

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 16th May 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and active term we have had! Our Year 6 children have put in some hard work during the last few weeks culminating in this week's SATs. Well done to all our Year 6 children for their exemplary behaviour and attitudes towards completing these tests - we are very proud of you all.

Next week, they will be on their residential trip to Charterhouse. We're looking forward to a fabulous week, filled with lots of outdoor activities, amazing experiences and what looks like some fantastic weather! Parents of Year 6 children attending should remember to request permission to the 'X' feed to see what your children are up to! I am sure you will enjoy listening to their great experiences on their return.

We've enjoyed a lovely bit of sunny weather and there is more to come. Can we remind parents that sun cream should be applied to your child in the morning before coming to school and every child should have a named sunhat and a water bottle in school each day.

With a week to go, I wish all our families a great half term break and I'll see you all back on Monday 2nd June at 8.35am for our final term of the academic year.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Cross Country Club

If your child is booked onto Cross Country club during Term 6, we request that they attend the session every week.

We have seen attendance numbers decreasing over the past few weeks and we cannot continue to run this club with the low numbers as they have been.

Gifts

At the end of the academic year, lots of our children like to give a token gift to their teachers and teaching assistants.

Whilst there is no expectation for children to give gifts, we need to inform parents that any gifts should be of nominal or notional value.

In order to comply with the CLF's Financial Regulations, staff are not permitted to accept a gift which has a value over £40, even if the gift has come from a group of children/parents.

In addition, staff are not permitted to accept monetary gifts (including gift cards/vouchers) of any amount.

Please bear this in mind if you are thinking of providing a gift at the end of the year. A thank you card or/and a small token of appreciation from children is hugely valued and appreciated by staff but not expected.

Class Pages

We are constantly updating our Class Pages on the website with exciting things we have been learning.

Why not follow the relevant link below to see what your child has been up to.

Rainbow, Saturn and Sunshine - <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/blog/rainbow-sunshine-saturn-class/>

Pluto and Jupiter - <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/blog/pluto-jupiter-class/>

Chandra, Sputnik and Voyager - <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/blog/chandra-sputnik-voyager-class/>

Pegasus, Orion and Unicorn - <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/blog/pegasus-orion-unicorn-class/>

Wrap Around Care Reminders

Can we remind parents of children who attend After School Club & Breakfast Club that we are very busy and are full most days in both clubs. Please do not send your child(ren) to either club if you have not booked a place.

During the booking process the School Cloud system will send parents an email to confirm the dates they have booked. Please check this is correct.

Parents of children that attend clubs when they are not booked in will be at risk of a fine.

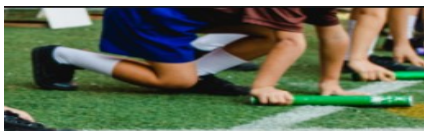
We are going to be switching to a new booking system ('My Child At School' - MCAS) shortly and we are hoping this will be live for the new academic year. We are very excited about this as not only will it ease the booking process for parents but will also allow for payment at the time of booking. In the meantime, we appreciate your patience and support when using our wrap around care.



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Sports Day

Please join us for Sports Day on Thursday 26th June.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) will hold their Sports Day from 9.00am until 11.00am.

Children in Key Stage 2 can wear their PE Kit to school. This should be either a white t-shirt or a House colour t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers. Please ensure your child brings their full school uniform to school, in a named plastic bag, to change into after the event.

EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) will hold their Sports Day from 2.00pm until 3.00pm.

Children in EYFS & Key Stage 1 should come to school wearing full school uniform and have their PE Kit in school on this day. For Sports Day children's PE kit should be either a white t-shirt or a House colour t-shirt, navy or black shorts and trainers or daps.

If the weather is sunny, please ensure your child has sun cream applied before coming to school and has a sun hat and a water bottle with them. Unfortunately, this event is weather dependent and a decision will be made on Wednesday 25th June as to whether this will go ahead.

Parents are welcome to join us to watch their child's session and cheer them on.

Children will be sent home with a sticker confirming their colour groups nearer the time.

Photography & Filming

May we remind parents that we do **NOT** allow filming or photography at Sports Day. We will endeavor to take lots of photographs and these will be available on both our 'X' (formerly Twitter) account (@uphillvillage) and on the website (www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Uphill Village and Uphill PTFA Fete



Join us for the School Fete on 28th June 2025

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking volunteers to assist with various activities, including setting up stalls, managing games and serving refreshments. Your time and effort will be invaluable in ensuring the success of the event.

The fete cannot go ahead without the generous help of volunteers. Parents, grandparents, friends, aunties, uncles, older siblings.. Every little helps! Even if you can spare just an hour, it will make a big difference. It's also a great way to meet other parents and be part of a memorable day for our children.

If you're able to lend a hand, please email the PTFA at contact@uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk or sign up on the sheet in the school office.

Every bit of help is appreciated!

Thank you in advance for your support.

We look forward to coming together as a community to create a fantastic day.

PTFA 90's Night

The PTFA hosted their annual 90's night at The Grand Pier at the weekend, a great night was had by all and an amazing £2,693.30 was raised!

We are so thankful to our wonderful PTFA for all the hard work they do fundraising for our school.

Please do support their future events!



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We are recruiting!

We are currently recruiting a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) to join us from September 2025. If yourself or anyone you know may be interested then further information on the vacancy can be found at: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/uphillvillageacademy-clf/job/high-level-teaching-assistant-1481479>

The deadline for applications is 20th May.

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/>

May

Monday 19th - 23rd Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip

Friday 23rd **END OF TERM 5**

June

Monday 2nd **START OF TERM 6**

Term 6 Extra-curricular clubs start this week

Monday 9th School Nurse/Health Year 6 Transition Workshop

Wednesday 19th Class Photos and Year 6 Photos

New EYFS Intake September 2025 Parents Evening - 6pm in the school hall

Thursday 26th Sports Day -KS2 (Yr 3,4,5 & 6): 9am - 11am, EYFS/KS1 (Yr R,1 & 2): 2pm - 3pm

Friday 27th CLF Festival of Sport—selected pupils

Saturday 28th Uphill Village & Uphill PTFA Summer Fete 12:00pm – 4:00pm

July

Tuesday 1st - 3rd Year 6 Secondary School Transition days

Wednesday 2nd - 3rd Year 4 St Briavels Residential Trip

Thursday 3rd Year 2 Presentation of Learning - Parent Book Look

Friday 4th **INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)**

Monday 7th **INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)**

Wednesday 9th Year 5/6 Production - 6pm in the Main Hall

Thursday 10th Year 5/6 Production - 6pm in the Main Hall

Thursday 17th Y6 Leavers Activities 1.30pm - 3:00pm

Y6 Leavers Party - 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday 18th Y6 Leavers Activities 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Monday 21st Y6 Leavers Activities 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday 22nd Y6 Leavers Assembly, followed by tea/coffee 9:00am - 10:30am

Tuesday 22nd **LAST DAY OF ACADEMIC YEAR**

September

Monday 1st September **INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)**

Tuesday 2nd September **INSET DAY (School closed to pupils)**

Wednesday 3rd **START OF TERM 1**