

Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 21st July 2023

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe this is the last newsletter of the year and what a year it has been! We have had a very busy summer term with lots of activities. We have added a brief summary of the fabulous events that have taken place this term later in this newsletter, but please take a look at the class pages on the website for a full update about what your children have been learning & experiencing.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the Uphill Village community of parents, friends and the Village Society, for the continued support of our school; our staff for their ever present dedication, commitment & hard work and finally to your children for their resilience and the sheer joy they bring to our lives.

I bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the very best for the future as they move on to their new secondary schools. We hope they will look back on their time at Uphill Village Academy with fond memories. We will miss you all.

Thank you for completing the questionnaire in support of our Ofsted inspection. Although the outcome remains confidential, I wanted parents to know that the inspection went well and I look forward to sharing the outcome with parents in September.

Please be aware Friday 1st & Monday 4th September are INSET days and the Academy will be closed to pupils. We welcome our pupils back on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer with your families and friends; fingers crossed for more sunshine!

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Farewell and Good Luck

Unfortunately, we say goodbye at this time of year. This year we say goodbye to Mrs Deane, one of our administrators. Mrs Deane has worked with us for the last 8 years firstly as part of the lunchtime team and then as a friendly face in our office. We will miss her and we wish her all the very best for her future.

We say congratulations to Miss Ware, who will return in September as Mrs Giblet, Chandra Class teacher. We wish her all the very best for her upcoming wedding and fingers crossed the sun will shine.

Miss Horn will return in September for a few weeks before going on maternity leave. Miss Hynam will be taking over the mantle as Unicorn Class teacher from September until Miss Horn's return later in the year. We wish her all the very best for the birth of her first child.

In our wider community, we say a fond farewell to our Year 6 parents, who will also be leaving us when their child moves on. Thank you for all the help and support you have offered to the school throughout their time with us. It is an end of an era, for you as well as us, and we wish you and your families the very best for the future.

We will see everyone else back on 5th September!



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Brilliant SATs Results!

We are delighted to share with you the amazing SATs results for EYFS, Year 1 and 2 along with the Year 6 results. The children worked really hard and we are thrilled at how well they have done.

	%GLD (EYFS)	% Phonics pass (Year 1)	Year 2 Reading Expected Standard and above	Year 2 Writing Expected Standard and above	Year 2 Maths Expected Standard and above	Year 2 Reading, writing, maths Expected Standard and above
School 2023	80%	89%	73%	64%	78%	64%
National 2023	67	80	69%	61%	72%	56%
% above National Average 2023	+13%	+9%	+4%	+3%	+6%	+8%

	Year 6 SPaG Expected and above	Year 6 Reading Expected standard and above	Year 6 Maths Expected Standard and above	Year 6 Writing Expected Standard and above	Year 6 Combined Expected Standard and above
School 2023	77%	84%	82%	75%	70%
National 2023	72%	73%	73%	71%	59%
% above National Average 2023	+5%	+11%	+9%	+4%	+11%

What have we been up to this term?

Summer Fete

We were delighted that the weather held for our annual Academy and Village Fete. On Saturday 1st July the school grounds came alive, buzzing with stall holders, refreshments games and lots of people! The fete was really busy and we enjoyed listening to the samba drummers, watching our dancers perform and listening to wonderful singing by our choir. Well done to all those children who took part.

A big thanks goes to the Village Society and our PTFA for organising the event. The PTFA have received an amazing £2,250 profit from the event!

Sporting Events



A team of Year 5/6 girls took part in a North Somerset girls cricket tournament playing against other schools from across the region. The girls came second overall and were awarded 'The Spirit of The Game' award. This was an award for the most improved team in the tournament and for the team that supported each other and worked well together. Well done girls!

It was so wonderful to welcome so many parents into school for Sports Day this year. The sun shone and the children showed great courage and sportsmanship as they completed a rotation of activities and took part in individual races. Great thanks go to Miss Arnall & Mr Huntley for their great organisation of this event.

