



# Press Release

**Friends Of Upton-upon-Severn CE  
(Controlled) Primary School Association.  
Charity No. 1082403**

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## **Performing Arts Project - Grand Opening 30.01.2004**

Following twelve months of frenetic fundraising, the friends were pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the refurbished school hall at Upton-upon-Severn Primary School, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. The fundraising for this £15, 000 project commenced in September 2002 and is nearly complete. This has been due to the continued dedicated fundraising by the friends with support from parents, carers, staff, governors and pupils alike. The fundraising ranged from monthly car boot sales, quizzes, sponsored events, non-uniform days, fashion shows, raffles, the summer barbecue and auction to name but a few. The friends also expressed their grateful thanks for the generosity shown by Upton's trades people and those situate in the surrounding area, for their continued support.

The hall was officially opened and a commemorative plaque unveiled by Mr Bert Loynes, a retired governor of the school and life long supporter of the school. This was then followed by entertainment in drama, music and dance by the pupils. The benefit of having a new stage, with a state of the art lighting and sound system was used to full effect by pupils who performed a short drama, followed by a dance routine before the school orchestra and choir concluded the evening's entertainment.

A tremendous amount of hard work has helped to realise what only twelve months ago was only a dream. The challenge given to the Friends was embraced and achieved in a short period of time. The children can now benefit further to give polished performances on their very own stage.