

Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 22nd July 2025



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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe this is our last newsletter of the year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our parents for their continued support, our staff for their hard work and dedication and our children for their resilience and the sheer joy they bring to our lives.

We have had a very busy term with lots of activities taking place. Please take a look at the class pages section for more information about what your children have been up to & remember to check out our website!

I would like to bid a fond farewell to all our Year 6 pupils and wish them all the very best for the future as they move on to their chosen secondary schools. Each one of them gave their very best this year, persevering even when it got tough; achieving some fantastic individual SATs results. Showing courage both on camp and in their end of year performances. Well done everyone. We hope our Year 6 children will look back on their time at Uphill Village Academy with fond memories. We will miss you all.

Please be aware Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are INSET days and the academy is closed to pupils. We welcome pupils back on Wednesday 3rd September at 8.35am.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer with your families and friends; fingers crossed for more sunshine!

Mrs Samantha Hodder
Principal

Class Teachers 2025-2026

Children were able to meet their new teacher(s) and class mates during their transition morning last week.

Please see below the list of class teachers for the next academic year;

Rainbow	Miss Arnall
Sunshine	Mrs Curtis
Saturn	Mrs Sims
Pluto	Mrs Counsell (Mon-Weds) & Mrs Gray (Thurs/Fri)
Jupiter	Mrs Maynes
Sputnik	Mr Hancock (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Want (Thur/Fri)
Chandra	Miss Stenner
Voyager	Mr Huntley
Pegasus	Mr Clark
Orion	Mrs Haberfield
Unicorn	Miss Hynam

Goodbye and Good Luck

Firstly, we would like to say congratulations to Mrs Horn, Mrs Lorimer & Mrs Giblett who are all expecting new arrivals in the Autumn term! All three teachers will be rejoining us in September before they go on maternity leave. Mrs Horn will leave us mid September and Mrs Lorimer & Mrs Giblett will leave us around October half term.

We look forward to meeting their new arrivals!

Mrs Preston, teaching partner, will be moving onto Haywood Village Academy and we wish her well but will see her again as she is staying in the CLF family.

We also have a special goodbye to Mrs James, teaching partner, who is leaving us after 22 years at Uphill Village Academy! Mrs James has taught across the year groups & has always put our children first, supporting them in classes across the school.

She will be very much missed but we wish her all the very best for the future.



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Year 6 SATs Results 2025

WOW! What Brilliant SATs Results!

We are delighted to share with you the amazing SATs results for our Year 6 children. Our children worked really hard and we are thrilled at how well they have done.

KS2 Results	Year 6 Reading Expected standard and above	Year 6 Maths Expected standard and above	Year 6 Writing Expected standard and above	Year 6 Combined Expected standard and above
School 2025	80%	83%	80%	78%
National 2025	75%	74%	72%	62%
% above National	+5%	+9%	+8%	+16%

Year 6 to Year 7 Open Evenings for September 2025

Please come and join us at our CLF Academy Open Evenings in Weston-super-Mare this September. This is an opportunity for prospective students and families to meet our students and staff and enjoy a tour of the school and subject faculties. We look forward to meeting you!

Wednesday 10th September | 5:00pm - 7:00pm



This evening will give you and your family the opportunity to tour our school and meet the staff and students. There will be a presentation and opportunities for you to meet with key staff, who will be delighted to answer questions that we know are essential to help you make your choice. Full details at www.broadoakacademy.clf.uk

Thursday 25th September | 4.30pm - 7.30pm



We would like to invite you to join us and experience for yourself daily life at Hans Price Academy. You will be able to meet our friendly and welcoming staff, and either be guided by our superb students or, should you prefer, take a walk around the Academy on your own. Full details www.hanspriceacademy.clf.uk

Thursday 19th September | 4.00pm - 7.00pm



Winterstoke Hundred Academy will hold its Open Evening on Thursday 19th September 2025. Full details of the open evening & tours dates please visit, www.winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 24th September 5-8pm.



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Rolls-Royce

Farewell and Good Luck to our Year 6's

We would like to say a huge 'Good Luck' to all our Year 6 children who leave us this year; we will miss them!

Their celebrations started last Thursday with the Leavers Party; a beach themed party with lots of surprises, a fantastic night was had by all! Thank you to the parents who organised and helped run the event and make it such a memorable occasion for the children.

We have been celebrating with our Year 6 children, holding special activities during the afternoons to celebrate their time here at Uphill Village Academy.

We are really proud of what amazing young people they have become.