Art Week

To celebrate the Arts, we held our own 'Art Week' within school. Each class was given an artist to study and a different art medium to explore. Over the course of the week, the children looked at work from the artist, learned about them and then practised skills to help them create their own piece of art. At the end of week, each class displayed their work and the children were given the opportunity to visit other classes to appreciate the art they too had created. Fantastic artists were found throughout the academy, well done everyone.

Local History week

The school celebrated local history week by exploring history in and around Uphill Village.



Our youngest children looked at maps and photos to see how Uphill had changed over time. Year 2 looked at the work of George Muller and investigated how Uphill Grange has been used over time.

Year 3/4 looked at the use of animals around the village thinking about the way in which farming has shaped our village and Year 5/6 explored smuggling, why it happened and what was the impact of it on the village.



The children thoroughly enjoyed becoming Historians and learning more about the history of our village.

Pupils Making Us Proud This Term!

Our children always make us proud but sometimes they do something truly amazing. Amelia, Hazel, Lilly-Rose, Jasper, Elsie and Bertie performed in the West End at His Majesty's Theatre with the Pauline Quirk Academy (PQA) WsM.

The show, Trouble's A Brewin' was written specifically for PQA and they all absolutely smashed it. Wow! They were amazing and everyone is so very proud of them.



Isla, Emilia, Scarlett and Yara all competed in a gymnastics competition in Bath for J21 gymnastics club.

All girls did amazing with Isla and Yara winning a trophy.

Well done to our young gymnasts!



What have we been up to this term?

Rainbow, Sunshine & Saturn Class News

This term our enquiry question was 'How do living things survive?' The learning was all about animals and plants. To help bring their learning to life the children went on a trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm seeing many exotic animals of Africa & Asia. They took part in a 'creatures features' workshop, where the children were able to stroke a snake and hold some other insects and there was some real courage shown by many of the children!



Later in the term, they received a visit from Puxton Park who also bought some animals for the children to meet. As scientists they researched and found out animal facts, including where animals live (habitats), features of animals, what they eat and interesting facts about them. They finished their enquiry by showcasing their learning to their parents.

There was some fantastic learning and activities going on in EYFS & Year 1 this term! Well done everyone.

Jupiter & Pluto Class News

Year 2 were scientists and geographers this term with an enquiry question of 'How is the environment changing?' specifically looking at how this is affecting the animals in our world.

They learned about endangered habitats and endangered animals and the impact that humans have on these. They discovered that some of the main reasons for habitat loss are: deforestation, climate change and pollution. They recognised that these are big issues so they thought about ways in which they could make small changes in school, at home and in the local community to make a difference. These changes included: recycling, walking instead of using a car, turning off electrical appliances when they are not being used and planting wildflowers.

Sputnik, Chandra & Voyager Class News

What a wonderful time the Year 4's had on their residential trip to Folly Farm! There was never a dull moment and they were so lucky with the weather. Well done to all the children that came on camp, their behaviour was exemplary and your enthusiasm infectious; you are a credit to Uphill Village Academy.

Thanks to Mrs Allsopp, Mr Hancock, Mrs Matthews, Mrs James, Mrs Owen & Mrs Haberfield for accompanying the children for another year.

Year 3/4 became geographers for our enquiry question 'Where in the world is the Amazon?' They have learned to use atlases to locate and find the continent of South America and then label the countries which are part of it, located and naming the surrounding oceans and using compass directions to describe where to find each country. Wow real Geographers!!

Pegasus, Orion & Unicorn Class News

It's been a busy term for our year 6 crew. After finishing their SATs they went to Charterhouse on residential for the week. They completed a variety of activities including: caving, rock climbing, gorge walking, den building and archery and had a brilliant week on the Mendips. Thanks to all the staff for accompanying the children and making it so special.

In readiness for their transition to secondary school, Year 6 also spent three days at their new school.

Year 5 had a fabulous trip to the beach where they met their school linking partner, Minerva Primary. It's the first time the classes have met after working together all year. Year 5 loved showing them WsM and the children had great fun completing the sandcastle challenge.



The 5/6 classes performed a production of "The Greatest Show". It was the first time in 3 years that we have been able to put on an end of year show and it was absolutely brilliant! We are all very proud of our young stars!

Goodbye Year 6!!



