

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 EYFS & Year 1 children visiting Noah's Ark Zoo Farm to learn all about animals from across the world.

Our Year 3/4 children took part in Bikeability training on Monday, when they were practicing their cycling skills and learning about how to cycle safely on the road.

Next week, our Year 3/4 children will be visiting The Matthew in Bristol which brings together their learning from terms 3/4 - setting sail on The Matthew itself!

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.

Lets hope the sun continues to shine.
Mrs Hodder, Principal

Uphill Village VE Celebrations

On 8 May 2025, the nation will mark the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day, with the people, families and communities of our great nation coming together to unite and celebrate 80 years of peace since the end of Word War II in Europe.

In celebration, Uphill Village Society are holding a VE Day exhibition which will be staged in the Victory Hall. It will be open to the public on Thursday 8th from 5-7.30pm, Saturday 10th from 9.30am - 12.30pm and again on Monday 12th from 2pm - 4 pm.

There will be displays looking at the village during the war years & they are delighted that Josh Cottrell will also be adding a display of some of his WW2 memorabilia.

Please join them to share the memories.

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 12th May to Thursday 15th 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, tests show only 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.

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 next Pre-Loved Uniform sale which takes place at the Summer Fete.

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 19th 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.

We are also very excited to be taking our Year 4 children on their residential trip to St Briavels Castle in Gloucestershire from Wednesday 2nd July to Thursday 3rd July. Please remember there is a meeting for parents and children attending the trip on Thursday 15th 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.

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

PTFA—Back to the 90s Event

Last chance to purchase tickets for the 'Back to the 90s' event at the Tropicana this Saturday (10th May). This event is being organised by our PTFA committee and will raise funds for the school, so please support it if you can. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://tiny.cc/90s2025>

Dates for the Diary

May

Monday 5th

Thursday 8th

Saturday 10th

Monday 12th - 15th

Thursday 15th

Monday 19th - 23rd

Friday 23rd

BANK HOLIDAY (School closed to pupils)

Year 3/4 trip to The Matthew

PTFA 'Back to the 90s' Event

Year 6 SAT's Week

Year 4 St Briavels Parent Meeting at 3:30pm

Year 6 Charterhouse Residential Trip

END OF TERM 5

June

Monday 2nd

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 26th

Saturday 28th June

START OF TERM 6

New intake Sept 2025 Parent Meeting at 6:00pm

Sports Day on field (KS2 9:00-10:30am; KS1 10.45am-12noon)

Summer Fete