

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 11th July 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost at the end of yet another academic year! We are still busy with lots of things taking place and are looking forward to our Year 6 leavers activities.

We held our Sports Day last Thursday. It was great to see so many parents come along and support their children at this fun event. Thank you to Mr Huntley & Miss Arnall for organising this brilliant event for us.

At the end of last month, with the support of the PTFA & the Uphill Village Society, we hosted our Annual Summer Fete. What a great day!

We enjoyed an array of stalls and games that filled the playground and the field. It was wonderful to watch our children, both the Samba Drumming and the Choir, as they performed to the gathered community - they were fabulous.

We are very proud of this community event and thank you for your support. A grand total of £4,981 was raised which is just brilliant!

This week our Year 5/6 children performed their end of year production - I think you'll agree with me, they were fantastic! I hope you enjoyed this as much as I did!

Next week will be our summer Celebration Newsletter with a round up of all we have been up to.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hodder, Principal

Photos

In June Tulip Photography visited our school to take our class photos and individual photos for the Year 6 children.

Everyone should have received their child's QR code to enable them to order their photograph.

If you cannot locate your child's QR code and would like to order your child's class photograph please contact the school office on office@uva.clf.uk

Transition

Yesterday, we held our transition morning. The children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher & class mates and visit their new classroom. Hopefully this will help them to be ready to settle in September.

We hope they told you all about it after school yesterday!

Reports

Reports will be emailed home by class during next week.

Please do not worry if your child does not receive theirs at the same time as another child, all reports will be issued by the end of Friday 18th July.

Uniform

As we go into the summer break, we would like to remind parents that our uniform can be purchased from NK Sports in Worle High Street or via their [website](#)

Uniform is really important within school. Full uniform guidelines can be found on our website

[Uniform - Uphill Village Academy](#)

Meet the Teacher

In September, we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' meetings immediately after drop off, for children moving to Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.

These meetings are a chance for parents to meet their child's teacher and discuss what happens within their new year group i.e. homework expectations. P.E. requirements etc.

The dates for these are in the Dates for your Diaries section so please book them in the diary.

We look forward to meeting parents in the next academic year.



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Music Tuition 2025-26

We are delighted that we have been inundated with requests for musical instrument tuition for the next academic year.

West of England Music Services (WEMA) provide our music tuition and we are currently working with them to secure sufficient capacity to accommodate everyone who has applied.

Next Tuesday 15th July, some of our current music pupils will be taking part in a small performance, showcasing what they have been learning. We will email a flyer with details of how parents sign up to lessons directly with WEMA. We will be working with WEMA over the next few weeks to confirm lessons for September and we will be in touch with parents during the summer break. If you have already completed a music tuition booking form, sent by us last week, please do NOT re apply for music lessons, unless you wish to change your music options.

ParentPay & MCAS Payment Accounts

We are very excited to have launched our new parent portal called MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) and a big thank you to all those parents who have already set up their accounts.

If you haven't signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible at <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentSignUp>. You will need to enter the school postcode (BS234XH) and your email address.

MCAS will provide you with access to information about your child, including attendance, and will be used for all payments and club bookings from 1 August 2025.

Due to the timings of the launch, we have not set up MCAS for any Year 6 children.

Our current payment system, ParentPay, will close on 22 July 2025 and, although you will still be able to access ParentPay, you will not be able to see information regarding your child(ren) who attend this school after this date. Although we will be able to transfer both credit and debit balances to the new system, we would encourage all parents to clear their balances before we close ParentPay.

IMPORTANT - Please note that we are only able to transfer funds allocated to a payment item, e.g. dinner money, breakfast club. We are unable to see or transfer any funds held in your ParentPay Parent Account.

Year 6 Parents – please ensure all debts are settled by 21 July 2025. We have now added July's charges for Breakfast Club & After-School Club to ParentPay and these will need to be paid in full by 21 July 2025. If you have a surplus credit in ParentPay, please contact us as soon as possible to arrange a refund.

Debts will be moved to siblings if appropriate and will be pursued if unpaid.

Wrap-Around Care Bookings & Payment - Please remember, if you wish to book either After School Club or Breakfast Club from September, it is imperative you set up your MCAS account as you cannot access bookings without it.

Further information on booking and payment dates for next year has been provided to existing club users in our letter dated 7th July. Please ensure you have read this carefully - a copy is available on the website.

The move to MCAS will bring together bookings and payments into one system, and offer parents the opportunity to book a little further in advance. It will also mean we can allow parents to change/add bookings during the month, subject to availability.

However, all bookings will now require full payment to be made at the time of the booking. **You will not be able to book places without a sufficient credit balance available in your account.**

We understand the switch from paying in arrears to paying at the time of booking will have a financial impact on some parents and, before we finalise booking dates for Term 1, we would welcome your feedback by Tuesday 15th July 2025, via this form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Pjz8SxUVC9>

Wrap Around Care charges for July have been added to ParentPay.
Payments MUST be made by 21st July 2025 at the latest.



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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 photos of our children's learning;

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

July

Thursday 17th	Year 6 Leavers Activity - Games on field & Uphill Park Visit
Thursday 17th	Year 6 Leavers Party @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Friday 18th	Year 6 Leavers Activity - Cinema & Popcorn
Monday 21st	Year 6 Leavers Activity - NSSPEA Sports Activities
Tuesday 22nd	Leavers Assembly 9:00am - seats are bookable (max 2 per child)
Tuesday 22nd	Leavers' Parents Coffee Morning - 9:45am - 10:00am in school hall
Tuesday 22nd	LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR

September

Monday 1st	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 2nd	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 3rd	START OF TERM 1
Tuesday 9th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher - school hall @ 8.45-9.15am
Wednesday 10th	Year 2 Meet the Teacher - school hall @ 8.45-9.15am
Thursday 11th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher - school hall @ 8.45-9.15am
Friday 12th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Monday 15th	Sputnik Class Swimming (1)
Monday 22nd	Sputnik Class Swimming (2)
Monday 29th	Sputnik Class Swimming (3)

October

Monday 6th	Sputnik Class Swimming (4)
Monday 13th	Sputnik Class Swimming (5)
Thursday 16th	Flu Immunisations - Years R - 6; School Nursing team
Wednesday 22nd	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday 24th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)
Friday 25th	INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)

Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden—Adventures in nature and the Great Outdoors!

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!

The theme this year is Story Garden- Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors! This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and it's free for children to take part. Throughout the summer, children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities at their local library, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator **Dapo Adeola**, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

The Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge launches on **Saturday 5 July 2025** in England and Wales. Children can sign up at their local library to join the adventure and discover the magical world where stories grow.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge and to find your local participating library, visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.



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