It is very reassuring to see how your children have grown during their time with us and how they are now ready and inspired to move on to the next phase in their lives.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK YEAR 6



A Goodbye Poem

YEAR 6

*So the end of your primary school journey
is nearly here.*

*We've proudly watched you grow and seen
you thrive.*

*We know that you're ready to take the
next step because you are awesome,
strong and kind.*

*We will miss you but know it's your time
to fly, to discover new talents and
inspirations and become the person you
dream to be.*

*Believe in yourself, because we do.
You can achieve anything!*

Farewell to our Year 6 Parents

We would like to take the opportunity to say goodbye to our parents, who will also be leaving us when their child moves on, for all the help and support they have offered to the school throughout their time with us.

A special goodbye to those parents who have supported on trips, with reading or as part of our PTFA - you are all hugely appreciated.

It is the end of an era, for you as well as for us, and we wish you and your families all the very best for the future.



Term Dates 2025–2026

TERM 1

Monday 1 st September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd September	START OF TERM 1
Wednesday 22 nd October	END OF TERM 1
Thursday 23 rd October	INSET DAY
Friday 24 th October	INSET DAY

TERM 2

Monday 3 rd November	START OF TERM 2
Friday 19 th December	END OF TERM 2

TERM 3

Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 6 th January	START OF TERM 3
Friday 13 th February	END OF TERM 3

TERM 4

Monday 23 rd February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 th February	START OF TERM 4
Friday 6 th March	INSET DAY
Thursday 2 nd April	END OF TERM 4
Friday 3 rd April	BANK HOLIDAY

TERM 5

Monday 20 th April	START OF TERM 5
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 22 nd May	END OF TERM 5

TERM 6

Monday 1 st June	START OF TERM 6
Friday 3 rd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st July	END OF TERM 6

We would expect parents to ensure any holidays are booked during the school holiday dates as listed above.

Please don't book family holidays within term time as requests will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

For further details please see our Attendance Policy, available on the website

www.uphillvillageacademy.co.uk

Dates for your 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;

<https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1 st	INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY (school closed)
Wednesday 3 rd	START OF TERM 1
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th	EYFS Afternoons only
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	EYFS Mornings & Lunch
Friday 12 th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Monday 15 th	EYFS – Full time
	Sputnik Class Swimming (1)
Monday 22 nd	Sputnik Class Swimming (2)
Monday 29 th	Sputnik Class Swimming (3)

OCTOBER

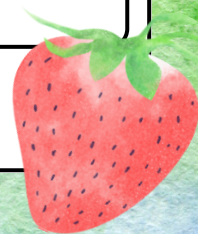
Monday 6 th	Sputnik Class Swimming (4)
Monday 13 th	Sputnik Class Swimming (5)
Thursday 16 th	Flu Immunisations – Years R-6
Wednesday 22 nd	LAST DAY OF TERM

Meet the Teacher (Yr 2, 3 & 5)

We are looking forward to our Meet the Teacher sessions for parents with children in Years 2, 3 & 5 only in September. This will be an opportunity for you to speak to your child's new teacher and ask any questions you may have about them moving to a new year group/class.

Sessions will be held at 8.45am-9.15am in the main school hall on the following dates:

- Year 5 – Tuesday 9th September
- Year 2 – Wednesday 10th September
- Year 3 – Thursday 11th September



What have we been up to this term?

Summer Fete



We were delighted that Uphill Village Academy and the Uphill Village Society came together to hold the Annual Summer Fete. The school grounds came alive, buzzing with stall holders, refreshments, games and lots of people! The fete was really busy and full of fun activities with lots for children and adults to do. We really enjoyed listening to the wonderful singing of our choir – well done to those who took part! A big thanks goes to the Uphill Village Society and our very own PTFA for organising the day. The total raised is £4,981 which will be divided between the school and Uphill Village Society.

Sports Day

It was so wonderful to be able to welcome parents into school for Sports Day this year. The sun shone (eventually!) and the children showed great courage and sportsmanship as they completed a rotation of activities and took part in individual races.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us and support the children. A special thanks to Miss Arnall & Mr Huntley for their great organisation!



Rainbow, Sunshine & Saturn Class News



As scientists we discussed what plants need to be able to grow and read 'The Tiny Seed'. Then we planted 4 seeds – one with everything a plant needs, one without air, one without light and one without soil. The children loved following the growth!

EYFS have been learning about teeth and why we need to keep them healthy – keep those beautiful smiles nice and white!

As Mathematicians, Year 1 have been learning about money! They have been looking at the different coins and comparing different amounts.

