



Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 19th December 2025

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Message from the Principal

Well we have had a terrific two terms of learning and experiences!

This celebration newsletter is packed full of information about the fabulous events and activities that have taken place. Please also take a look at our Twitter feed and the class pages on our website too; these both have even more photographs and detail of how much learning our children have taken part in.

Well done to those children who received an award this term, your hard work has been rewarded. Keep it up!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the PTFA for their tireless work over the festive season, it is very appreciated. The whole staff team would also like me to say thank you for all the generous gifts they have received; we are all extremely grateful.

Remember, if you need to report any concerns over the holidays, please email
safeguarding@uva.clf.uk

This inbox will be monitored throughout the holidays and can be used should you have any concerns about our children's & families safety at any time.

I look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026 and in the meantime I wish you all a merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Mrs Hodder, Principal



Dates for the 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 photographs of our children's learning:

www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/classpages

JANUARY

Monday 5th	INSET DAY - School closed to children
Tuesday 6th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 for children
Friday 9th	Young Voices Concert (selected children)
Monday 12th	Extra Curricular Clubs start Music Tuition starts





Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Lunch

The busiest lunch service of the year! Staff and children were treated to an amazing Christmas lunch in the hall with festive music, and our Principal, Mrs Hodder serving the puddings! Teachers and support staff shared their Christmas meal with the children. What a fantastic atmosphere and a great way to celebrate Christmas. This wonderful Christmas dinner was provided free of charge.

Thank you to our lunchtime supervisors for all their hard work and to the catering team at Aspens for providing a great Christmas lunch.

Christmas Choir Events

Our School Choir have had some trips out into the community to bring some festive cheer! This year they have been out & about performing at the Uphill Village Pop-up Café and visiting the residents of the Manor Nursing Home. They sang fantastically and performed so well; they really did themselves and the school proud. Thank you to Mrs Curtis for coaching & leading our school choir.

Choir return to rehearsals in term 5 ready for the end of year celebrations!

Secret Santa

Shh... it's a secret!

The children have been choosing and wrapping gifts for their family members this week. It's a truly wonderful activity that teaches the children the joy of giving at Christmas.

Thank you to the PTFA for their organisation and for providing the selection of gifts & thank you to the class teams for their help in making this event possible, helping our children choose & wrap their presents.

Christmas Parties

Each class has enjoyed their Christmas party this week - a chance to have fun with friends! The children have been playing games, listening to Christmas music and enjoying some party food.

The EYFS & KS1 classes even had a special visitor!! A big thank you to the PTFA committee for their generous donation of party food for each class & thank you, of course, to Santa for taking the time to visit us.

Christmas Bazaar

What a wonderful turnout we had for the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everyone who donated items and came along with your children to support us. It was truly magical listening to our very enthusiastic KS2 children singing carols, followed by our very own choir, led by Mrs Curtis.

Everyone had a fabulous time with stalls, games & the ever popular Christmas raffle.

A huge thank you and well done to the PTFA for organising and orchestrating this event. It is such a lot of work but it is always worth it, raising an impressive £1200.

Well done and thank you to you all.





Uphill Village Academy would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA committee members for all their fundraising efforts during this very busy period.
Your support and commitment to our school is so valuable.

The committee have designed, organised & sold Christmas calendars, prepared & delivered a fantastic Christmas Bazaar, organised party food for the Christmas parties, bought presents for Secret Santa & a whole heap of other stuff that makes all the Christmas activities and events for your children so special!!

A heartfelt thank you to you all.

What have we been up to this term?

World Kindness Day

As part of Anti Bullying Week, with this year's theme of 'Power for Good', we celebrated World Kindness Day. The whole school participated in a country wide video assembly where we all learned about the Power for Good and how acts of kindness are so important in our lives.

We are proud to be a Kindness Ambassador School and our kindness ambassadors strive to ensure that all of us behave in ways that promote kindness in everything we do.

Children in Need

We took part in the Children in Need fundraising day in November with everyone wearing something spotty or yellow.

Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthy cause.

We have raised a fabulous £389!



Bikeability Training

Our Year 6 children & our Year 4 children have taken part in Bikeability training this autumn. Bikeability is about gaining practical cycling skills & building an understanding of how to cycle safely on today's roads.

Our Year 4 children took part in level 1 training that teaches the fundamental skills of riding a bike and having control.

Our Year 6 children built on these skills by completing level 2, which allowed them to ride on the road, learning signalling, road awareness & safety measures.

Well done to all those who took part and earned their certificate!

Sporting Events

This term we have taken part in some sporting events with the North Somerset Sports Partnership.

Eleven of our Year 5 boys took part in a Year 5/6 Football Tournament against schools in the Weston area. They played so well as a team, winning half of their games and finishing in the top 5 teams. Well done boys!

A small group of our KS1 children took part in a KS1 multi sports event at Winterstoke Academy. They got to try out lots of new sports in a non competitive day of sport. They had such fun and participated with such enthusiasm. We were very proud of our children!

