



Our School



Upton is a highly successful junior school. We have a dedicated and experienced staff that shares the vision and values of our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Lewis and Head of School, Miss Arthur. Staff are united in upholding our 'Core Values' and ensuring Upton Junior School continues to provide an outstanding education to all of our pupils.

Our aim is to educate pupils in the broadest sense, offering a firm foundation for life, a challenging but safe environment and a strong community spirit. We combine a broad, challenging and high-quality education with excellent pastoral care and extra-curricular opportunity. As a result, we take great pride in our young people and what we help them to achieve, and they develop into confident, well-mannered and responsible individuals who respect others, their school and their environment.

We measure the success of what we do not just in academic achievement - although results in the national tests at 11 are well above national averages - but in the atmosphere we foster, the care we take of each child and the opportunities we extend to all.

It's official:

- ✓ **Ofsted agrees...Upton achieved an OUTSTANDING Ofsted Inspection (Nov 2014)**
- ✓ **Twice as many children from Upton attend grammar school than from other Thanet schools**
- ✓ **Upton has been recognised nationally as one of the top primary schools in the UK: Pupil Premium Award (South East England winner 2015)**

Our extensive grounds host many and varied activities including sports tournaments and our very own family camp-out. We have 25 metre swimming pool on site, as well as an environmental area with a pond.

We are especially proud of our sporting and musical traditions. Our teams are consistently successful in local tournaments and sometimes even at county level.

Our Head of Music runs a variety of music groups ranging from our school choir and string group as well as our own 'Upton Rock Band'. Our talented musicians perform in school as well as community events throughout the year. Pupils in every year group are given opportunities to play a variety of instruments and are actively encouraged to develop their musical talents. Year 3 are learning the recorder, Year 4 the violin, Year 5 the ukulele and Year 6 pupils learn the keyboard. Private tuition is wide ranging, from learning the ukulele to practising the double bass. The musical world is your oyster!

Upton is well-known throughout Kent for our commitment to sporting opportunities and excellence and as a school that highly values Sport and PE. Upton school teams are regularly District, County and even National Champions in numerous sports, but more importantly we have a huge participation rate and run daily sports clubs at lunchtime and after-school for every child to attend. With our own in-house sports coaches, we are able to provide specialist teaching and make excellent use of our many facilities.

The only Kent School to be National Primary School for Sport, we have our own 'STEP into Upton Sport' values: Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Enjoyment and Participation and work exceptionally hard to include all children within these.

Art clubs and dance and drama clubs enhance the arts provision provided for pupils. Our Year 6 pupils really get to 'walk the boards' by presenting their end of year production to families at the Winter Gardens in Margate.

Our aim is to ensure that every child achieves their full potential. Our job is to strive to unlock the key to recognising and developing their own gifts and talents - whatever they may be - and ensuring that every child at Upton enjoys success!

