

# Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 23rd July 2024

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe this is the last newsletter of the year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents for their continued support, our staff for their hard work and dedication and our children for their resilience and the sheer joy they bring to our lives.

We have had a very busy summer term with lots of activities taking place. Please take a look at the class pages on the website for more information about what your children have been up to!

I would like to bid a fond farewell to all our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the very best for the future as they move on to their new secondary schools. Each one of them gave their very best this year, persevering even when it got tough; achieving some fantastic individual SATS results. Showing courage both on camp and in their end of year performances. Well done everyone. We hope our Year 6 children will look back on their time at Uphill Village Academy with fond memories., we will miss you all.

Please be aware Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September are INSET days and the Academy will be closed to pupils. We welcome pupils back on Wednesday 4th September at 8.35am.

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

## Class Teachers 2024-25

Children were able to meet their new teacher(s) and class mates during their transition morning last week.

Please see below the list of class teachers for the next academic year;

<b>Rainbow</b>	Miss Arnall
<b>Sunshine</b>	Mrs Curtis
<b>Saturn</b> -	Mrs Sims
<b>Pluto</b> -	Mrs Counsell (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Henry (Thur/Fri)
<b>Jupiter</b> -	Mrs Maynes
<b>Sputnik</b> -	Mrs Lorimer (Mon-Wed) & Mr Hancock (Thur/Fri)
<b>Chandra</b> -	Mrs Giblett
<b>Voyager</b> -	Mr Huntley
<b>Pegasus</b> -	Mr Clark
<b>Orion</b> -	Miss Horn (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Haberfield (Thurs/Fri)
<b>Unicorn</b> -	Miss Hynam

## Goodbye & Good Luck

We say goodbye to some of our much loved staff members at the end of this term.

Mrs Tinker, Vice Principal is moving on to become Principal at Herons Moor Academy, we wish her all the best.

Mrs Rundle, class teacher in Pluto class, and Mrs Patrick, class teacher in Sunshine class, are moving onto other teaching roles within our local community. Mrs Murray, teaching partner in Voyager class, will be moving onto pastures new after completing her Art degree.

Mrs Slade, teaching partner in Rainbow class, and Mrs Stephens, teaching partner in Chandra class, are both moving onto new schools within Weston.

Mrs Henry-Tarleton, our receptionist, will be continuing her role in Winterstoke Hundred Academy.

We wish them all the very best for their futures.

## Thanks to our PTFA

Uphill Village Academy would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA committee members for all their fundraising efforts throughout this year.

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

A special thank you to Vicki Lloyd & Vikki Lindsay who leave us after many years as Chair & Treasurer of our PTFA.

We are truly grateful for your contribution.



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# SATs Results 2024

## 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.

KS1 Results	%GLD (EYFS)	%Phonics Pass (Year 1)
School 2024	73%	87%
% above National	+6%	+7%

KS2 Results	Year 6 Reading Expected standard and above	Year 6 Maths Expected Standard and above	Year 6 Writing Expected Standard and above
School 2024	80%	83%	78%
National 2024	74%	73%	72%
% above National	+6%	+10%	+6%

## Open Evenings for September 2025

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!

### Thursday 12th September 2024 5pm –7pm



This evening will give you and your family the opportunity to tour our school and meet the staff and students. There will be a presentation and opportunities for you to meet with key staff, who will be delighted to answer questions that we know are essential to help you make your choice. Full details at [www.broadoakacademy.clf.uk](http://www.broadoakacademy.clf.uk)

### Thursday 26th September 2024 4.30pm



We would like to invite you to join us and experience for yourself daily life at Hans Price Academy. You will be able to meet our friendly and welcoming staff, and either be guided by our superb students or, should you prefer, take a walk around the Academy on your own. Full details [www.hanspriceacademy.clf.uk](http://www.hanspriceacademy.clf.uk)



Dates are still to be confirmed ; further details can be found at [www.winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk](http://www.winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk)

Priory Community School Academy open evening to be held on Thursday 5th September 2024 5pm-7pm.



