

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 20th March 2026

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of terms 3 and 4, we reflect on what a busy term it has been. There has been a number of events and trips bringing our curriculum & our learning to life.

Last week, we joined schools across the globe and the other academies in our Trust to celebrate World Maths Day by taking part in the CLF Big Week of Maths. This was a fantastic opportunity for our children to take part in a range of activities bringing maths to life and creating an environment where 'maths is fun'. We had a great day and hopefully your child has shared some of the fun activities they took part in.

Our Year 2 children had a fabulous trip to the SS Great Britain earlier this week where they enhanced their learning about the Victorians. I know I am really looking forward to their presentation of learning on Friday 27th when parents can share this with their child.

Don't forget, Year 3/4 & EYFS/Year 1 both have their 'Book Looks' coming up, please get the date in your diary!

On Wednesday, our Year 5 children were treated to a visit to Broadoak Academy to watch their production of the 'Wizard of Oz'. What a great show! The children really enjoyed it & they were so engaged throughout. Thank you Broadoak Academy for inviting us.

Parents Evening is happening next Wednesday & Thursday & bookings are open on your child's MCAS account. This is a great mid-year opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher & learn how your they are progressing. On Monday & Tuesday, we will share mid-year reports with parents that will give a brief snapshot of your child's progress, attendance, effort and behaviour. Hopefully this will give parents a great starting point for your discussions at Parents Evening.

Remember, there are many more events to come over the last two weeks of term 4 and into term 5. Please keep an eye on our dates for the diary!

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Samantha Hodder,
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Red Nose Day

Today we have celebrated Red Nose Day, fundraising for Comic Relief.

Thank you all for your donations so far.

However, there is still time to donate if you haven't already!

Please donate using MCAS - 'online payments'



Book Fair

This week we held our Book Fair and we were delighted with the amount of families who came along and bought their children books to share at home. The book fair is the culmination of our Reading Week; check out the class pages for what we got up to!

Reading is a fabulous life skill; improving conversational skills, vocabulary, imagination and so much more.

We have received £488.32 in rewards to spend on books for our school!

Thank you so much to our parents for supporting us in this endeavour. All monies raised will help buy new books for the library.

Big Walk & Wheel

Get on your bikes & scooters or get your feet ready for another week of active travel to school!

We have loved seeing everyone taking part in the Big Walk & Wheel this week!

This will continue into next week and we would love to see the continued enthusiasm.

Active travel has been shown to improve concentration in the classroom and supports a more sustainable environment for everyone.



Rags2Riches4Schools

We are excited to share that we donated 100.8kg worth of clothes which means £25.20 has been raised for the PTFA.



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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;
www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/classpages

MARCH

Monday 23rd	Chandra Class Swimming (3)
Tuesday 24th	Dance Festival Performance @ The Playhouse Theatre (selected children)
Wednesday 25th	Parents Evenings @ 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 26th	Parents Evenings @ 3:30pm - 7:00pm
Friday 27th	Year 2 Presentation of Learning @ 2:30pm
Monday 30th	Voyager & Sputnik Parent Book Look @ 2.45pm Chandra Class Swimming (4)
Tuesday 31st	Chandra Parent Book Look @ 2.45pm

APRIL

Wednesday 1st	EYFS/Year 1 Parent Book Look at 2.45pm
Thursday 2nd	Easter Activities LAST DAY OF TERM 4
Friday 3rd	GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY - School closed Easter Holidays
Monday 20th	START OF TERM 5
Monday 27th	Saturn Class trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
Tuesday 28th	Sunshine Class trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
Wednesday 29th	Rainbow Class trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

MAY

Monday 4th	BANK HOLIDAY - School closed
Monday 11th - 14th	KS2 SATs Exams
Wednesday 20th - 22nd	Year 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Friday 22nd	END OF TERM 5

JUNE

Monday 1st	START OF TERM 6
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JULY

Wednesday 1st	Class Photographs with Tulip Photography
Friday 3rd	INSET DAY - School closed
Monday 6th	Year 2 Archery
Thursday 16th - 17th	Year 4 Residential
Thursday 16th	Leavers Party 6pm
Monday 20th	Leavers Activities
Tuesday 21st	END OF TERM 6



UPCOMING BANK HOLIDAYS

Friday 3rd April
Monday 4th May

UPHILL VILLAGE ACADEMY PTFA EASTER 2026

KS1 BonnetParade

Hop to it, little bunnies!
Once again, our **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** children are invited to get creative and craft their very own Easter bonnets! Feel free to use recycled materials you have lying around at home. On the morning of **April 2nd**, children can bring their bonnets to school to join in our fabulous Easter Bonnet Parade. Parents, you're all invited to come along and cheer on the little ones as they strut their stuff at **2:45pm**. Please wait in the front playground where you will be directed by a member of staff.

Sweet Sale

The PTFA will be holding a sweet sale after school on **27th March** in the front playground (let's hope for dry weather!). Both cash or card accepted.

Calendar Sale

We will also be selling the children's beautiful school calendars on **27th March** at the reduced price of £5 each. Thank you to everyone who has already bought one.

Easter Treat

The PTFA will be giving **every child** a chocolate Easter treat (or a dairy-free alternative). If you're able to support us by contributing to the cost with a £2 donation or through a [Gift Onwards](#) donation, we would greatly appreciate it. Your generosity is invaluable to us, and we're thankful for any contributions. Please note that while every child in the school will receive a gift, we regret that we're unable to provide additional treats for siblings outside of the school.

[Donate online HERE](#)

Line Dancing Event

One for the grown ups! We are pleased to announce a new event. Learn to Line Dance with Cowboy Chris! A fun and relaxed evening for beginners to have a go and a giggle. Light refreshments included.

Date: Sat 25th April
Time: 7:30pm
Uphill Victory Hall
Tickets: £15

[Info & Tickets HERE](#)