

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, Halloween & the various firework displays

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 they 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 school year. Please see a summary of the feedback below.

Shortly, we will be gathering feedback from our EYFS parents on the transition process for joining our school. Please help us improve this area by completing this form once you receive it. I look forward to finding out your views.

I wish you all a brilliant carnival weekend!

Mrs Samantha Hodder, Principal

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

To celebrate and raise funds for this worthy cause, children can wear spotty or yellow non school uniform.

They can also wear Children in Need merchandise (no pyjamas or onesies please).

Donations CANNOT be made in cash. Donations can be made via ParentPay using the link below. Please make your donations before Friday.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15206>

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 parents have a specific issue that needs to be discussed further.
- The majority of parents have expressed preference for the continuation of the hybrid approach, so we will offer both face-to-face & video calls in the Spring.
- Please remember that this is an initial parents evening as a 'check in' to see how your child has settled. A further parents evening is held in the Spring terms.



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EYFS Phonics Workshop

Thank you to those parents & carers who attended the EYFS Phonics workshop on 7th 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>

Old Vic Theatre Event

Haywood Village Academy are delighted to be able offer a performance by Bristol Old Vic Theatre of 'Wren and the Autumn Moon' on Thursday 14th November 5-6pm (Doors open 4.40pm).

Tickets prices start from £4 & can be purchased using the link below:

<https://square.link/u/llNeVsZ1>

Chocolate Donations

On Friday 29th November we will be holding a Christmas 'Wake and Shake' in return for chocolate donations for the Xmas Bazaar Chocolate Tombola stall.

The children always enjoy some exercise and dancing along to Christmas songs, this year led by Miss Arnall.

Normal school uniform must be worn.

Please donate some chocolate items on the morning of 29th November (not before please)

Anti-bullying week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week (11th to 15th November)

The theme this year is "Choose Respect"

To start the week off, we will be supporting 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday 12th November.

Children can wear bright, patterned, colourful odd socks to show their support for Anti Bullying Week.

Children will take part in a range of activities to celebrate Anti Bullying Week.

Upcoming Christmas Events

We are currently planning our Christmas activities and wanted to share with parents some key events. Some of these events parents will be invited to, so save the dates!

Our EYFS/Year 1 classes are busy rehearsing their Nativity and we are looking forward to inviting parents (two adults per child) to see their fabulous efforts. The performances will be at 9.15am on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December. Further details will be sent to parents regarding the ordering of tickets.

Our Year 2 children will be holding their Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church on Wednesday 11th December, when they will treat us to some Christmas readings and songs. Again, further details will be sent to parents over the next week regarding entry.

In conjunction with our PTFA, we will be holding the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December from 3.00pm. We will kick off the Bazaar with some carols sung by our KS2 children, and afterwards you can enjoy a few Christmas themed stalls in the school hall.

Christmas Lunch for all children will be on Wednesday 18th December. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper on this day in support of Save the Children. Children in EYFS & KS1 will be automatically ordered a Christmas dinner unless you opt out. Children in KS2 will need to pre order their meal. Full details will follow shortly.

Christmas Parties will be on various afternoons in the last week of term and thank you to our brilliant PTFA who will once again be providing party food boxes for the children to enjoy.

We are very excited to be able to celebrate the Christmas build up this year and hope you and your families will be able to enjoy these events with us.

PTFA Christmas Events

Between Monday 16th & Thursday 19th December - Secret Santa

Christmas Wreath Making - 30th November - Visit our website for further details <https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/news/ptfa-wreath-making-event/>



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Breakfast & After School Club

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.

Dates for the Diary

November

Monday 11th	Remembrance Day Assembly - Please wear your poppy House Captains & Vice Captains to represent the academy at the Uphill Service Voyager Class Swimming (1)
Tuesday 12th	Odd Socks Day - Wear odd colourful socks in support of Anti Bullying Week Prospective Parent Open Evening for September 2025 intake 5:00pm - 6:00pm
Friday 15th	Children in Need - Wear spotty or yellow non-school uniform
Monday 18th	Voyager Class Swimming (2)
Thursday 21st	Year 2 Uphill Walk
Friday 22nd	Year 6 National Measurement Checks
Monday 25th	Voyager Class Swimming (3)
Thursday 28th	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9.:30am Christmas 'Wake and Shake' for donations of chocolate for Christmas Bazaar PTFA Christmas Wreath Making - ticket event
Friday 29th	

December

Monday 2nd	Voyager Class Swimming (4)
Tuesday 3rd	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9:30am
Thursday 5th	Prospective Parent Tour for September 2025 intake at 9:30am
Friday 6th	Christmas Bazaar from 3:00pm-4:00pm in the hall
Monday 9th	Voyager Class Swimming (5)
Tuesday 10th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Wednesday 11th	Year 2 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church at 2.00pm
Thursday 12th	EYFS/Year 1 Nativity at 9.15am - ticket only (2 per child)
Friday 13th	Elf Run in support of Weston Hospice Care
Monday 16th – 19th	PTFA Secret Santa—(details to follow)
Monday 16th	EYFS/Year 1 Christmas party at 1.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Year 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Whole School Christmas Lunch Xmas Jumper Day for save the Children
Thursday 19th	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm
Friday 20th	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm

END OF TERM 2

January

Monday 6th INSET Day - Return to school Tuesday 7th January 2025



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