

# Uphill Village Academy

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the 'Give it a Try' festival at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre on Wednesday. The children had the chance to take part in lots of new activities they had never tried before. It was a great effort by everyone involved and the children had a brilliant time.

We are looking forward to a busy upcoming term 4 with lots of events planned such as Reading week and World Book Day, the SS Great Britain trip for Year 2, a trip on The Matthew for years 3/4, a field studies trip to Nettlecombe for Years 5/6 and the spring Parents Evenings.

Remember to keep checking your emails for the information relating to these trips and events, it is getting very busy!

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had a high number of illnesses but luckily it seems to be an improving picture and many children are back in school learning every day.

With half term approaching, please continue to keep trusting us with your child and their health; we will always take care of them and let you know if they are feeling unwell. Remember, attending school each and every day is important and we're here to support our children.

Please have a restful weekend and we hope see every child back in school next week.

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

## Wrap Around Care

As many of you are aware, our After School Club & Breakfast Club facilities are very busy and the demand often exceeds the number of places we have available.

We know this is frustrating for some parents but we do operate a waiting list and try to accommodate as many children as we can.

We have a few parents who are over booking places and then cancelling them a week before to avoid charges. We kindly ask that parents refrain from doing this as this may deprive another family of a place.

A few things to remember:

Breakfast Club arrival is before 8:00am please.

After School Club collections are 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 5:30pm & 6:00pm. Club is often outside & staff cannot answer the bell at other times.

Please collect promptly. Late collections mean a member of staff is not available for club & children can be waiting in the cold weather.

## Late Arrivals

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

Punctuality is a lifeskill 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 understand that occasionally things happen to delay collections at pick up time, however repeated late collection may lead to children having to attend After School Club and charges made for this. We hope parents understand we do not have the resources to provide childcare.

Your support in this matter is appreciated.



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# Smart & Correct Uniform Everyday!

We are delighted to see so many children looking so smart and representing our Academy so well this week by wearing the correct school uniform and wearing it so well!

We're really proud of Esme, Keira, Olivia, Ibrahim & Fin for agreeing to show us how beautifully they are wearing their uniform - well done!



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.

More information, including how to order, can be found on our website

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

## Rules for Wearing School Uniform

- School uniform should be worn with pride at all times. Uniform should be clean and well presented.
  - 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.
- 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.
- Leggings are only to be worn with a skirt over them, they are not suitable as a replacement for trousers.
  - Socks should not be worn over leggings.

Please ensure your child complies with the uniform rules every day.

## Upcoming Trips

We have lots of exciting upcoming trips this year, more information will be sent soon. Here are the dates for you to pop in your diaries!

Wednesday 12th March—Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain

Tuesday 18th March—Year 3/4 Primary Big Sing

Tuesday 1st April—Year 5/6 Trip to Nettlecombe

Thursday 3rd April—Year 3/4 Matthew Trip

Monday 19th—Friday 23rd May—Year 6 Charterhouse

Thursday 2nd—Friday 3rd July—Year 4 Residential  
EYFS/Year 1 will be going to Wild Place Project, date in May TBC.

Year 6 Charterhouse payment plan is available on ParentPay, this is to help parents keep up to date with payments. Please contact the school office if you are having any issues you'd like to discuss.

## Parking

Uphill Road South will have a road closure from 22nd January 2025 until 21st March 2025.

During this period, parking in the village and particularly around school will become increasingly difficult and therefore we are appealing to parents to ensure there is enough time for you to park safely and get your child to school on time.

In the interests of the safety of our pupils, we are asking parents to be considerate when parking or manoeuvring vehicles on the roads around the school.

We would ask that parents park away from school and walk the short distance to drop off/collect your child(ren).

## 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.**

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### February

Monday 3rd	Sputnik Class Swimming (4)
Monday 10th	Sputnik Class Swimming (5)
Thursday 13th	Year 2 Victorian History Village Walk
<b>Friday 14th</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>
<b>Monday 24th</b>	<b>INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	<b>START OF TERM 4</b>

### Upcoming Bank Holidays

Monday 21st April

Monday 5th May

### March

Thursday 6th	World Book Day
Wednesday 12th	Year 2 Trip to SS Great Britain
Tuesday 18th March	Year 3/4 Primary Big Sing
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day
Mon 24th—Fri 28th	Walk/Cycle/Scoot to School Week
Wednesday 26th	Parents Evening—Face to Face
Thursday 27th	Parents Evening— Video call



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