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Remembrance Day

This is such an important day for us all; a time to remember all of those who have fought for our country to uphold our freedom. This year we celebrated with a special remembrance assembly participating in the 2 minute silence. Our House & Vice Captains represented our Academy with dignity and pride at the Uphill Village Memorial Service on the hill & our poppy sales raised a fantastic £283.78



EYFS & Year 1



As historians, the children considered which technology inventions were the most significant and some of our Grandparents came into school to share how technology has changed through their lifetimes. The children loved finding out about old technology!

As Mathematicians, Year 1 have been building their knowledge of subtraction and investigating 3D shape, whilst EYFS have been copying and creating repeating patterns!

As Scientists the children have learnt about the north and south poles and discovered how magnets attract and repel. The children loved experimenting with different objects and using the new scientific language.

The children have enjoyed reading several books throughout the term, including 'Stick Man', 'The Robot and the Bluebird' and 'Owl Babies', and as writers have enjoyed re-telling and discussing the stories.

The highlight of the term was the amazing performances of 'Donkey for Sale'. What amazing singing, speaking and acting from all our children! We hope all our parents enjoyed this as much as we did!

Year 2



As geographers, the children have been learning all about the weather and have created their own class weather chart!

As scientists, the children have carried out experiments to understand different states of matter and have been researching how materials can be measured, using different equipment to compare heights, weights and lengths.

The children have been improving their mathematician skills throughout the term, developing their problem solving, fluency of number bonds and As athletes, the children have been enjoying the gym equipment to develop their balancing skills

Lots of singing practice culminated in a fabulous Christmas Concert for our parents at St Nicholas Church.

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Year 3 & 4

The children have been researching Anglo-Saxon and Viking life, as historians, and went on a fantastic trip to Weston Museum where they were able to explore artifacts during a hands-on workshop. As writers, the children have completed, edited and published non-chronological reports about Viking Gods!

As scientists the children have been exploring the life cycle of insects, brought to life by looking after their own class caterpillars and watching them transform in to chrysalises and then beautiful butterflies. They have also been learning about forces and magnets, and have explored the concept of friction by testing different surfaces using ramps and cars.

In maths lessons, the children have been exploring area, using their reasoning and problem-solving skills to investigate shapes.

As artists, they have created fabulous Viking longboats from clay and learnt about the renowned sculptor Henry Moore.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year 3/4 Presentation of Learning - it was a fabulous turnout! The children really enjoyed sharing their learning with you all, we hope you enjoyed it too!



Year 5 & 6

As scientists, children have been exploring circuits and have completed investigations of conductive materials. They have also learnt about forces, exploring gravity and friction.

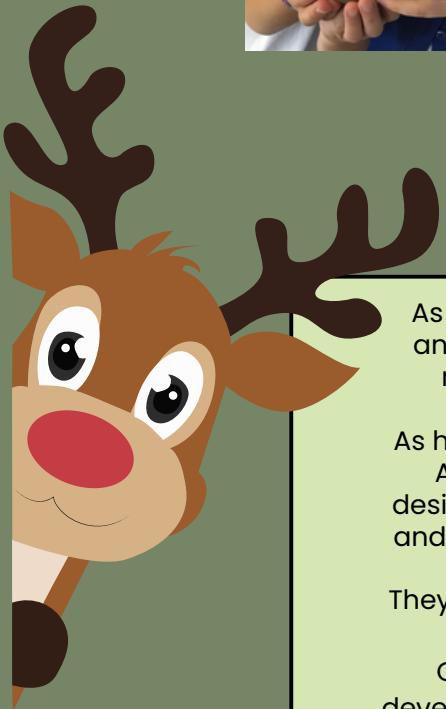
As historians, children have been exploring the Stone Age. Using their research, they have worked as designers to create prototypes for a Stone Age purse and then put their sewing skills into practice to make their own.

They have then moved on to investigate the Romans, researching a timeline of key Roman events.

Children have been practicing their rugby skills, as athletes, developing their accuracy in passing the ball. A number of children have completed their Bikeability training, braving the winter weather to learn valuable cycling and road safety skills.

As readers, children have enjoyed a number of new books, including 'Wolf Brother', 'Escape from Rome' and 'A Christmas Carol'. They have learnt lots of new vocabulary and, as writers, have developed their grammar and use of persuasive words and phrases.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the end of term Book Look. The work your children have done over the first two terms has been incredible, we hope you enjoyed sharing it with them.





Autumn Term Awards 2025

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

English

Maths

Science

Arts

Music

P.E

Citizenship

Chloe

Teddy

Ruairi

Eden

Athena

Chloe

Daphne

Maha

Key Stage 2 Awards

Tom Tait Award

English

Maths

Science

Arts

Music

P.E

Citizenship

The Dot Woods Award

Amelia

Otilie

Lisa

Harrison

Jennifer

Ayat

Vladimir

Valentina

Orona-Rose

