

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5, I hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

We can look forward to a busy few weeks. We have already been out and about this week with our Year 1 children exploring the village with our local historian, Michael Gorley from British Heritage UK. Next week the EYFS children will be walking around the village too.

Following the bank holiday, our Year 4 children will be taking part in Bikeability training when they will get the opportunity to practice their cycling skills and learn about safety on the road.

I have been really impressed by the focus and determination of our Year 6 children since our return and I am sure this will help them to achieve their very best in the upcoming SATs.

I wish all our families a great weekend.  
Mrs Hodder, Principal

## Cricket Opportunities

Last term we welcomed Dominic from Somerset Cricket. He joined us every Thursday throughout term 4 to work with every class from Year 2 upwards, teaching them the fundamentals of cricket.

We were so impressed with how well the children took to it, especially as this was a new sport to most of them.

If your child was inspired by this training, the 'All Stars Cricket' and 'Dynamos Cricket' programmes are running again this year.

If your child would like to take part, simply register your interest with them using this link

<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest>



## Attendance & Holidays

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for some great attendance this week on our return from the Easter break; it demonstrates the commitment you have to our school and your child's educational experience.

A quick reminder that absence should be reported on the absence line by 8.45am, **each & every** day of absence.

Holiday season is fast approaching and we do understand the temptation to take children out of school during term time, when it is cheaper.

However, there is a direct correlation between achievement and attendance and we would ask all our families to avoid this for their children.

If you are intending on taking your child out of school, we would rather you let us know the real reason rather than reporting them as poorly.

Children love to tell us what they have been up to & we love to hear about it, so please let them share experiences.

## Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs take place from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May. To help support your child and ease those nerves, we would like them to arrive at school between **8.00am and 8.15am** on each of these days to share and enjoy breakfast together.

In previous years, the children have really enjoyed this and we have found it a great way for them to start the day.

We do this to ensure everyone arrives in plenty of time and have time to settle, chat and laugh before the tests begin.

We know from previous years this gives them the best chance to produce their best work and we hope parents will support us in this.

Remember, SATs test a small part of the skills and knowledge of our children however, they are a compulsory part of our children's journey in both Primary and Secondary School.



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## Wrap around care

As we are sure you are aware our Breakfast Club and After School Club are very busy and fully booked for most days of the week.

We would kindly ask that if you do not require your child's place, please cancel as soon as possible. We are operating a waiting list and other parents can use your unwanted space.

Please can we also remind you to ensure your account is kept up to date with payments as per booking & payment timetable.

Year 6 parents using wrap around care should be aware that we require early payment for July bookings. If you have any concerns about this, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can make payment arrangements with you.

## Uniform for Secondary School

We are accepting donations of uniform for our local secondary schools: Broadoak, Hans Price and Winterstoke Hundred Academies.

This should be suitable for Year 7/8 (age 11-13) and have the current logos.

We would love to be able to help as many of our families as possible, so please spread the word (around friends & families) that we are looking for donations and hopefully we will get enough to help everyone that needs it.

Donated uniform will be available to buy at our regular Pre-Loved Uniform sales.

Look out for a date very soon.

## Residential Trips - Years 6 & 4

We are delighted that we will be taking the Year 6 children on their residential trip to the Charterhouse Centre, Blagdon from Monday 20th May. Year 6 children attending the trip should arrive at school at **9.15am** on the Monday morning. Those attending Breakfast Club should do so as normal.

A reminder that final balances should be paid in full by Tuesday 30th April 2024.

We are also very excited to be taking our Year 4 children on their residential trip to St Briavels Castle in Gloucestershire from Thursday 13th June to Friday 14th June. Please remember there is a meeting for parents and children attending the trip on Tuesday 14th May at 3.30pm in the school hall to hear all about this wonderful excursion.

There is a payment plan in place and parents should ensure they are keeping up with the payments.

Parents of children attending these trips will be able to follow us via our Charterhouse and St Briavels Twitter accounts. These are closed groups and will only be open to parents of the children attending. Charterhouse parents should begin requesting to follow and further details will follow for St Briavels parents.

Let's keep our fingers crossed for a bit of sunshine for them all!

## Dates for the Diary

### May

<b>Monday 6th</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY (School closed to pupils)</b>
Tuesday 7th	Year 4 Bikeability training (selected pupils)
Monday 13th - 16th	Year 6 SAT's Week
Tuesday 14th	Year 4 Residential Meeting - 3.30pm in the school hall
Thursday 16th	Year 3/4 trip to Techniquet
Monday 20th - 24th	Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip
<b>Friday 24th</b>	<b>END OF TERM 5</b>

### June

<b>Monday 5th</b>	<b>START OF TERM 6</b>
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