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## Bags in KS2

Please remember our cloakrooms are small, so when shopping for your child's bag for school during the summer holidays, please ensure it is only a small bag. Children do not need anything more than their home school diary, reading book and lunchbox to be carried in it. Cloakrooms become very congested so please keep bags small and items in them to a minimum.

## Year 5/6 Pencil Cases

We are asking that, unlike in previous years, children do NOT bring pencil cases to school with them. Children will be issued with a pencil case containing the items they need and this will remain in school. Pencil cases brought in from home will be kept by the teacher and returned to the child to take home at the end of the school day. Your help in this matter is appreciated.

## Library books

We are having a sort out of our ever popular library. The children have composed the below list of titles they would love to see available for them to read. If you are having a clear out over the summer and wish to donate any of the following to our library we would really appreciate it.

Authors - Roald Dahl, Cressida Cowell, Emily Garret, Ben Miller, Tom Fletcher, David Walliams

Genres - Comic books, Joke books, Marvel books, Spiderman/Superhero

Series - Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Football Stories, Dog Man, Spy Dog, Cat Kids, Unicorn books, Princess books, Fairy books, Mr Gum, Harry Potter, Horrid Henry, How to Train your Dragon & Murder Most Unladylike.



Younger Books - How the Bear Lost it's Tail, Bunny Books, Frog on the Log, Mog, Robot no Bot.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Children – unleash your creativity with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers!

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

Children can read anything they like (really – anything!) and collect free rewards for their reading. Just pop in to your local library or visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to sign up. Whether you're a budding artist or a dreamer of distant worlds, there's sure to be a book to inspire you on our shelves.

This year, we're painting outside the lines and dancing to the rhythm of our own stories with a challenge focused on creativity! Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone.

The Summer Reading Challenge is developed by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries. This year's theme has been developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most. The bespoke illustrations for Marvellous Makers are created by the brilliant illustrator, Natelle Quek. The Challenge starts on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and runs until Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September across all North Somerset libraries.

So, young creators, are you ready to set off on an adventure that celebrates your artistic spirit? The chapter is yours to write, and the canvas awaits your touch.

# What have we been up to this term?

## Summer Fete

We were delighted that Uphill Village Academy and the Uphill Village Society came together to hold the Annual Summer fete. The school grounds came alive, buzzing with stall holders, refreshments, games and lots of people! The fete was really busy and full of fun activities with lots for children and adults to do. We really enjoyed listening to the samba drummers and listening to the wonderful singing of our choir. Well done to all those children who took part.



A big thanks goes to the Uphill Village Society and our very own PTFA for organising the day. The PTFA have received an amazing £4,760.58 from the event!

## Sports Day



It was wonderful to be able to welcome 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.

Thanks to all the parents who were able to join us and support their children. A special thanks to Miss Arnall & Mr Huntley for their great organisation.

## Rainbow, Sunshine & Saturn Class News



The children have been designing and making fish out of recycled plastic bottles to be displayed to the rest of the school in our Eco Art Exhibition. They had a lovely time walking around the school and visiting the other classes to see their art work.

We had a wonderful time at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. We saw lots of animals and took part in a minibeast workshop where we got to meet an African land snail, a hissing cockroach and a millipede!

Looking at their features and classifying some of the animals helped us with our term enquiry of "How do living things survive?"

Sports Day was a great success, we were so impressed with how well they all did, especially as for many this was their first sports day with us. They all tried their best and cheered on their classmates. Well done Rainbow, Sunshine and Saturn classes.



## Jupiter & Pluto Class News



We have been looking at our local habitat and what animals we might find there, as well as what changes happen with these animals and with ourselves as humans. We have also been using our researching skills to look at habitats that are in danger, and why others thrive.

We have been celebrating 'local history' across school this week. Year 2 learned about George Muller and how he helped hundreds of children by creating orphanages one of which was Uphill Grange.

They used different sources to help them find out about his work. We have also been learning how to make music using Music Chrome Lab. They learned about tempo and pitch and then used the app, song maker to select instruments and change pitch and tempo.



