

UPPER JUNIOR NEWS - AUTUMN 1

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 pastry.

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.

You can find more information on the Upper Junior curriculum [here](#).

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

- 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.



Supporting your child at home

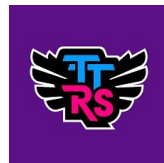
Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their reading challenge. Reading challenges are expected to be in school every day.

Homework - Maths or SPAG homework is set and checked each Wednesday. Please check Century for due assignments.

Spellings - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings. They will be tested each Friday.

TTRS - Regular times table practise 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.



Home learning links

Key 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.

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Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.