

# Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank the school community for their support following the sad news of Archie's passing. It has been a difficult period for everyone, especially Archie's family and friends. Our thoughts and well wishes are very much with them. In times like these, we are reminded of the strength and compassion within our school community. We are grateful for the kindness already shown and ask that we continue to support one another in the days and weeks ahead.

Thank you for keeping Archie's family in your thoughts.

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## Wrap Around Care

We have now confirmed the booking dates for our wrap-around care clubs for the remainder of this academic year. We will continue to open bookings on a monthly basis, as follows:

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - March dates released**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - April dates released**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 - May dates released**

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - June dates released**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - July dates released**

Sessions will be added as close to 12noon as possible on these dates, however, please bear with us as this is a manual process.

We do not operate a waiting list for either club, as they remain open for parents to book any available spaces up to 24 hours before a session.

A few things to remember:

Breakfast Club arrival is between 7:30am & 8:00am please. After 8:00am, children should enter through the office which may delay your drop off.

After School Club collections are 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm & 6:00pm. **Remember: After-School club closes at 5pm on a Friday.**

## Commendation from State for Education

We were thrilled this week to receive a direct communication from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education congratulating the Uphill team on the excellent outcomes achieved by disadvantaged children during the 2024/25 academic year. Our outcomes placed us in the top sixth of all schools in the country and we are delighted this has been recognised by the government.

## Facebook

We are delighted to share we now have a Facebook page. Follow us to see our latest updates 'Uphill Village Academy'

## Absence & Illness Update

The last two weeks has seen a high amount of illness across the academy. We would continue to ask parents to refer to the information we have sent out regarding scarlet fever to ensure the spread of this contagious illness is minimised. Please visit the NHS website (link below) which provides some helpful guidance for many childhood illnesses.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents for their fantastic communication and assistance during these high levels of illness. Many of our parents have assisted us by ensuring they have telephoned the school every day, taken our phone calls & answered our questions and heeded advice by arranging GP visits and this has helped us to minimise the spread of illness across the school.

A big thank you!



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## Lateness

Our school day operates from 8.45am until 3.15pm. We have had an increasing number of children arriving late after the gates close at 8.45am or not being collected at 3.15pm when the school day ends.

Punctuality is a life skill that we should model to our children and ensure they understand the importance of it. Arriving late can be disruptive to both lessons & the children concerned. Please give yourselves an extra five minutes in the morning to arrive at school before 8:45am.

We are also seeing a rise of children being collected late from school. Any children not collected by 3.30pm will be sent to Afterschool Club and parents will be charged accordingly.

## School Uniform

Uphill Village Academy has a school uniform because, we believe, it helps to set the right learning attitudes in school. It is a leveller of individuals and is good value for money. Your child is required to wear the correct uniform at all times. It has been noted that a number of children, especially in the Year 5 & 6 cohort, are coming to school without the correct uniform on. We would like to remind you of our policy on school uniform which can also be found on our school website:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/uniform/>

The expectations of the PE uniform for Years 5&6 can be found on our school website:

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/updated-year-5-6-pe-uniform/>

### Rules for Wearing School Uniform

- School uniform should be worn with pride at all times. Uniform should be clean and well presented.
- It is essential that all clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name, this includes bags, PE kits, hats and shoes.
  - Jewellery is not permitted, except plain stud earrings and a wrist watch.
  - Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted. Hair must be tied back from the face at all times.
- Pupils are not allowed to wear trainers, except for PE, unless they are plain black and polishable with no logos. Shoes, including sandals, must strap securely to the feet.
- Whilst we allow children to wear black boots to school, they must be a suitable style. Chunky boots, boots with buckles, embellishments or coloured laces are not acceptable.
  - Children must have coats in school all year round, except in hot weather.
- Leggings are only to be worn with a skirt over them, they are not suitable as a replacement for trousers.
  - Sun hats are required during the summer months.
- Socks MUST be black, white or grey, NO coloured socks. Socks should not be visible over leggings or trousers.

### Purchasing of Uniform

Our logo uniform items can be purchased both online & instore from our official uniform supplier, **NKSports** in Worle. Uniform is not available from the school directly. If you prefer to order online visit <https://www.nkgroupuk.com/>

All other items can be purchased cheaply from supermarkets and general retailers. Please remember, our PTFA runs a pre-loved uniform shop periodically during the year too. Please ensure your child complies with the uniform rules every day.



## BirdWatch Sessions

Last week the whole school took part in BirdWatch sessions as part of the Great Garden Birdwatch. The children walked around the school grounds using binoculars to observe, identify and record the many birds we were lucky enough to see. Thank you to Mr Hancock, our Eco co-ordinator for organising for us all to take part in this great event.



## 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)

### FEBRUARY

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 6 Charterhouse Parent Meeting @ 3.30pm
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Safer Internet Day
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3/4 Kurling Sessions in school
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 5/6 Presentation of Learning to Parents
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY - School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>START OF TERM 4</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Rescheduled Young Voices - Birmingham

### MARCH

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading Week
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Chandra Class Swimming
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	KS1 Pyjama Reading Evening
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	World Book Day
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY - School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup></b>	CLF Big Week of Maths
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Chandra Class Swimming
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Chandra Class Swimming
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Chandra Class Swimming
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Dance Festival Performance @ The Playhouse Theatre
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 Presentation of Learning
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Parents Evenings
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3/4 Parent Book Look at 2.45pm

### APRIL

<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	EYFS/Year 1 Parent Book Look at 2.45pm
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Easter Activities in school
	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 4</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY BANK HOLIDAY - School closed</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>START OF TERM 5</b>

### UPCOMING BANK HOLIDAYS

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

