



UPPER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TWO 2026

Upper Juniors are looking forward to welcoming children back after the half-term break. There are lots of wonderful learning experiences to look forward to in the run up to Christmas, with another exciting DT project on the way!

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM?

Crime and Punishment (History)

In this brand new history unit, children will explore how the justice system has evolved through the ages!

Cam toys (DT)

An ever popular unit where children design and make their own moving toy!

Earth & Space (Science)

In this physics unit, children learn about how ideas around our solar system have developed through time to a heliocentric model. Furthermore, children will be working scientifically by comparing day and night by investigating sundials and how shadows help us to tell the time.



UJ Curriculum Overview



ENGLISH

Holes Children will study chapters of this popular text in detail and write their own exciting 'escape' narrative using characters from the book.

Balanced arguments Children use their knowledge from geography to debate and consider environmental issues.

A Christmas Carol Children study this festive classic by exploring the viewpoint of Ebenezer Scrooge.



MATHS

Children will:

- Identify and convert between equivalent fractions, including improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Solve fractions problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Develop understanding of decimals, involving the 4 operations and rounding.
- Find percentages of amounts.



'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 Monday. Please check Century for due assignments and remember you can access the pathway any time for personalised learning.

Spellings – Children will bring home spellings and dictation sentences in a half-termly booklet.

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.

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



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TTRS



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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