

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers

Firstly, I want to take the opportunity to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of our Royal Highness, Queen Elizabeth II. Monday 19th September has been declared a Bank Holiday for the Queen's State Funeral; therefore the Academy will be closed to staff and pupils. I look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday.

What a delight it has been to welcome our children back for the new academic year. The whole school community have settled really well and its fantastic to hear the classrooms alive with the sound of busy children.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new EYFS children and their families. We have been incredibly impressed in the way they have settled into the new routines.

Congratulations to Mrs Counsell, Sputnik Class teacher, who gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, in August. We welcome Mr Hancock, who is covering Mrs Counsell's maternity leave.

Lets hope the weather stays fine so we can enjoy the Scarecrow Festival this weekend.

Mrs Sam Hodder, Principal

## School Meal Update

A reminder for children who have moved from Year 2 to Year 3 will no longer qualify for Universal Infant Free School Meals and meals should be paid for via Parentpay.

In KS2 (Years 3,4,5,& 6) school meals must be paid for in advance. Parents should ensure there is sufficient funds in their ParentPay account BEFORE their child requests a lunch.

Due to increasing costs, the price of our school meals will be increasing to £2.40 from Monday 31st October 2022

## Coffee Morning

Parents and carers of children with additional, medical or educational needs are welcome to join us for our first Learning Mentor Coffee Morning on Thurs day 22nd 9:30-11:00am

There will be an opportunity to meet our team & other parents, along with experts from North Somerset Parents & Carers Working Together

## Attendance

We would like to extend a big thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting your child(ren) to attend school and engage so well with their learning throughout the last academic year. We know that this reflects the value our families place on children learning in school every day. We are looking forward to working with all our existing and new families in this new academic year, to support best attendance and learning.

At Uphill Village Academy, we want and expect our children to attend school every day, unless they are really not well enough to. We believe that children who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning and gain the greatest benefit from their education. Attending school on time every day also helps them form good habits which can stay with them throughout their educational journey and on into the workplace.

Shortly, we will be issuing detailed guidance on expected attendance and absence and we hope all our families will work with us to ensure every child attends school and maximises their learning potential.

## PTFA

### Next PTFA Meeting

The next PTFA meeting will be the GM and will be held on Friday 30th September at 7.30pm at Weston Cricket Club .

All parents and friends of Uphill Village Academy are welcome. Please come and offer your support for all the great activities planned for the upcoming year.



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## Year 6 Secondary school Application & Open Days

The application process for admissions for September 2023 transfer to Secondary school is open and closes on 31st October 2022 at 11:59pm. A letter from School Admissions has been emailed to Year 6 parents detailing how to apply for Secondary School. If you require a further copy of this please contact the school office team.

### **Broadoak Academy**

Open Evening on Thursday 15th September 5:00pm - 7:00pm.

Open mornings are from Monday 19th - Friday 23rd September 9:00am-11:00am.

### **Hans Price Academy**

Open Evening - Thursday 29th September at 4.30pm - 7.30pm.

Open mornings are from Friday 30th September until Wed 19th October.

Tours are drop in sessions between 8:45am and 10am or any other time by appointment.

### **Winterstoke Hundred Academy**

Open Evening on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 4:00pm - 7:00pm.

Open morning tours are from 26th September 2022 until 30th September. Tours start at 9:00am.

Please contact Priory Community School, Worle Community School & Churchill Academy directly to arrange a viewing.

## Starting School September 2023

North Somerset School Admissions are taking applications for September 2023 admissions for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

Please visit <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/applying-school-place>

or contact North Somerset Council School Admissions on 01934 888888

## 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/>**

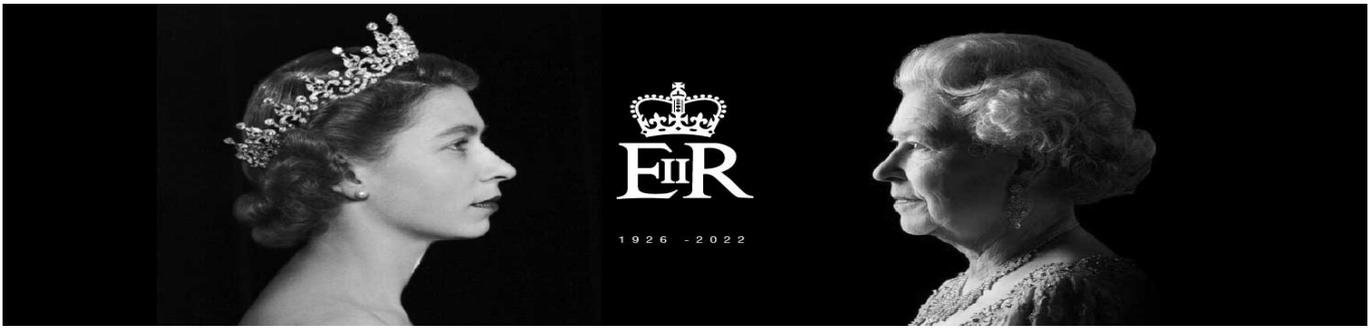
### **September**

Saturday 17th & 18th	The 15th Great Uphill Village Scarecrow Festival
Monday 19th	Bank Holiday - School Closed for State funeral for Queen Elizabeth II
Tuesday 20th	Extra-curricular Clubs start this week
Thursday 22nd	Learning Mentor Coffee Morning at 9:30am in school hall Prospective Parent Tour for September 2023 intake at 9:30am (Full) Chandra Class Swimming Winterstoke Hundred Academy Open Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Monday 26th	Year 5 /6 Space Detectives Workshop (in school event) Year 2 RNLI Talk on Water safety (in school event)
Tuesday 27th	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2023 intake at 9:30am (Full)
Friday 23th	Individual & Sibling Photo Day
Thursday 29th	Chandra Class Swimming



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We are all deeply saddened by the passing of her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was globally admired and respected. Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life.

The Queen's state funeral will take place at 11am on Monday 19th September.

The Academy will be closed to staff and pupils as we remember Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II across our Trust. On this day we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty.



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