# What have we been up to this term?

## Sputnik, Chandra & Voyager Class News



Years 3/4 walked to the Winter Gardens to take part in a singing festival alongside other local schools. The children have been rehearsing over the past few weeks and sang with great enthusiasm.



We have had so much fun learning about circuits; experimenting with buzzers, switches and motors. We also learned all the symbols so that we could draw the circuits we had created.



As writers years 3/4 have been creating their own stories inspired by the book, "This morning I met a whale". They included important messages about saving the environment and protecting animals habitats.



Year 4 had a fabulous time on their 2 day camp at St Briavel's Castle. We tried our hands to candle making and fencing and enjoyed, fencing and a medieval banquet with jugglers! What a fabulous summer term Year 3/4.



## Pegasus, Orion & Unicorn Class News

As authors years 5/6 have been writing their own stories for a younger audience. The stories have a message about an environmental issue inspired by the book 'Greta and the Giants'.



As mathematicians, Y5 children sorted regular and irregular polygons according to their properties: whether or not they have right angles and parallel lines. They worked collaboratively in triads and pairs which enabled great maths talk and reasoning as to their decision-making.



Year 6 did themselves proud with their focus, attitude and determination around SATs. They then went off to Charter House to celebrate in their week long camp doing a variety of activities.

And of course, Year 5 and 6 did themselves proud with a fabulous production. They were confident, charismatic and their comic timing was perfect.



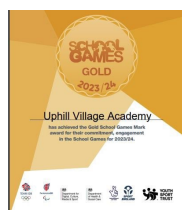
We are all very proud of you all!

## Academy Celebrations



We were so proud to announce that we have officially been accredited as a "School of Kindness" by the charity 52 Lives. This recognises the work we have done to ensure kindness is at the heart of all we do.

Our Eco Warriors attended the CLF Eco Conference along with 22 other schools from across the trust. They listened to speakers, took part in workshops and visited exhibitors. They came back with lots of ideas which they're keen to implement across the school - watch this space!



We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the School Games Gold Award in recognition of the commitment we have shown to sports competitions both in school and across North Somerset.



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# Farewell and good luck to our Year 6's

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 Thursday 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 at event and made it such fun for the children.

We have been celebrating with our Year 6 children, holding special activities during the afternoons to celebrate their time here at Uphill Village Academy.

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 2024!



## A Goodbye Poem

### Leaving

Primary school is over now with high school coming fast,  
I have to tell you this last year has simply been a blast.

Shortly you'll be moving on to somewhere fresh and new,  
This school will be so different when we do not have you.

We've watched you grow and turn into the person that you are,  
To read and write and count with ease, you simply are a star!

We want you to remember, a message from us all,  
Live your life and chase your dreams, whether big or small.

You are unique and wonderful and sadly, will be missed.  
So grab life and forever hold it tightly in your fist.

Goodbye from us and thank you as it has been so much fun,  
Remember you are special and you're simply number one!

## Farewell our Year 6 parents

We would like to take the opportunity to say goodbye to our parents, who will also be leaving us when their child moves on, for all the help and support they have offered to the school throughout their time with us.

A special goodbye to those parents who have supported on trips, with reading or as part of our PTFA - you are all hugely appreciated.

It is the end of an era, for you as well as for us, and we wish you and your families all the very best for the future.



**Uphill Village Academy  
Summer Term Award 2024**

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

**Key Stage 1 Awards**

Ray Pegram Award - Ella Woodward

English - Bobby Roth

Maths - Rowan Collings

Science - Leo Chouvarda-Edoria

Arts - Jacob Parry

Music - Matilda Presland

P.E. - Louis Kacou

Citizenship - Arya Lewis

**Key Stage 2 Awards**

Tom Tait Award - Bobby Blackburn

English - Eva Allen

Maths - Keira Insley

Science - Finn Schofield

Arts - Hope Long

Music - Ted Flenley

P.E. - Phoebe Turanova-Reeves

Citizenship - Malachi Hutchinson

The Dot Woods Award - Frankie Rossiter

## Term Dates 2024–25

## Dates for your Diary

### Term 1

Monday 2nd September	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 4th September	START OF TERM 1
Thursday 24th October	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 25th October	INSET Day (school closed)
	END OF TERM 1