We would like to say good luck to all our Year 6 children who leave us this year, we will miss them!

Their celebrations started last Friday with the Leavers Disco; a beach themed party with lots of surprises, a fantastic night was had by all!

Thank you to the parents who helped organise and host this fantastic event.

We celebrated with our Year 6 children, holding special activities each afternoon to celebrate their time here at Uphill Village Academy.

They started the week on Monday with a cinema afternoon, a water fight on the field on Tuesday, and a trip up the hill on Wednesday for wide games.

Today we held a tearful leavers assembly followed by a visit from the ice cream van!



We are really proud of what amazing young people they have become.

It is very reassuring to see how your children have grown during their time with us and how they are now ready and inspired to move on to the next phase in their lives.

Good bye & Good Luck Year 6, Class of 2023!



Thank you to our PTFA

Our PTFA is a jewel in the crown of Uphill Village Academy. It tirelessly raises funds for our academy that allow us to offer our children the extras that make life at school better. We have benefitted from playground equipment, classroom equipment, trips, visitors and a host of other things due to their efforts.

We would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all the PTFA committee members and active supporters for their fundraising throughout this year.

A heartfelt thank you to those PTFA members who will leave Uphill Village Academy with their child this year, your contribution has been invaluable and we thank you.

A special thank you goes to Vicki Lloyd, Chair, & Vikki Lindsay, Treasurer, who step down from their roles this year. They have led the committee with enthusiasm and commitment that has been exceptional. We wish them both well for the future.



**Uphill Village Academy
Summer Term Award 2023**

**Congratulations to the following
pupils who were presented with
their thoroughly deserved awards
by Mrs Hodder in our
Celebration Assembly.**

Key Stage 1 Awards

English - Oliver D'Rozario

Maths - Sofie Warren

Science - Lucas DeGelas

Arts - Valentina Ippolito

Music - Aimee Chadwick

P.E. - Bailey Chambers

Citizenship - Sophia Groves

Ray Pegram - George Williams

Key Stage 2 Awards

Tom Tait Award - Megan Howells

English - Eva Allen

Maths - Noah Clements

Science - Robert Milton

Arts - Verity Chard

Music - Isaac McGlashan

P.E. - William Davis

Citizenship - Lauren Venables

The Dot Woods Award - Ethan Thomas

Term Dates 2023-24

North Somerset Council have issued their term dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. However, as a Local Authority, they have chosen different term dates to the surrounding local authorities of Bristol, Somerset, & South Gloucestershire.

Cabot Learning Federation have made the difficult decision to align all of its academies to the term dates of Bristol & South Gloucestershire, NOT North Somerset. Therefore, our term dates for 2023-2024 will be those listed below. Please check these carefully when looking to book holidays for next year.

Term 1 Starts Friday 1st Sept 2023 - **INSET days Friday 1st & Monday 4th September**

First day for children - Tuesday 5th Sept 2023

Ends Friday 20th Oct 2023 - **INSET days Thursday 19th & Friday 20th October**

Last day for children - Wednesday 18th Oct 2023

Term 2 Monday 30th Oct 2023 - Friday 15th Dec 2023

Term 3 Starts Tuesday 2nd Jan 2024 - **INSET day Tuesday 2nd January**

First day for children - Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Ends Friday 9th Feb 2024

Term 4 Monday 19th Feb 2024 - Thursday 28th Mar 2024

Term 5 Starts Monday 15th Apr 2024 - **INSET day Monday 15th April**

First day for children - Tuesday 16th Apr 2024

Ends Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June 2024 - Tuesday 23rd July 2024 **INSET day - Friday 5th July**

Bank Holiday Dates (school is closed to children) - Monday 6th May 2024

We would expect parents to ensure any holidays are booked during the school holiday dates as listed above. It is not acceptable to book family holidays within term time and requests will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. For further details please see our Attendance Policy,

Dates for your Diary

Don't forget to check out the school website for all our events as well as lots more useful class information and an array of great photos of our children's learning;

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 1st

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

MONDAY 4th

INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

TUESDAY 5th

START OF TERM 1

Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th

EYFS afternoons only

Monday 11th - Friday 15th

EYFS mornings & lunch

Monday 18th

EYFS - full time

Thursday 14th

Voyager Class Swimming

Thursday 21st

Voyager Class Swimming

Thursday 28th

Voyager Class Swimming



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Please come and join us at our CLF Academy Open Evenings in Weston-super-Mare this September. An opportunity for prospective students and families to meet our students and staff and enjoy a tour of the school and subject faculties. We look forward to meeting you!



