

Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 21st March 2025

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we near the end of terms 3 and 4 in school we reflect on how busy we have been, learning and bringing our curriculum to life with a number of events and trips.

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 Day 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 did across the day including our times table challenge.

Our Year 2 children had a fabulous trip to the SS Great Britain last week. They have been learning about the Victorians and this was greatly enhanced by the trip. It was a pleasure to see them share their knowledge of the Victorians with parents on Thursday afternoon at their Presentation of Learning. Well done Year 2 on such a fantastic term of learning!

Last week, our Year 5 children were treated to a visit to Broadoak Academy to watch their production of 'Shrek-The Musical'. What a great show, thank you Broadoak.

This week, Year 3/4 children were invited to take part in the Weston area 'Big Sing', arranged and hosted by the West of England Music Services (WEMA). They had a brilliant time learning some new songs and singing in a large choir event. Thank you to those parents who helped walk our children to the Winter Gardens to let them take part in this enriching event.

Over the past two days you will have received our new Mid-Year report for your child, these have been sent to give you a formal update on your child's progress and in response to feedback from parents. If there is anything you wish to discuss following the report, please raise it with your child's teacher at Parents Evening next week.

Today was Red Nose Day raising funds for Comic Relief. It was lovely to see the school looking so bright and colourful.

There are many more events to come over the last few weeks and into Term 5. Please keep an eye on our dates for the diary!

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

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Red Nose Day

Today we celebrated Red Nose Day, fundraising for Comic Relief. Thank you all for your donations so far, we have raised a brilliant £235 for this worthy cause.

However, we still think we can raise more, so if you feel you can, please donate on ParentPay using the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=17775>



Book Fayre

This week we held our Book Fayre in the school hall and we were delighted with the amount of families who came along and bought books to share at home.

The book fayre is the culmination of our Reading Week, when we try to instil the importance and joy of reading for children. It is a fabulous life skill; improving conversational skills, vocabulary, imagination and so much more.

An amazing total of £920 was taken by the Book Fayre resulting in £450 commission to 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.

Academy Councillor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for an Academy Councillor and you, as a parent of a child attending this academy, are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election. Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to ensure your children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability.

We have emailed a letter to parents explaining what is involved in being an academy councillor and what the election process is. The letter can be accessed via the website by clicking on the link below:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/academy-councillor-election/>



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HAF Activities

The Department for Education provides funding for free HAF (holiday activities and food) activity days for children who are in receipt of **benefits-related free school meals (BRFSM)**.



There are many locations throughout North Somerset where these activity days take place during the Easter, summer and winter (Christmas) holidays.

[The booking site \(Eegu\)](https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/big-walk-wheel/) for HAF activity days in North Somerset opened on Tuesday 11th March.

Should you have any questions, please see the [North Somerset HAF page](https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/big-walk-wheel/) or you can email HAF@n-somerset.gov.uk

Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

Next week is the start of Sustrans Walk, Cycle or Scoot to School Week. This event runs for a fortnight and we would love to see everyone taking part next week. Full details:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/big-walk-wheel/>

Electric Scooters

As it is against the law for privately owned e-scooters to be used on public roads, pavements or in public spaces, we cannot allow pupils, staff or visitors to bring e-scooters onto the school site. Please ensure these items are not brought to school.

Please could we also remind parents and children that bikes and scooters must not be ridden inside the school grounds. Please ensure your child gets off their bike/scooter at the gate and walks into school.

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

March

Mon 24th-Fri 28th

Walk/Cycle/Scoot to School Week (week 1)

NO extra curricular clubs this week

Tuesday 25th

Dance Festival Rehearsals @ Playhouse Theatre (collection at 3pm)

Dance Festival Performance @ Playhouse Theatre. Arrival @ 6pm

Wednesday 26th

Parents Evening - Face to Face from 3.30pm-7pm

Thursday 27th

Parents Evening - Video call from 4pm- 7pm

Friday 28th

Year 5/6 Book Look @ 2.45pm in classrooms

Monday 31st-Fri 4th

Walk/Cycle/Scoot to School Week (week 2)

April

Tuesday 1st

Year 5/6 Trip to Nettlecombe Centre

Thursday 3rd

Yr 5/6 CLF Rugby Event @ Bristol Bears (selected children)

Year 3/4 Presentation of Learning @ 2.30pm in school hall

Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip Parent Meeting @ 5pm-6pm

Friday 4th

Easter Activities from 2.30pm

END OF TERM 4

Tuesday 22nd

START OF TERM 5

Monday 28th

Yr 4 Bikability Training (pre booking applies)

Tuesday 29th

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Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 21st April

Monday 5th May

PTFA Back to the Nineties Event



'Back to the Nineties' - Evening Event

Saturday 10th May (8pm—1am)

The Grand Pier, Weston Super Mare

Weston's sell-out 90s event returns for its 6th year!

We would like to wish all the best to our hard working PTFA committee for organising the biggest fundraising event of the year taking place in May!

If you wish to purchase tickets please use the following the link;

<https://tiny.cc/90s2025>

PTFA Easter Activities

We are really pleased to announce that our PTFA are supporting us to help celebrate Easter once again this year.

Join us on Friday 4th April for our annual Easter Activities from 2.30pm.

As you can see, we really have something for everyone!

KS2 Easter Garden Creations (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Get crafty and create your very own Easter Garden!



There will be a first prize with two runner-up prizes as well. Children should label entries with their name and bring in their creation on the morning of the 4th April.

Please ensure the final creation is no bigger than a shoebox.

KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) at 2.30pm

Following on from previous years, we are encouraging all the children to make and decorate an Easter Bonnet using, as much as possible, recycled materials. Children will need to bring their bonnet/hat to school on the morning of the 4th and parents are invited to come along and cheer the little ones as they strut their stuff at 2.30pm, please wait in the front playground where you will be directed by a member of staff.

Easter Games at 3.10pm

Open to all children & siblings, the PTFA will be hosting some easter themed games and stalls, plus a uniform sale in the front playground from 3.10pm.

Games will cost 50p-£1 and both cash and card payments can be taken.

Easter Treat

The PTFA will be gifting every child a chocolate Easter treat (or dairy-free alternative). If you're able to support us by contributing to the costs with an online donation, we would greatly appreciate it.

Additionally, there's an option to 'gift onwards'. 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.

Online donations can be made via this [link](#).