### Term 2

Monday 4th November	START OF TERM 2
Friday 20th December	END OF TERM 2

### Term 3

Monday 6th January	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 7th January	START OF TERM 3
Friday 14th February	END OF TERM 3

### Term 4

Monday 24th February	INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 25th February	START OF TERM 4
Friday 4th April	END OF TERM 4

### Term 5

Monday 21st April	Bank holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 22nd April	START OF TERM 5
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 23rd May	END OF TERM 5

### Term 6

Monday 2nd June	START OF TERM 6
Friday 4th July	INSET DAY (school closed)
Monday 7th July	INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 22nd July	END OF TERM 6

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, available on the website [www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk](http://www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk)

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

Monday 2nd	INSET Day (school closed)
Tuesday 3rd	INSET Day (school closed)
Wednesday 4th	START OF TERM 1
Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th	EYFS afternoons only
Monday 9th - Friday 13th	EYFS mornings & lunch
Monday 16th	EYFS - full time
Monday 16th	Chandra Class Swimming
Thursday 19th	EYFS Coffee morning
Friday 20th	Pupil Individual Photographs
Monday 23rd	Chandra Class Swimming
Monday 30th	Chandra Class Swimming

## Meet the Teachers

We are looking forward to our Meet the Teacher sessions in September. This will be an opportunity for you to speak to your child's new teacher and ask any questions you may have.

Sessions will be held at 3.15pm in the main school hall on the following dates.

Year 2 - Wednesday 4th September

Year 3 - Thursday 5th September

Year 5 - Monday 9th September

Year 4 - Tuesday 10th September

Year 6 - Wednesday 11th September

Year 1 - Thursday 12th September

EYFS - Thursday 19th September - will consist of a coffee morning 9am-9.30am in the main school hall.



# Community News

Year 3/4 have been learning all about the digestive system in science this year.

This interactive event might be a great way to bring their learning to life!

Year 6 pupils who have completed their Bikeability Level 2 this academic year can now move onto the advance on road training, Bikeability Level 3; this will give them the skills to consider cycling to their secondary schools in September.



**Life Cycle**

Worle School  
August 2024  
Level 2 and Level 3  
Year groups 7 - 9  
Free!

## Bikeability Holiday Courses

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# Summer VIBES

Saturday 24th August  
From 11am  
The Italian Gardens & The Sovereign  
Sponsored by  
 Weston-super-Mare TOWN COUNCIL **SOVEREIGN**

**Freaturing Action**  
Live Entertainment  
Magic Show  
Circus Skills  
Inflatables  
Rides  
Interactive Games  
Mascots  
Dinosaurs  
Cludo Game  
Local Traders  
Competitions

 Action Pussycat  
 Missing Cat Trio  
 WESTON  
 Cludo Detective Trail

Find out more about attraction and timings  
[www.facebook.com/actionkidsparties](http://www.facebook.com/actionkidsparties)

## WILD & WACKY WEDNESDAYS FREE ENTERTAINMENT

- JULY 24TH**  
BUMBLEBEE  
ACTION PUSSYCAT
- JULY 31ST**  
MARIO & LUIGI  
ACTION PUSSYCAT
- AUGUST 7TH**  
ANIMALS INTERACTIVE  
ARCHER THE ALLOSAURUS
- AUGUST 14TH**  
BUMBLEBEE  
ACTION PUSSYCAT
- AUGUST 21ST**  
MARIO & LUIGI  
ACTION PUSSYCAT
- AUGUST 28TH**  
TITCH THE T-REX  
ACTION PUSSYCAT

 ANIMALS INTERACTIVE

PLUS sit-on baby triceratops each week

 Action Pussycat

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