

Uphill Village Academy

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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.

Please have a look at the class pages on our website and our Twitter feed for a great insight into what our children are learning and what we have been up to.

This week, Year 2 were treated to a historical walk around our beautiful village. They were joined by 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!

I would like to wish everyone a great half term break and I look forward to seeing all our children on Tuesday 25th February (Monday 24th February is a training day for staff).

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

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 and parents/carers trying to cross the road, please **DO NOT** stop on the double-yellow lines or yellow zig-zags outside the school.

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

Please ensure you are parking responsibly and respectfully to our neighbours, keeping driveways and access routes clear at all times. Please also avoid parking on the grass verges in St Nicholas Road as this causes congestion in an already narrow road.

We thank you for your co-operation to help us keep our children and community safe.

Jewellery & Watches

We would like to remind parents that jewellery is not allowed in school. Small stud earrings only please; dangly earrings, necklaces, rings and bracelets are a health and safety concern and therefore must remain at home.

We also ask that watches are simple analogue or digital. Watches containing games and/or recording applications are not acceptable in school.

Your child's safety is a paramount concern and we appreciate your support with this.

The School Day

Our school day operates from 8.45am until 3.15pm. We have had an increasing number of children arriving after the gates close at 8.45am or not being collected at 3.15pm when the school day ends.

We understand that occasionally things happen, however repeated late collection may lead to children having to attend After School Club and charges made for this. We hope parents understand we do not have the resources to provide childcare.

Punctuality is a lifeskill that we should model to our children and ensure they understand the importance of it. Your support in this matter is appreciated.



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Year 3/4 Trip

The Year 3/4 trip to the Matthew in Bristol has now been changed to Thursday 8th May.

Further information will be shared shortly but please pop the new date in your diaries.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools

The PTFA are delighted to share that they have received the ASDA Cashpot for Schools money that parents helped raise at the end of last year, and we have received an amazing £527.69!

Thank you to everyone who helped!

Girls England Red Roses Rugby Event



Some of our selected Year 6 girls enjoyed a day with the England Red Roses on Wednesday 12th February.

The girls showed great teamwork throughout the event, after a tentative start they pulled together and won all their games!

They were so excited to meet some of the England players and get their signatures!



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

February

Friday 14th

END OF TERM 3

Monday 24th

INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 25th

START OF TERM 4

Extra-curricular clubs start again this week

March

Mon 3rd—Fri 7th

Reading Week

Wednesday 5th

EYFS & KS1—Storytime Session 5.30pm-6.30pm

Thursday 6th

World Book Day

Wednesday 12th

Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain

Mon 17th & Tues 18th

Book fair 3.15pm—3.45pm

Tuesday 18th

Yr 3/4 Primary Big Sing

Friday 21st

Red Nose Day

Mon 24th-Fri 4th April

Walk/Cycle/Scoot to School Week

Wednesday 26th

Parents Evening—Face to Face

Thursday 27th

Parents Evening—Video call

April

Thursday 3rd

Year 6 Charterhouse Parent Meeting

Friday 4th

END OF TERM 4

Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 21st April

Monday 5th May

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6 MARCH 2025

Reading Week 2025



We will be holding our Reading Week soon to celebrate World Book Day and the love we have for reading in our academy. Reading Week is when we hold a host of activities to encourage reading across the whole school. Below are events that we would encourage the children to participate in.

Last year, we were amazed by your 'Book in a Box' creations and this year we would like to invite your child to take part in our 'Story Mask' competition. Over the half term break, your child is encouraged to think of a favourite book character and create a mask using anything you have at home.

Children should bring their 'Story Mask' into school, with the corresponding book, after half term (between Tuesday 25th & Thursday 27th February). Teachers will take a photo of your child's creation and the chosen book before putting them on display.

There will be one winner of a £5 book token in each year group.



On Wednesday 5th March, we are inviting EYFS/KS1 (Yrs R, 1 & 2) children, with their parents, to a Story Time Session at 5:30pm in school. They can wear pyjamas/dressing gowns/onesies and bring a warm drink of hot chocolate along with them (in a flask or travel mug, with a sealed lid).

On World Book Day, on Thursday 6th March, we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We do not want people to feel that money needs to be spent to become a character from a book - home assembled costumes are fine! Why not wear a stripy top, glasses and a hat for 'Where's Wally?'

You will receive a £1 book token that can be used at the book fair which will be held on 17th & 18th March 2025.

We would also like to share a link to FREE audiobooks for all readers, available for World Book Day. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together as a family, or taking some time to listen alone.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

We are looking forward to another fantastic Reading Week!

Thank you for your continued support.

Reading Week 2025

| World book week | Activity | Details |
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| Half-Term | Competition | 'Story masks' competition Judging will be on World book day (Thursday 6th March). |
| Wednesday 26 th February | Launch of reading week in KS1/KS2 assembly | Assembly for World Book Day week ran by Mrs Giblett. |
| Wednesday 5 th March | Bed time story carousel | Children are invited to a bedtime story evening at school. This will be at 5:30pm and children can join each "area" in the school for a short story every 10 minutes. |
| Thursday 6 th March | Teacher swap! | Teachers will visit another class to read a story for 15minutes. |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day | 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. Please can they also bring their favourite book to school to share with others. |
| Friday 7 th March | Stop and Read Day | The children will need their reading book in school today. At different times during the day, the bell will ring and the children and adults in school will stop what they are doing and read for 5-10 minutes. Results of the book in a box competition shared in OWLH assembly. |
| Monday 17 th & Tuesday 18 th | Book Fair | We will be hosting a book fair in the hall straight after school. There will be an opportunity to purchase all the latest books. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new reading books for the library and for guided reading. Monday 17 th is for KS1 Tuesday 18 th is for KS2 |