As Historians, Year 1 went on a local history walk around the village. We looked closely at how buildings, roads, and spaces have changed over time. The children were fascinated to compare old photos with what we see today, spotting changes like the shop, the new church, updated houses, and how people travel differently now.



Jupiter & Pluto Class News

As athletes, we have had Bristol Bears working with us all term teaching us how to play rugby, it's been a great experience!

A big focus this term was Design & Technology, as scientists we have been learning all about animals and their habitats and as writers we have been writing persuasively giving arguments for and against animals living in zoos.

Using this knowledge as designers, technicians and eco-warriors, we created habitat boxes using recycled materials. We needed to think about the habitat that we wanted to use and include animals which would be found there. We used levers to make the animals move in and out, up and down or around the box. We finished with a showcase of habitats and evaluated them



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Sputnik, Chandra & Voyager Class News

As geographers, we have learnt about the impact humans have on the Amazon Rainforest. We then created a pledge tree to promise what we can do to help the environment.

In science we learnt all about different clouds and their properties. We even went on a cloud hunt to see what different types we could see.

As writers, we have practiced our knowledge of adverbs, prepositions and fronted adverbials. We also recapped our knowledge of what features a non-chronological report has; in readiness to write our own report in the next couple of weeks. In our maths lessons we have continued our learning on 3D shapes and looked at different nets. We then created those nets into 3D shapes.

While the Year 4's were on camp, our Year 3's were designers. They designed, created and evaluated their own pictures which involved making a pully!



Pegasus, Orion & Unicorn Class News

We spent a lot of time this term practicing for our school production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', the Year 6's worked really hard to practice and learn their lines & what a performance it was!!

As artists, we explored the origins of graffiti and learned about some famous graffiti artists. We had fun creating our own graffiti style art.

As athletes, we were lucky to have North Somerset PE Association come in to run a fitness session on the field. The children had a go at boxercise and some hit training. It was hot, but good fun.

As historians, we have learnt about the Greek gods and goddesses. We retrieved information and started creating booklets full of facts!

As writers, we studied the story of Demeter and Persephone and used it to practice skills such as fronted adverbials and noun phrases.



Pirates of the Curry Bean

We spent a lot of time this term practicing for our school production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean', the Year 6's really got into their roles and amazed us with their commitment to their parts and our Year 5's supported beautifully as our choir and really helping boost the overall sound with their beautiful singing voices.

Thank you to the parents that came to watch - we were very proud of all the children that took part.



What have we been up to this term?

Roots & Wings – CLF Poetry Anthology



We were delighted to hear that 11 of our pupils would have their poem published in the book 'Roots and Wings' which is a collection of poems written by children across the trust.

This is a wonderful achievement and these pupils can now celebrate the fact that they are published poets!
Well done!

Roots and Wings, our CLF Poetry Anthology is now available to buy:
[Roots and Wings: CLF 15th Anniversary Poetry Anthology: Created by the Children of Cabot Learning Federation : Cabot Learning Federation: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)



CLF Festival of Sport

Some of our pupils had the opportunity to represent the school at the CLF Festival of Sports, joining other schools for a day filled with physical activity and new sports. It was a great chance for children to try something different and some new experiences!



Year 4 Residential to St Briavels

Our Year 4's went on their camp during Term 6, where they got the chance to take part in lots of activities.

These activities were; a tour of the castle, water bearers, candle dipping, 'attack the castle' activity, archery and fencing. Evening dinner was at a medieval banquet, where they got to eat like medieval people – with their hands!! They also enjoyed some fabulous evening entertainment!

The children were so well behaved and represented the school beautifully!



Art Week

We have had a great time this last week of term during 'Art Week', the children have created some amazing masterpieces and we even had our own Art Exhibition!

A selection of the children's artwork will be on display at the Uphill Village Show on 28th & 29th July in the Victory Hall.



Summer Term Awards 2025

Congratulations to the following pupils who were presented with their thoroughly deserved awards by Mrs Hodder in our Celebration Assembly.

Key Stage 1 Awards

Ray Pegram Award

English

Maths

Science

Arts

Music

P.E

Citizenship

Isabelle Wilkins

Ire Odedina

Oliver Leko

George Counsell

Maya Hughes

Ella Blackburn

Lola Maxwell

Elsie Conibear

Key Stage 2 Awards

Tom Tait Award

English

Maths

Science

Arts

Music

P.E

Citizenship

Lauren Venables

Percy Herbert-Hutchinson

Shahzain Shaikh

Dominic Badman

Zachary Leech

Sally Gordon

Seth Sparrow

Noah Bibb

The Dot Woods Award

William Davis

Bags in Key Stage 2

Please remember our cloakrooms are small, so when shopping for your child's bag for school during the summer holidays, please ensure it is only a **small** bag. Children do not need anything more than their home school diary, reading book and lunchbox to be carried in it.

