Uphill Village Academy

Newsletter 6th November 2026

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,
Welcome back to term 2, I hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and have enjoyed time with your families. Term two is always a very busy term, so I would encourage all our parents to take a close look at the 'Dates for the Diary' section, as there are so many events coming up!
I wanted to say thank you to those of you who attended Parents Evening at the end of last term & for giving us your feedback.
Constructive feedback helps us to ensure our processes align with children's & parent's needs. It was great to hear so many of you were happy with your parents evening experience and feel you have a good understanding of how your child has settled into the new school year.
We are also looking forward to welcoming our EYFS parents to our Phonics & Coffee morning on Thursday 12th November

I wish you all a brilliant weekend!
Mrs Samantha Hodder
Principal

INSET DAY

A reminder to parents that there is an INSET DAY on Monday 16th November The school will be closed to all children.

Carnival Collections

Weston Carnival is completely unfunded and ALL profits from the carnival go to help and support local charitable organisations. On Thursday 12th November we will be supporting Weston Carnival & will have collection buckets on the gates at morning drop off. We ask if families could donate any amount of cash to support this worthy cause.

Rememberance

In preparation for Remembrance Day, children will have the opportunity to purchase a Remembrance Day poppy on the following dates:

Monday 9th November - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 10th November - EYFS/Year 1 & Year 2

Remembrance slap bands will be on sale in the front playground after school on Tuesday 10th November. Please remember that these cannot be brought into school.

If you wish your child to purchase a poppy, or other Remembrance memorabilia, please provide them with a small donation; a minimum of 50p is recommended for poppies, or £1 for keyrings, bracelets etc.

We are proud to support this worthy cause.

Children In Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday 13th November**.
To celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause, children should wear their normal school uniform, but can wear a yellow top or accessory or Children in Need merchandise in support of this worthy cause (no pyjamas or onesies).

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations can be made via your child's MCAS account. (Online Payment Section)

Please make your donations before Friday 13th. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Parent Councillor Elections

We are delighted to confirm that Caroline Jamieson has been elected as a parent academy councillor to Uphill Village Academy Council. Thank you to all candidates who stood for election in support of Uphill Village Academy.

EYFS Phonics Workshop

A reminder that our EYFS Phonics Session & Coffee will take place with Mrs Hodder & Mrs Sims on Thursday 12th November at 8.55am. This is a great opportunity to learn how to help your child with their phonics learning & reading, as well as meeting the team.

Foodbank Donations

We were delighted to see how many donations we received for the Foodbank during our Harvest Celebrations in October.
A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

Wrap Around Care Bookings

Please can we remind parents to double check their bookings for both Breakfast and After School Club. We have had a few occasions where children have turned up without a booking. We do issue a penalty charge if
this occurs. If you are unsure of your bookings, please contact the office and we can confirm these for you.

A reminder that bookings for December wrap around care will go live on Wednesday 18th November at approximately 12pm.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week will take place on Monday 16th - Friday 20th November. The theme this year is "Break the Silence".
Unfortunately, due to our INSET Day on Monday 16th November, we are unable to participate in Odd Socks Day this year, but would encourage all children to get involved at home instead!



Christmas Events

We have lots of wonderful Christmas Events coming up at school during December.
Please save the dates! Further details will follow.

Monday 7th December
Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church 2pm

Wednesday 9th December
EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am

Thursday 10th December
EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am

Monday 14th December
EYFS/Year 1 Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December
Year 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Lunch

Thursday 17th December
Year 3/4 Christmas Party

Friday 18th December
Year 5/6 Christmas Party



Class Teacher Change

Class Teacher Changes
Orion, Sputnik & Jupiter Classes

We are delighted to inform parents that Miss Arnall, Jupiter class teacher, will be leaving us on Friday 27th November to start her maternity leave.
We know you will join us in wishing Miss Arnall all the very best for the birth of her first child in December.
We are pleased to have been able to cover Miss Arnall's maternity leave internally, to help support consistency and stability for our children.
From Monday 30th November, the following classes will be taught by:

- Jupiter Class - Mr Hancock (Monday-Friday)
- Sputnik Class - Mrs Lorimer (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Lawrence (Thurs & Fri)
- Orion Class - Mrs Haberfield (Monday-Friday)

If you have any queries regarding these changes, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

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PTFA Wreath Making Event

Our PTFA are pleased to announce the return of their very popular Christmas Wreath Workshop on **Saturday 28th November** at Uphill Village Hall. This year there will be two workshop sessions; 3pm and 7pm.
Tickets are £25.00 and will include all materials.
All proceeds raised will go towards the PTFA, tickets are available to purchase here: https://uphillprimaryptfa.org.uk/shop/



Dates for the Diary

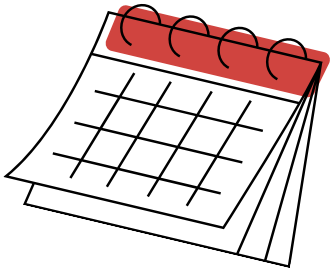
Don't forget to check out the school website for all our events as well as lots more useful class information and an array of great photos of our children's learning;
www.uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/classpages

NOVEMBER

Monday 9th	Chandra Class Swimming (1)
Tues 10th – Fri 13th	Year 4 and Year 6 Bikeability training - Further details to follow
Thursday 12th	EYFS Phonics Workshop and Coffee Morning (8:55am)
Friday 13th	Donation Collections at gates for Weston Carnival (AM only)
	Year 5/6 Girls Football Event (selected children)
	Year 3/4 Silverstone Workshops
Monday 16th	**INSET DAY (School Closed to Pupils)**
Wednesday 18th	Wraparound Care Bookings Open for 30th Nov - 18th Dec
	Group Presentation for Sept 2027 EYFS Intake @ 5pm in Hall
Friday 20th	Year 2 Walk up the Hill
Monday 23rd	Year 5/6 Egyptian Day
	Chandra Class Swimming (2)
Thursday 26th	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme
Monday 30th	Chandra Class Swimming (3)

DECEMBER

Friday 4th	KS1 Multi-Sports (selected children)
Monday 7th	Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church @ 2pm
	Chandra Class Swimming (4)
Wednesday 9th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity @ 9:15am
Thursday 10th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity @ 9:15am
	Year 5/6 Presentation of Learning @ 2pm
Monday 14th	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas Party
	Chandra Class Swimming (5)
Tuesday 15th	Year 2 Christmas Party
	Wraparound Care Bookings Open for 5th - 29th January
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 17th	Year 3/4 Christmas Party
Friday 18th	Year 5/6 Christmas Party
	LAST DAY OF TERM



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