

NEWSLETTER

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Year 6 Duxford Museum

Our Year 6 pupils and staff spent the day examining the location where the very first Spitfires took flight in the late 1930s.

Our pupils were lucky enough to have a tour guide on the day, who took them from hangar to hangar, explaining the history behind each display.

Other exhibits introduced the pupils to a variety of historical artefacts, such as a 9/11 display featuring debris from the Twin Towers, the Duxford Operations Room where wartime aircraft were once organised, and a Land Warfare display where children could observe tanks and artillery.

As the Academy Enrichment program continues to evolve it is trips like this bring history alive for our children, it gets them out of the classroom, and into the field.

Intrigue and behaviour for learning was exceptional and complemented on throughout the trip. It was a highly successful and educational day all round!



Key Dates for your diary	5.2.25 Y3 Pizza Express Trip	7.2.25 Maths Subject Showcase (Parents invited 8:45-9:45)	11.2.25 Safer Internet Day	13.2.25 Y3 Craft Cuppa (Parents Invited 2pm)
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Year 1 Crafty Cuppa

Year 1 children, staff and families had a super time on Wednesday at the Academy. The children thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of crafts, conversations and fun linked inextricably to our English work "Katie in London". Thank you to the families that joined us.

Year 3's Crafty Cuppa is next week!



Active Kids Festival

What a way to kick start the new academic with our first event – Years 1 & 2 Active Kids Festival.

We managed to avoid the wet weather & the event welcomed over 200 children for the event led by West Norfolk Sports Partnership.

Our children were joined by pupils from 17 primary schools, who had lots of fun and trying to achieve their personal best/try something new in 9 skilled-based activity stations on Cone/Ball Tunnel, Slalom Relay's, Run For It, All For One, Jack High, Cone Throw, Catch Crazy, Overthrow & Throwmania.

A huge well done to all the children who participated showing great attitudes and SELF-BELIEF. A massive thank you to staff that joined our children and encouraged them throughout!

Photos from the event will be uploaded to our website shortly.



School Uniform at Upwell Academy

Our uniform consists of:

- Grey trousers or grey skirt/pinafore dress (grey shorts & bottle-green gingham dress can be worn for summer term and until October half-term)
- White buttoned shirt
- Academy tie
- Academy jumper/cardigan with the academy logo
- Black formal shoes

For years 5 and 6, a black blazer with the academy logo is available



Uniform can be ordered directly with our supplier and delivered to the Academy for free



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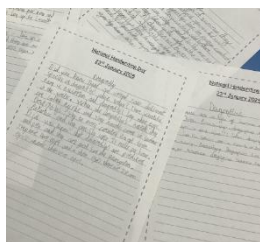
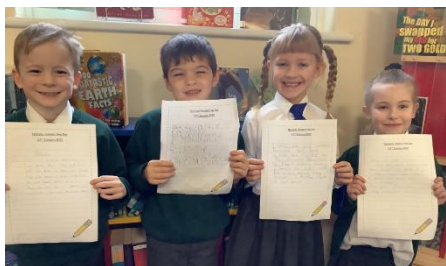
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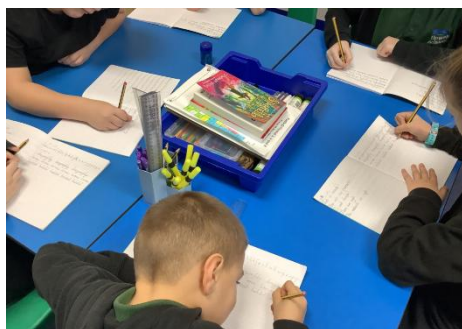
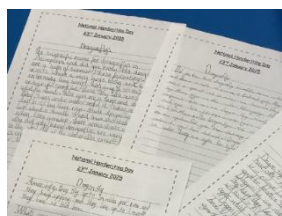
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National Handwriting Day

National Handwriting Day, celebrated annually on January 23rd, is a day dedicated to recognising the importance of handwriting. We celebrated this day by having a handwriting challenge which all pupils across school actively took part in. Each pupil had to try their best to write and present their work as neatly as they can. There was a winner from each class, and they received a certificate and prize in this week's Celebration Assembly.



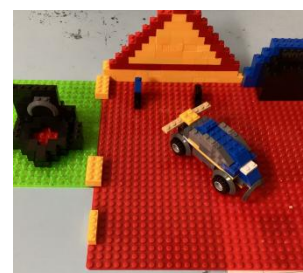
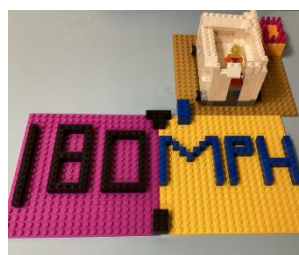
A huge thank you to Mrs Johnson for organising the day and prizes.

