

Uphill Village Academy

Celebration Newsletter 21st July 2026

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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.

The 3rd & 4th Sept are INSET days and the academy is closed to pupils. We welcome pupils back on Monday 7th September at 8.35am.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer.

Mrs Samantha Hodder
Principal

Class Teachers 2026-2027

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

Goodbye and Good Luck

After 37 years of dedicated teaching, we would like to wish Mrs Maynes a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement. Thank you for your years of commitment, inspiration, and support –you have truly earned the rest!

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Brunet-Laing, our HLTA in Year 5/6, who is taking up her new position as class teacher in Locking Parklands Primary School. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the very best for the future.

We are delighted that Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Lorimer & Mrs Giblett will be returning from their maternity leave. You may have seen them around school this last week; they will be back in classrooms for the new academic year & we look forward to their return.

Congratulations to Mrs Haberfield & Miss Stenner, who, this year, were covering teachers on maternity leave; they now join us as permanent class teachers from September.



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Pastoral Information for the Summer Break

PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIKITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELodge

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

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This summer holiday, enjoy great eating offers on the high street and discover plenty of fun options that keep things affordable. Use the link below to find free and low-cost activities for children this summer.

[Low cost & free summer activities](#)

Safeguarding during the holiday period

If over the summer holiday you have any concerns regarding safeguarding issues that you wish to report to the school, we are still here to support. Please email safeguarding@uva.clf.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible regarding your concerns.



SAFEGUARDING

Year 6 to Year 7 Open Evenings for September 2027

Please join our CLF Academy Open Evenings in Weston-super-Mare this September. This is an opportunity for prospective students and families to meet students and staff and enjoy a tour of these schools.

Tuesday 15th 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 24th 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 17th September 4.00pm - 7.00pm

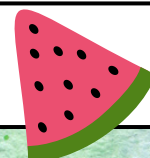


Winterstoke Hundred Academy will hold its Open Evening on Thursday 17th September 2026. Full details of the open evening & tours dates please visit, www.winterstokehundredacademy.clf.uk

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 30th September 5-8pm.



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Year 6 SATs Results 2026

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 2026	90%	88%	86%	83%
National 2026	75%	75%	73%	63%
% above National	+15%	+13%	+13%	+20%

Good Luck Year 6

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

Our Year 6's celebrated their time here at their Leavers Party; it was a fab night! Thank you to the parents who organised and helped run the event and their efforts in making it such a memorable occasion for the children. We have been celebrating with our Year 6 children, holding 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.



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.

Goodbye & Good Luck



Term Dates 2026-2027

TERM 1

Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
Wednesday 21st October
Thursday 22nd October
Friday 23rd October

INSET DAY
INSET DAY
START OF TERM 1
END OF TERM 1
INSET DAY
INSET DAY

TERM 2

Monday 2nd November
Monday 16th November
Friday 18th December

START OF TERM 2
INSET DAY
END OF TERM 2

TERM 3

Monday 4th January
Tuesday 5th January
Thursday 11th February
Friday 12th February

INSET DAY
START OF TERM 3
INSET DAY
END OF TERM 3

TERM 4

Monday 22nd February
Thursday 25th March
Friday 26th March

START OF TERM 4
END OF TERM 4
BANK HOLIDAY

TERM 5

Monday 12th April
Monday 3rd May
Friday 28th May

START OF TERM 5
BANK HOLIDAY
END OF TERM 5

TERM 6

Monday 7th June
Friday 2nd July
Friday 23rd July

START OF TERM 6
INSET DAY
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.clf.uk](https://uphillvillageacademy.clf.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/>

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3 rd	INSET DAY (school closed)
Friday 4 th	INSET DAY (school closed)
Monday 7 th	START OF TERM 1
Mon 7 th - Fri 11 th	EYFS - Mornings only
Friday 11 th	Individual & Sibling Photographs
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th	EYFS - Mornings & Lunch
Mon 14 th	Voyager Class Swimming (1)
Monday 21 st	EYFS - Full time
	Voyager Class Swimming (2)
Monday 28 th	Voyager Class Swimming (3)

OCTOBER

Monday 5 th	Voyager Class Swimming (4)
Monday 12 th	Voyager Class Swimming (5)
Wednesday 21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM 1
Thursday 22 nd	INSET Day (school closed)
Friday 23 rd	INSET Day (school closed)

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd	START OF TERM 2
Monday 2 nd	Flu immunisations Yrs R-6

Parent Meeting (Yrs 2, 3 & 5 only)

We are looking forward to our Parent Meetings for parents with children moving up into Years 2, 3 & 5 in September.

This will be an opportunity for parents to speak to teachers about their child's new year group and ask any questions you may have.

Sessions will be held at 8.45am-9.05am in the main school hall on the following dates:

Year 5 - Tuesday 8th September
Year 2 - Wednesday 9th September
Year 3 - Thursday 10th September



What have we been up to this term?

Rainbow, Sunshine & Saturn Class News

As scientists we have done many summer walks this term, and discussed signs of summer that we might see and how the weather changes within seasons! We also made a wreath with the things we collected to represent what Summer looks like!

We were also very lucky to release our butterflies into the wild this term and really enjoyed watching them grow and change.

As writers we created a whole class storey planner (Story S) and retold Jack and the Beanstalk with actions. We then drew our own Story S and EYFS enjoyed retelling it independently.

EYFS have been reading 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and doing some learning around it, they planted some beans and discussed what they needed to grow!

