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ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 9th April 2025



The Spring term is coming to a close and it feels like Spring is really here. Let's hope this wonderful weather continues for the duration of our Easter break.

The start of the academic year now seems so distant and it is clear to see that the children have flourished over the past months. I really look forward to seeing everyone blossom through the summer term ahead. We look forward to all the activities and enjoyment the summer term brings.

Thank you to everyone for their continued support.

I wish you a very happy and peaceful Easter.

They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Easter Service

Come and join us on Friday 11th April, 1.30pm at St Giles for our end of term Easter Service. Refreshments are going to be served at St Giles from 1pm – please come along. Once the service has finished and we have returned the children safely to school, you may collect the children.

Governor Visits

Our Uley School Governors are very proactive and like to get involved in school life which is hugely appreciated. Please find some reports of recent visits.

Mark Easy visited Maths

A very enlightening visit to the school in my governor capacity to observe the application of the mathematics curriculum.

I managed to visit all four classes and had the pleasure of witnessing the live interaction between the teaching staff and the children during the lesson. I also had the opportunity to engage with individual children and see how they approached tasks and applied learning. This was supplemented with a group session to discuss Uley's approach to maths, how they seek help should they find something too difficult and how the 99 club encourages competition and self-challenge.

As a governor (and a parent) leading up to this visit, my intention was to focus on the application of the required curriculum and importantly how the school manages this across our mixed-year group classes. I can report that there is consistency of application across and within the four classes, linking each learning objective at the right level and directly building on the prior learnings.

The children appeared fully engaged and active within the teaching environment and the staff are wonderfully supportive.

Martin Bragg and Karen Randall visited RE

“It was lovely to see the children showing such curiosity and respect in their learning about different world faiths.”

Andrew Levitt joined us for a Phonic Development Day

Attended a Phonics staff meeting today – it was great to see the strong continual development culture within the team!

Updated Policies

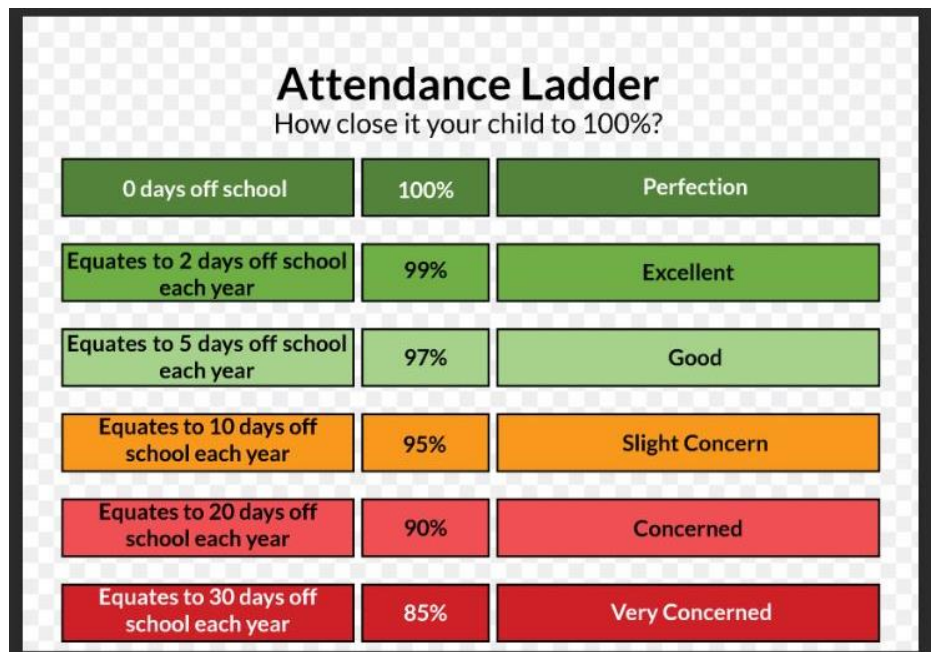
The following policies have been updated, ratified and can be found on the school website

- 🌸 Compliments and Complaints Policy
- 🌸 Communication Policy
- 🌸 Absconding Policy
- 🌸 School Uniform Policy

Attendance Matters

We will now be sending out your child’s school attendance information after the Easter break. this is for you to see data across the autumn and spring terms. But what does the attendance data mean?

Children attend school for 52% of the year. This means 48% of the year, the children are not in school. This includes weekends.



An attendance of 95% means that a child is missing 10 days off per year. Based on 6 lessons per day, this equates to 60 missed lessons.

An attendance of 90% means that a child is missing 20 days off per year, this equates to 120 missed lessons.

An attendance of 85% means that a child is missing 30 days off per year, this equates to 180 missed lessons.

In order for our children to be given the chance to be the best they can be and to flourish as much as they possibly can, we believe that punctuality and attendance is important. This means avoiding time out of school during term time for trips out or holidays, avoiding routine medical appointments (where possible) or attending school before an appointment or returning after an appointment. It is within our policy to request information regarding appointments and also to decide whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised depending on the information given.

Whole school attendance from September 2024 until Monday 7th April – 96.4%

Please support us in achieving our goal of good attendance by ensuring the children attend school regularly and on time. We do understand there are times when children are unable to attend school such as illness, or are late, due to unforeseen traffic circumstances.

If you have any questions or queries regarding attendance, please arrange to come and speak to us.