Kids with Bricks

This week our build was Supercars, under the theme of transport from around the world.

The winners this week was a trio of Year 4 pupils – Sofia, Marnie and Scarlett! Well done girls!

They all work extremely hard and it would be great if you could vote for them on the kids with bricks website: <https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



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Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Cygnet Class

We've had a fantastic week in Cygnet class! Our learning journey on Australia continues, and the children have been thoroughly engaged with our class book, *The Dingo and the Billabong Storm*. They have created incredible drawings, accompanied by beautifully written sentences with impressive handwriting. In science, we explored habitats, and the children confidently identified various animals and their natural homes. In music, we have been singing and performing *Teddy Bears' Picnic*, which has been a huge hit with everyone! Next week we will be exploring the famous festival 'Chinese New Year'.

Year 1: Waterlily Class

We have had a brilliant week in year 1! The children wowed us all with their beautiful writing pieces about research they had completed on Water lilies. Not only was their handwriting fantastic but also their concentration on the task. We also had lots of fun at our Crafty Cuppa afternoon where we were very fortunate to have lots of parents and carers come and join in the fun. The children were very excited to show off their fantastic creations they had made.

Year 2: Otter Class

In English this week, we have enjoyed reading our new class book, *The Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. We have been learning about the setting, plot and characters, completing comprehension questions and describing Plop. In Maths, we are working on our fluency when dividing, and we have realised how important our times tables are to help us. Next week, we are looking forward to starting our non-chronological reports about nocturnal animals.

Year 3: Swan Class

Year 3 are coming to the end of their narrative writing where I have seen so many lovely pieces of work. The children have worked hard to include ambitious vocabulary and fronted adverbials in their work which is a new skill they have been focusing on. The children also explored some Ancient Egyptian Art this week where they drew some key Egyptian monuments. Next week children will be exploring more of the Vikings and learning about how they used long boats to help them!

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

We have been exploring mythical stories in English this week, particularly stories relating to mythical sea creatures selkies and merfolk. We worked on our comprehension and retelling of a story as well as exploring certain characters in each book.

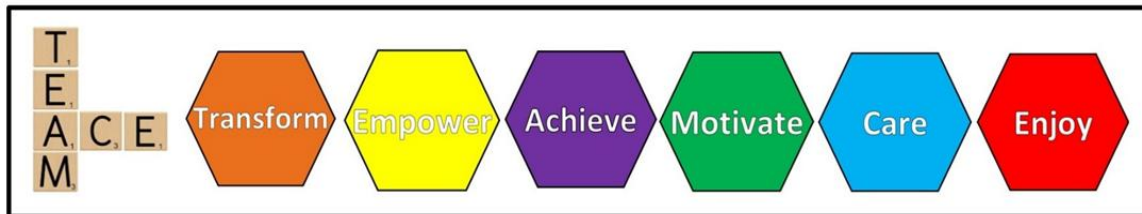
Year 5: Willow Class

In English this week, we have enjoyed reading our new class book, *How to Train a Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. We have been learning how to structure the setting, set the atmosphere of the story and construct the characters. In Science, we dissected a flower, to learn about the parts of the flower involved in reproduction and in PE we learned about how important teamwork and sportsmanship is. Next week, we will be continuing with our fraction work in Maths and start to plan our stories about *How to Train a Dragon*.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class have had a wonderful Educational Visit to Duxford this week. The class enjoyed learning about the different aircrafts of World War II as well as having the opportunity to board Concorde and look in the cockpit of a Hurricane. After exploring and engaging with the STEM stations several children were excited to share that they had spelt their names using morse code. The highlights of the day were encountering a Mustang conduct pre-flight checks and watching a Hurricane fly and land! We look forward to applying this newly found knowledge to our learning of World War II.





Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.

Updates



Spring Term 2025	
5 th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
17 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school
28 th February	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am) New Date
1 st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3 rd – 8 th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10 th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 th – 27 th February	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
14 th – 22 nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6 th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14 th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 st March	Comic Relief – wear a comic relief or red accessory
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
24 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25 th March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
27 th March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 th March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 th March	Easter Assembly
28 th March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th April – 22 nd April



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Summer Term	
22 nd April	Staff Inset
23 rd April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 th April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 th April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 nd May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens 'Out of this World' Special Lunch
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
25 th May	FOSA Colour Run
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 1 st June	Half-Term
2 nd June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
4 th July	FOSA Year 6 Leaver's Event
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
10 th July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends





COMING

We're buzzing for Bikeability
Year 5 & 6 Course
24th February



Norfolk's Wonderdome
21st March

Year 5, Year 2, Reception
Planetarium Visit

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