As Mathematicians, Year 1 have been learning about money! We introduced the different coins and notes and practiced finding different ways to make amounts. As historians, we had a special visit from Stewart Castle who came into talk about his life and the changes he's seen living in Uphill. We also went on a local walk with Michael from Historic England who joined us and shared his fantastic knowledge of how Uphill has changed.

Jupiter & Pluto Class News

As computer scientists, we had our termly online safety lessons, we focused on being able to describe and explain some rules for keeping personal information private. We learned what personal information is and then thought about how to keep this safe. The children enjoyed making their online safety posters!

As scientists, we presented our understanding of food chains using stacking cups to show the transfer of energy.

During Art Week, we were visited by a real artist Liz Raynor, who showed us some of her artwork and talked through and showed us different techniques that we then tried in our art lessons!

As Mathematicians, we have been applying our knowledge about money to answer problem solving and reasoning questions in a number

As athletes, we loved having a visit from North Somerset Sports coaches who taught us how to be archers!

Sports Day!

After having to reschedule our Sports Day due to the extreme heatwave at the end of June, Both Sports Days were fantastic events.

Thank you to all our parents for being so understanding and accommodating; with so many of you supporting our children on the rescheduled day.

The sun shone and the children showed great courage and sportsmanship as they completed a rotation of activities and took part in individual races.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and support the children & of course special thank you to Miss Arnall for her great organisation!

Summer Fete

We were delighted that Uphill Village Academy PTFA 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 was a massive £4073.63 which will be divided equally between the PTFA and the Village Society.



What have we been up to this term?

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!

Year 4 Residential to St Briavels

Our Year 4's went on their residential trip last week to St Briavels Castle in Gloucestershire; where they got the chance to take part in loads of activities, like a castle tour, candle dipping, 'attack the castle' and fencing. Even the evening dinner was at a medieval banquet!

The children were so well behaved and represented the school beautifully! Well done Year 4 - we hope you really enjoyed your trip.

Pegasus, Orion & Unicorn Class News

We spent a lot of time this term practicing for our school production 'Ye-Ha!', 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.

Ye-Ha!

Year 5/6 put on a fantastic production of 'Ye-Ha!' - a funny cowboy play.

The Year 6's really got into their roles and amazed us with their acting & singing abilities. Our Year 5's supported beautifully with their singing.

Children had a variety of roles including acting, singing, prop making, sound 'technicians' and lots more; there is so much that goes into making a fabulous performance & everyone played their part.

Thank you to the whole Year 5/6 staff team for their time & effort in getting the children's performance ready & a special thank you to our Year 5/6 children - we were very proud of you all!

Art Week

We have had a great time during 'Art Week'. The children had 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 24th & 25th July in the Victory Hall. Pop along & have a look!



Free School Meal Changes

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the Government is expanding FSM eligibility to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

From September 2026, there will be two categories of benefit related free school meals:

Expanded FSM – all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of income will be entitled to free school meals only.

Targeted FSM – children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less will be entitled to Targeted FSM. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for schools and will be eligible for additional entitlements, such as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, financial support towards school trips, KS2 music lessons, uniform and milk.

If, as a result of the expanded eligibility criteria, you would like to apply for FSMs you should do this via the North Somerset Citizen's portal during the summer holidays.

www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

IMPORTANT – We have written to all families who are currently entitled to free school meals, with information about the changes and what action they need to take. Please ensure you have read this letter and contact us if you have any questions or require any support. The letter is available on our [website](#)

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.

Bags in Key Stage 2

Please remember our cloakrooms are small, so when shopping for your child's school bag 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.

Mobile Phones in School

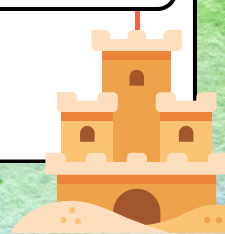
With the start of the new academic year approaching can we remind parents of our approach to mobile phones.

Children who walk to or from school unaccompanied may need to have access to a mobile phone; we would expect this to only be children within Year 6. If a child is dropped off at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day, there is no need for them to bring a mobile phone to school, even if they have access to one at home.

For those children in Year 6 who may need to bring a phone to school, the following rules must be adhered to:

- On arrival at school, including when in the playground, phones must not be used and should be switched off (powered down)
- Phones must be handed in at the admin office, where they will be stored for the day.
- Children will have no access to their phones throughout the day.
- Children will collect their phones from the admin office at the end of the school day. They should remain powered off until they leave the premises.
- If a child is walking to &/or from school parental permission will be required – this will be requested on our return in September.

We would ask parents to consider carefully if their child needs to bring a mobile phone into school and would request where possible they leave it at home. Your co operation in this is very much 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.

This year our PTFA have funded so many things that are above and beyond the school budget including the Year 6 leavers hoodies, party & activities, the purchasing of EYFS resources and reading books for Year 3/4. They are continuing to build funds for next years projects which are to upgrade outdoor play equipment and the pond area.

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.

THANK YOU

Summer Reading Challenge

Read to the Beat!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, and is powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Challenge will celebrate the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us – all through the magic of reading. The Challenge is being brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate.

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 annual Summer Reading Challenge is delivered in partnership with public libraries across the UK, and it's free for children to take part.

The Story Garden Summer Reading Challenge launched on Saturday 4th 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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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

Ada

Eleanor

Keira

Esme

Cece

Ottilie

Evie B

Mihail

Key Stage 2 Awards

Rainbow Award

Tom Tait Award

English

Maths

Science

Arts

Music

P.E

Citizenship

The Dot Woods Award

Matilda

Lillian C

Freya

Oakley

Barney

Adamos

Diana

Toby B

Freddie

Elizabeth