

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 13th February 2026

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 is a term of great learning and as always our children are working really hard. We are looking forward to sharing their progress with you at our planned Parents Evenings in March. Well done to the Year 6 children who have been taking part in practice SATs exams this term. We are really impressed with their continued efforts and focus; keep up the good work Year 6. This week, Year 2 had a fabulous historical walk around our beautiful village. They were joined by Michael Gorley, a local historian, who was able to help them look for clues as to how the village has changed since the Victorian times. Great learning Year 2!

Please have a look at the class pages on our website for a great insight into what our children are learning and what we have been up to, alternatively make sure you are following us on Instagram or Facebook for more updates!

I would like to wish everyone a great half term break and I look forward to seeing all our children on Tuesday 24th February (Monday 23rd February is a training day for staff).

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
Principal

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Parking

We are concerned about the increasing number of EYFS/Year 1 parents stopping on the double yellow lines outside the side gate (in Ellesmere Road) to drop their children at school.

For the safety of all our children DO NOT stop on the double-yellow lines or yellow zig-zag lines surrounding the school.

We understand that parking in the village is tricky but we ask for you to allow enough time to park at the edges of the village and walk the short distance to school.

Please ensure you are parking responsibly and respectfully for our neighbours. Keep driveways and access routes clear at all times. Please avoid parking on the grass verges in St Nicholas Road.

The School Day & Lateness

Our school day operates from **8.45am until 3.15pm**. We have had an increasing number of children arriving repeatedly after the gates close at **8.45am**.

Punctuality is a lifeskill that we should model to our children and ensure they understand the importance of it. Please ensure you start your journey to school five minutes earlier & arrive on time every day.

Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Parent Survey

We are gathering feedback from parents regarding the relationship they feel they and their child(ren) have with our school. We would appreciate parents taking the time to complete this survey for us, so we can use the feedback to improve our families experience at school.

<https://forms.office.com/e/n0LQ2r8ymA>

Jewellery & Watches

Can we remind parents that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school. Uniform policy states only small stud earrings & a small wrist watch.

Drop earrings or sleepers, necklaces, rings and/or bracelets are a health and safety concern and therefore must remain at home.

Watches should be simple analogue or digital. Watches containing games and/or recording applications are not acceptable in school.

We may ask children to remove jewellery & keep it safe until a parent can collect it at the end of the school day.



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2026 - 2027 Term Dates

The term dates for 2026-2027 Term Dates and INSET dates are now on our website. Please follow the link below and ensure you have made note of these.

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/term-dates/>

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;
www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/classpages**

FEBRUARY

Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Friday 27th

INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
START OF TERM 4
Rescheduled Young Voices - Birmingham

MARCH

Monday 2nd - 5th
Monday 2nd
Wednesday 4th
Thursday 5th
Friday 6th

Reading Week
Chandra Class Swimming (1)
EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Bedtime Story Evening
World Book Day -
INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

Monday 9th - 13th
Monday 9th
Monday 16th - 27th
Monday 16th
Tuesday 17th
Wednesday 18th

CLF Big Week of Maths
Chandra Class Swimming (2)
Big Wheel & Walk (2 weeks)
Chandra Class Swimming (3)
Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
EYFS National Measurements

Monday 23rd
Tuesday 24th
Wednesday 25th
Wednesday 25th & 26th
Monday 30th

Chandra Class Swimming (4)
Dance Festival Performance @ The Playhouse Theatre (selected children)
Year 2 Presentation of Learning @ 2:30pm
Parents Evenings @ 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Year 3/4 Parent Book Look @ 2.45pm

APRIL

Wednesday 1st
Thursday 2nd
Friday 3rd

EYFS/Year 1 Parent Book Look at 2.45pm
Easter Activities
LAST DAY OF TERM 4
GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY - School closed

Monday 20th

START OF TERM 5

UPCOMING BANK HOLIDAYS

Friday 3rd April
Monday 4th May



World Book Week 2nd - 5th March - Activities

World Book Week	Activity	Details
HALF TERM	Competition	<p style="text-align: center;">‘Story Hats’ competition.</p> <p>Half term is a great opportunity for children to create a ‘Story Hat’ - decorate a hat to depict your favourite story or character from a book.</p> <p>Hats should be brought into school from Monday 2nd March, for judging after school on Thursday 5th March.</p> <p>Winners will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at our Book Fairs.</p>
Wednesday 4 th March	EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2 Bedtime Story Evening	<p>Children from EYFS, Year 1 & Year 2, (accompanied by their parents) are invited to a bedtime story evening at school. This will be held at 4:30pm. Children can wear their pyjamas and join teachers for a short story.</p>
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	<p>All children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for the day. Please do not go and buy a special outfit, homemade outfits are perfectly adequate.</p> <p>Please can they also bring their favourite book to school to share with others.</p>
Thursday 5 th March	Teacher swap!	<p>During the school day, teachers will visit another class to read a story for 15 minutes.</p>
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th March	Book Fair	<p>We invite families to our Book Fair, in the hall straight after school, where you will have the opportunity to purchase a range of the latest children's books.</p> <p>Children will be able to use their World Book Day token at the Book Fair.</p> <p>All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books for the school, including library books and guided reading books.</p>