

# Uphill Village Academy

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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. Please see a summary of the feedback below.

We are now gathering feedback from our EYFS parents on the transition process for joining our school. Please help us improve this area by completing this form. I look forward to finding out your views

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

## Children In Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 14th November.

To celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause, children can wear their own clothes in spotty, red or yellow. They can also wear Children in Need merchandise (no pyjamas or onesies please)

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations can be made via your child's MCAS account from Monday 10th November. Please make your donations before Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support.



## Parents Evening Feedback

Thank you to those parents who gave their feedback on how you found your child's Parents Evening. Overall, the feedback was very positive and we are always delighted to read such supportive comments letting us know about the things we are getting right. However, we are always keen to make our Parents Evenings as informative as possible and will be taking your suggestions and reviewing our processes for the next evenings in the Spring term.

There were some common themes from the feedback:

- The appointments are for 10 minutes, as this allows every parent to have an opportunity to see their child's class teacher. Follow up appointments can be arranged with the class teacher if necessary.
- The majority of parents have expressed preference for face-to-face appointments, we will look to address this in the Spring parents Evenings.
- We have taken on board the feedback regarding poor signage, especially for our new EYFS parents and ensuring there is enough waiting area space. We will again address this for the Spring evenings.

## Breakfast & Afterschool Clubs

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.



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## EYFS Phonics Workshop

Thank you to those parents & carers who attended the EYFS Phonics workshop on Thursday 6th November. We would love to hear your views on this workshop and would ask you to click on the link below to give us your thoughts.

<https://forms.office.com/e/w18s1AzhP2>

## Foodbank Donations

We were delighted to receive news from the Foodbank that our school contributed a remarkable 160.7 kg of items during our Harvest Celebrations in October. A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your generous donations!

## Anti-bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week (10th to 14th November)  
The theme this year is "Power For Good"  
Children will take part in a range of activities to celebrate Anti Bullying Week.

As a school we participate in being a 'Kindness School' and have our own 'Kindness Ambassadors' who promote acts of kindness in and around school by issuing house points when they see kind behaviour.

As part of Anti Bullying Week we will be hosting the World Kindness Assembly across the school on Thursday.  
Please talk to your child about what they have learnt, we're sure they will be keen to share this with you!

## 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)**

### OCTOBER

**Monday 10th**

Voyager Class Swimming (2)

Remembrance Assembly - Please wear your poppy

**Monday 10th - 14th**

Year 6 Bikeability Training - Parents please check emails for confirmed days

**Tuesday 11th**

House Captains & Vice Captains to represent the Academy at the Uphill Service

**Thursday 13th**

Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 Intake at 9.30am

World Kindness Assembly

**Friday 14th**

Children in Need - Wear spotty, red or yellow non school uniform

**Monday 17th**

Voyager Class Swimming (3)

**Thursday 20th**

Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 Intake at 9.30am

**Monday 24th**

Boys Football Event - Invited pupils only

Voyager Class Swimming (4)

**Tuesday 25th**

Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 Intake at 9.30am

### DECEMBER

**Tuesday 2nd**

Prospective Parent Tour for September 2026 Intake at 9.30am

**Monday 8th**

Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 1.45pm

**Wednesday 10th**

EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)

Year 5 WEMA Christmas Event at The Winter Gardens. Collection at 6pm

**Thursday 11th**

EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)

**Friday 12th**

Year 5 & 6 Parent Book Look at 2.30pm

**Monday 15th**

EYFS & Year 1 Christmas Party

**Tuesday 16th**

Year 2 Christmas Party

**Wednesday 17th**

Whole School Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 18th**

Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party

**Friday 19th**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

### JANUARY

**Monday 5th**

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 3**