Cloakrooms become very congested so please keep bags small and items in them to a minimum.

Pencil Cases

We are asking that children do NOT bring pencil cases to school with them. Children will be issued with the equipment they need within school. Pencil cases brought in from home will be kept by the teacher and returned to the child to take home at the end of the school day.

Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Thanks to our PTFA

Uphill Village Academy would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA committee members for all their fundraising efforts throughout this year. Your support and commitment to our school is so valuable.

A heartfelt thank you to those PTFA members who will leave Uphill Village Academy with their child this year. Your contribution to the school has been invaluable and we thank you!

We are truly grateful for your contribution.

Keep an eye on our Newsletters and the PTFA's social media page for future events you can help support. Their next event is **'Back to the Noughties'**, being held on 4th October at The Loft. Tickets will be available soon.

THANK YOU

BACK TO THE NOUGHTIES

DJ JONESK DJ PIERRE PRESSURE DISCO QUEEN

TICKETS £12* | 8PM-2AM | THE LOFT WSM

4 OCT 25

FIND ON FACEBOOK LAST ENTRY 12AM

impact CASUALTY BOOKING FEE APPLIES

GET TICKETS REGO CHARITY 279912

Teacher & Class Gifts

At the end of the academic year, it is common for children to want to give a token gift to their teachers and teaching assistants. Whilst there is no expectation for children to give gifts, can we remind parents that any gifts should be of a nominal or notional value. We cannot accept any gift vouchers, monetary gifts for any amount. A thank you card or /& a small token of appreciation is hugely valued by staff but is not expected.

Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden—Adventures in nature and the Great Outdoors!

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills and confidence. The Challenge runs every year throughout the summer holidays, and all children aged 4-11 are welcome to take part!

The theme this year is Story Garden- Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors! This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and it's free for children to take part. Throughout the summer, children joining 'Story Garden' can discover new books, participate in free activities at their local library, and explore the link between reading and the great outdoors, where nature and imagination come together.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge features artwork from award-winning illustrator Dapo Adeola, whose stunning illustrations will bring the Story Garden theme to life; creating an enchanting world where children can find magical creatures, plants and flowers to inspire their next reading adventure.

The Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge launches on Saturday 5 July 2025 in England and Wales. Children can sign up at their local library to join the adventure and discover the magical world where stories grow.

For more information about the Summer Reading Challenge and to find your local participating library, visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Those children that take part in this challenge will be celebrated in a special assembly when we return after the Summer break.



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Community News

The government have teamed up with Joe Wicks to launch a new physical exercise programme called 'Activate'.

The programme is short (approx 5 mins) YouTube clips with a variety of exercises for children to do at home or in school and is a great activity for them to do over the summer. It is targeted more for Key Stage 1/lower Key Stage 2 but can be enjoyed by children of all ages.

Further details and the link to the first 'Activate' session can be found below:

[Joe Wicks and government join forces to get children moving - GOV.UK](#)

[NEW!!! Try my EPIC AstroBurp Challenge | Activate with Joe Wicks - YouTube](#)



Action Pussycat Summer Party!

- Live entertainment
- Magic show
- Bluey mascot
- Interactive Games
- Craft Activities

SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER

SUMMER OF PLAY PASS
UNLIMITED ADMISSION
1ST JULY - 31ST AUGUST
£50.00 - Admit 1 child & 1 adult

Keep an eye on dates revealed on our socials

Peppa Pig
Come and meet PEPPA & HER NEW SISTER
COMING SOON

PIRATE TAKEOVER TREASURE HUNT
MEET PERCY
Wed 23 July - Sun 31 Aug

SPECIAL SEN SESSIONS
Monday 28th July | 2:30PM - 4:30PM
Friday 29th August | 9:30AM - 11:30AM

STARTING RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER?
Join your school's designated session for your child to meet up with their new friends.

Please check our website, socials, or contact us for more information
www.imaginationfascinationwsm.com

UPHILL VILLAGE SOCIETY PRESENTS THE
UPHILL VILLAGE SHOW
77TH ANNUAL SHOW

FRIDAY 2:30 pm 6:30 pm	UPHILL VILLAGE VICTORY HALL	SATURDAY 10:30 am 5:00 pm
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Can't wait to see you!

28 & 29 JULY

EXHIBITS | REFRESHMENTS | FUN FOR ALL



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