

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 26th June 2026

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what a week it's been. We would like to thank all parents and carers for their understanding and support regarding the difficult decision to close the school due to the extreme heatwave conditions. We appreciate that this may have caused inconvenience and disruption for many families, and we are grateful for the positive response and cooperation we have received.

We have lots more events to look forward to this term, please check the 'Dates for your Diaries' section and ensure you make a note of any relevant dates.

We were delighted that Harrison, Diana & Anastasia, in Year 6, represented our academy at the annual CLF Pupil Parliament session in Bristol last week. They were a credit to the academy and they had a great afternoon out with Mrs Brunet-Laing.

We have made arrangements to reschedule our Sports Day, please check the section within this Newsletter for updates. I hope you enjoy some slighter cooler days this weekend.

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## Year 4 St Briavels Trip

Our Year 4 trip to St Briavels in Gloucestershire, is fast approaching!

A reminder to parents that the final instalment payment is due on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

A kit list was included in the last letter regarding the trip, but if you can't find it please visit the website or click on the link below:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/yr-4-st-briavels-payments-forms-kit-list/>

If you declared a medical condition for your child on the essential information form, you will be contacted next week for further details.

## Transition Morning

On Wednesday 15th July, we will hold our transition morning. This is when your child will find out which class they are in next year. They will spend the morning visiting their new class, meeting their class teacher and new class mates. New classes are allocated on a range of criteria such as gender splits, academic need, friendship groups etc.

We are looking forward to welcoming children to their new classes.

After 37 years of dedicated teaching, Mrs Maynes will be retiring this July. We would like to wish her a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement. Thank you for your years of commitment, inspiration, and support -you've truly earned it!

We are delighted that Mrs Lawrence; Mrs Lorimer & Mrs Giblett will be returning in September following their maternity leave. We look forward to their return.

Congratulations to Mrs Haberfield & Miss Stenner, who were covering teachers on maternity leave, and will now join us in permanent roles from September.

Below is a list of the class teachers for the academic year 2026-27.

**Rainbow** - Mrs Sims (Mon-Fri)

**Saturn** - Mrs Giblett (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Gray (Thur/Fri)

**Jupiter** - Mrs Arnall (Mon-Fri)

**Chandra** - Miss Stenner (Mon-Fri)

**Unicorn** - Miss Hynam (Mon-Fri)

**Pegasus** - Mr Huntley (Mon-Fri)

**Sunshine** - Mrs Curtis (Mon-Fri)

**Pluto** - Mrs Counsell (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Want (Thur/Fri)

**Sputnik** - Mrs Lorimer (Mon-Wed) & Mr Hancock (Thur/Fri)

**Voyager** - Mr Clark (Mon-Fri)

**Orion** - Mrs Haberfield (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Lawrence (Thur/Fri)



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## Rescheduled Sports Day

Following the cancellation of Sports Day, due to the school closure on Thursday 25th June, we have been working hard to reschedule this popular event. The next few weeks are incredibly busy and, as there continues to be the possibility of hot weather, we have made the decision to hold KS1 & KS2 Sports Days on different dates, allowing them both to take place in the morning.

**EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)** will hold their Sports Day on **Thursday 2nd July** from 9:15am - 10:15am. After dropping children at school, parents will be asked to wait in the front playground. The gates will open at 9:10am.

**Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)** will hold their Sports Day on **Thursday 9th July** from 9.00am until 10.30am.

On the days children are taking part in Sports Day, they should 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/daps. The colour of the House your child is in is on the front of their home school diary.

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, these events remain weather dependent and a decision will be made the day before each event as to whether it will go ahead.

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

### 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 Instagram account (@uphillvillageacademy) and on the website (www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## Year 5/6 Production

We are really looking forward to presenting our wonderful Year 5/6 production, 'Ye-Ha!'. Performances will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 5:00pm & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2:00pm. If your child is unable to make Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> please let your child's class teacher know asap.

Details of how to book tickets and any costume requirements will be sent home soon.



## Music Tuition

An expression of interest letter for children wishing to learn a musical instrument in the new academic year was sent to parents of children in Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 last week.

Music tuition is open to those children who will be in KS2 (Years 3-6) from September 2026. Music lessons are run by West of England Music Services (WEMA).

Deadline for reply is TODAY.

The letter can be found at:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/ks2-music-tuition-for-september-2026/>

## Class Photos & Year 6 Photos

A reminder that Class Photos and Year 6 Individual Leavers photos should be ordered by **Monday 29th June** if you wish to receive the additional discount.

Photographs can be ordered by visiting <https://orderphoto.co.uk/customer/login> and enter your access code.

Please contact the office if you require your access code.

## New Parents Evening

Our New Parents Evening for our EYFS September 2026 Starters has been rescheduled to **Monday 29th June** at 5pm - 6pm.

The new EYFS transition afternoons will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week from 2.15pm - 3pm. Please arrive at the side gate on Ellesmere Road.

We are looking forward to meeting all our new children and parents!

## Summer Fete



We are all looking forward to our Summer Fête this Saturday and hope to see as many of our families and friends there as possible. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun, games, entertainment, and community spirit.

A huge thank you to our PTFA members, staff & volunteers who have worked so hard behind the scenes to make the event possible.

We hope everyone has a wonderful time and helps us make this year's Summer Fete a great success!



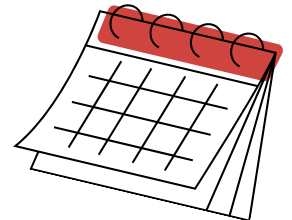
## Dates for the Diary

**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](http://www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/classpages)**

### JULY

<b>Tues 30th - Thurs 2nd</b>	Year 6 Broadoak Academy & Winterstoke Hundred Academy Transition Days
<b>Weds 1st</b>	Year 1 Local History Walk
<b>Thursday 2nd</b>	EYFS & Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Sports Day 9.15am-10.15am
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	<b>INSET DAY - School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 6th</b>	Year 2 Archery
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Sports Day 9am - 10.30am
<b>Thursday 9th</b>	Year 2 Book Look for Parents at 2:45pm
<b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5/6 Production @ 5:00pm-6:00pm
<b>Thursday 16th</b>	Year 5/6 Production @ 2:00pm -3:00pm
<b>Thursday 16th - 17th</b>	Year 4 Residential Trip to St Briavels Castle
<b>Friday 17th</b>	Year 6 Leavers Activity (PM)
<b>Monday 20th</b>	Year 6 Leavers Activity (from 10:30am)
<b>Monday 20th</b>	Year 6 Leavers Party 6pm-7pm
<b>Tuesday 21st</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (9am) & Year 6 Parents Coffee (9:30am-10am)

**END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**



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