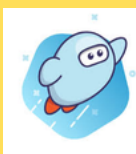
Spellings - Children will bring home spellings and dictation sentences approximately once every 2 weeks, in line with their spelling units.

TTRS - Regular times table practice helps with many areas of the Upper Junior maths curriculum. We encourage children to complete 10 garage sessions per week.



TTRS

If a child is unable to complete homework tasks at home, they will be invited to a lunch time catch-up club.



SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.



DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



GETTING IN TOUCH

Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office. Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.

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