Date: Thursday 15th September 2022
Time: 5pm – 7pm



Date: Thursday 29th September 2022
Time: 4.30pm - 7.30pm



Date: 22nd September 2022
Time: TBC

PCSA OPEN EVENING

We are pleased to welcome prospective students and their families to our annual Open Evening to experience PCSA's educational vision, ethos and fantastic facilities. Interactive student tours, live demonstrations of our curriculum and opportunities to talk to students and staff.

THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Talks at 5pm and 6pm in the Auditorium.

Priory Community School - An Academy is part of the Priory Learning Trust (PLT), an educational charity. PLT's purpose is to advance education for public benefit. PLT will facilitate knowledge building for all through professional development, with a determination to improve curriculum and pedagogy.

MOVING ON UP

Follow the link for more information

<https://otrnorthsomerset.org.uk/what-we-do/moving-on-up/>

SIGN UP

Moving On Up is OTR's group for any year 6 in North Somerset wanting to explore ways they can look after themselves when moving up to secondary school

We understand that moving up to secondary school, although exciting, can also feel a bit scary. There are 4 sessions in this workshop which are filled with fun crafts, games and activities to help you explore your feelings going into year 7 and find ways you can look after yourself during this big change.

These sessions will be a safe space to talk about your thoughts and feelings with other young people who are also moving onto year 7 and it will be up to you how much you want to get involved.

Where will it take place?

The sessions are open access for any year 6 in North Somerset to attend and will take place at the following times and dates:

- Gordano School, Portishead – 1st-5th of August @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Nailsea School, Nailsea – 8th-12th of August @ 2:00pm-4:00pm
- Hans Price Academy, Weston – 24th-25th of August

Drop-in or signup?

Sign up

Running dates

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Monday

Age range

Year 6s

Location

These sessions will take place at Gordano and Nailsea schools



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HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme Summer 2023

We would like to make you aware that we will be delivering our Summer HAF holiday clubs in Weston-super-Mare again this year during the Summer Holidays. Each club will run for 16 days, dates and times do vary, please check our booking platform for details.

Venue 1: **H.A.L.E Leisure Centre, 20 Whitney Crescent, Weston-Super-Mare BS24 8ES**

Venue 2: **The Campus, Highlands Ln, Weston-super-Mare BS24 7DX**

Venue 3: **Windwhistle Primary School, Kingsley Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS23 3TZ**

Numbers are strictly limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

North Somerset COUNCIL **CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS** **Healthy Appetite & Activities**

MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES
- TENNIS SESSIONS
- FOOTBALL SESSIONS, TAG RUGBY, DODGE BALL, BASKETBALL
- ARTS THEATRE & DANCE SESSIONS
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- ANIMAL SENSORY WITH NOAH'S ARK ZOO
- NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
- HOT HEALTHY MEAL, SNACKS AND DRINKS DAILY

Funded Spaces MUST have HAF code for booking to be accepted.

The Campus, Highlands Lane, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 7DX
starting on 25th July
Over 4 weeks 10am - 2pm

FREE TO CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFIT RELATED FSM (Free school meals). Funded through North Somerset Council by the department of education

BOOK NOW!

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MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES
- TENNIS SESSIONS
- FOOTBALL SESSIONS, TAG RUGBY, DODGE BALL, BASKETBALL
- DANCE SESSIONS
- ELECTRIC GO-KART EXPERIENCE
- SUMMER ARTS & CRAFTS
- ANIMAL SENSORY WITH NOAH'S ARK ZOO
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Haywood Airfield Leisure Centre, Whitney Cres, Weston-super-Mare BS24 8ES
starting on 24th July
Over 4 weeks 10am - 2pm

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BOOK NOW!

www.healthyappetiteandactivities.co.uk