Parent Consultation

As of yet, we have not received many responses. We appreciate your views at Uley Primary School and therefore are recirculating the parent consultation. Please take some time to respond. If you would like us to print a copy for you, then please ask.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families that we always encourage parents to come and speak to us should you:

- like an update on your child's progress other than Parent's Evenings
- like more information on how to support your child at home
- like to celebrate your child's achievements in and out of school
- have a worry
- have any questions about your child's education
- need clarification/reminders on information

In order for us to ensure that the children flourish at Uley School, we have a policy which strongly encourages good communication and open conversations on any aspect of school life.

Our Compliments and Complaints Policy can also be found on the school website.

Snack Shop

The next CHIP Snack Shop will be Thursday 10th April.

We are planning to sell toast (20p per piece) with a topping of butter and / or jam / or banana.



Forest Green Rovers

We would love to share two exciting opportunities with your students and their families – Firstly our **FGR Community Soccer** Camps are back this Easter half-term!

Taking place at The New Lawn Stadium on 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th April, our camps provide a fantastic chance for girls and boys of all abilities aged 5-13 to enjoy football in a fun, inclusive environment. Children will have the opportunity to stay active, learn new skills, make new friends, and develop their football knowledge, all under the guidance of our qualified and experienced coaches.

Parents can use the code **Earlybird** to receive a discount if they book within the next week -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fgr-community-soccer-camps-ages-5-13-nailsworth-april-tickets-1292652762209?aff=oddtcreator>

Also, FGR are taking part in Green Footballs Great Save - Did you know that an estimated 100,000 tonnes of sportswear ends up in UK landfill every year? That includes thousands of football shirts and boots that

could have been re-used or re-homed. As the world's greenest football club, we need your help reducing waste.

You can help by donating your old kit in exchange for a free match ticket in the North Stand!

We're opening up Reception as a Kit Donation Station in the lead-up to our next home game against Solihull Moors. Simply bring your unwanted football shirts, sports kit, or boots, and we'll exchange them for a free North Stand ticket for the match!

Don't worry if you can't make before the match on these dates, our Kit & Boot Donation Points will be in the Fan Zone before kick-off on Saturday 29th March. All information can be found here -

<https://www.fgr.co.uk/news/be-part-of-the-great-save/>

Allsorts Stroud

Allsorts is a Stroud based charity that helps disabled children and their families access everyday experiences that others take for granted, supporting their physical and mental health through opportunities to stay active, have fun, and connect with one another.

Baby and Toddler Group - Tuesday mornings - This fun baby and toddler group is a way to form friendships and share your story with others who understand, in a safe environment with lots of toys and space for your little one. Mums, Dads and/or carers of a child with a disability or additional need and their baby or toddler. A diagnosis isn't required to come along to this open group.

Stay and Play/ Toy Library - Thursdays and Saturdays - Our popular toy library lending sessions are a great way to meet families and make friends whilst exploring our wide range of toys and equipment. Have fun in our sensory room and play space! Sessions have included Gaming Club, Construction Club, Sensory and Messy Play, to name a few. If your child is unable to attend small group sessions, talk to us about booking exclusive use of our Playspace for just one family.

Allsorts grew from a parent and carer group which wanted to create a strong and supportive community.

The families' team offer emotional support as well as information and signposting to other organisations which can help you and your child. Should you require emotional support or signposting, please call our office on 01453 750474 or email info@allsortsglos.org.uk

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th April – CHIP Snack Shop

Friday 11th April – Easter Service at St Giles, 1.30pm

Friday 11th April – End of Term 4

Monday 28th April – Start of Term 5

Term dates can be found on the school website



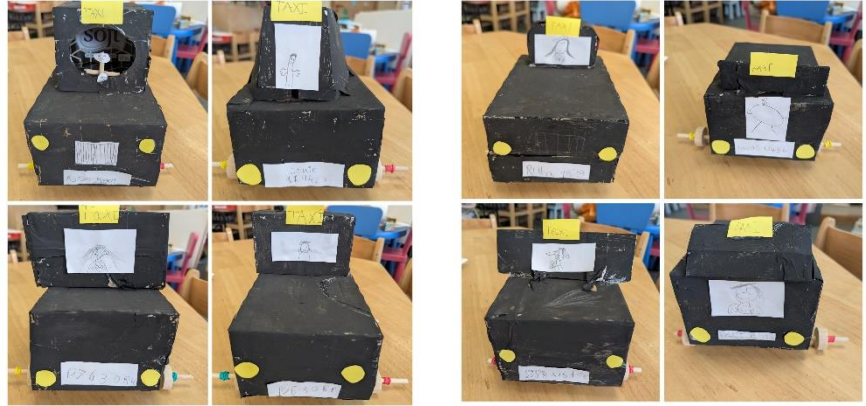
Reception

The Reception children went for a spring walk and looked for items needed to make an Easter garden. Once back in the classroom they made one together in a tray. They used spring flowers, moss, a cross, a pot for a tomb and a large rock for the stone to cover the tomb.



Year 1

The Year 1 children in Class 1 have been busy in DT making London taxis. They learnt about the wheels, axle and chassis of a vehicle then designed and made their own moving taxi.



Decorated Eggs

What an egg-cellent collection of decorated eggs we had! Thank you and well done to those who created these beauties. As you can see, they all worked really hard (boiled) on them and they shelled be really proud!



Fun Club

Over the last couple of weeks at Fun Club we've been getting involved in Mother's Day and Easter crafts and activities- from card making to finger painting, and even an Easter egg hunt!

The children have shown great creativity and thoughtfulness when making cards for Mother's Day, and have helped each other to write lovely messages.



The Easter egg hunts have been an opportunity for children to work with their peers to achieve a shared goal, our crafts have allowed for creativity and imaginative use of materials and our consistent message has been

to try our best. The children have played independently and in new groups, finding new ways to use resources and to make the most of the lovely warm weather we've been blessed with.

