



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Today you are You,
that is truer than true.
There is no one alive
who is Yover than You.

-Dr. Seuss

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Well done to:

Class 3 for amazing attitudes and resilience during assessment week.

Hazel for being really welcoming and helpful.

Dino for concentrating during assessment week and reading the question.

Martyna for fabulous learning during our computing lesson and always paying attention.

Lillia for being an outstanding role model with a good learning attitude at all times.

Sophie for working hard all of the time and coming in to school with a good attitude every day!

Joseph D for his excellent ideas for a mystery story.

Misty for being a superstar in maths and english.

Miles for an amazing chronological report.

Harley for always trying his hardest particularly in maths last week!

Olivia for always making good choices and following instructions.

Erin for saying sorry.

Myiah for showing forgiveness to her sister.

Regan for showing forgiveness with his friends

Rose for forgiving another child who had hurt her feelings.

Ellie for forgiving her sister.

Arthur for always being respectful.

George (Class 1) for forgiving another child.

Keep being the best you can be and you'll keep flourishing!



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

Team Points Autumn 2022

Here is the total amount of team points for the autumn term and what a lot of team points there are! Well done to Angeston. The children have chosen to have a non-school uniform day which will be confirmed very soon! Well done to Dauncey's, Rockstowes and Sheppard's too – great team work!

Angeston 3932	Rockstowes 3374
Dauncey's 3461	Sheppard's 3177



Did you know?

Our school teams were introduced in 2015 and are based on local history. These are based on historical Uley buildings that are still standing today.



Girls' Football Tournament

A fab afternoon at Rednock. The Uley Team did extremely well, coming joint 3rd out of 9 teams.

Our girls showed fantastic skill and sportsmanship and also demonstrated our school values throughout. It was good fun! Go Team Uley!!!

Thank you to Mr Wilson for helping.



Young Voices

As always, a fantastic event and fun had by all. This event has been now be running for 25 years.

This experience is a must for children that enjoy singing and dancing, so I hope you are ready to sign up for 2023/2024!



Cross Country

Our last race was cancelled due to the rain but looking at the forecast for Saturday, I think we will be ok – fingers crossed! Our final race is at KLB on Saturday 4th February, 10am start so see you at 9.30am.

Knex Challenge

Class 4 recently took place in the Knex Stem Challenge. The challenge was to design a recycling sorting centre. It had to fit on the lid of the box and have at least one moving part. The children had to include things like; fans, for blowing plastics; magnets, for attracting iron; and water tanks, to separate heavy materials like metal.



Our children worked together to put their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills to the challenge. We were incredibly impressed with their fantastic teamwork, innovative ideas and creativity, thinking skills and sturdy models!

From this experience two children will be selected, based on the design of their model, to represent Uley, where they will be competing against other schools.

Uley School Curriculum

We have been working extremely hard to pull together all of the elements (intent, implementation and impact) of the 13 subjects of the primary curriculum. The school website has now been updated to reflect this. Please take some time to check out these pages and, if you have any questions about our curriculum, do please get in touch.

[Uley CofE Primary School | The Curriculum \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](https://uleyprimary.co.uk)

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online

We all know that technology can be a wonderful thing. It gives us new information, it connects us to family and friends near and far and it is fun. We also know that used in the wrong way, it becomes less fun and can be quite upsetting.

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day and this year the topic is 'Want to talk about? Making space for conversation about life online. This year we are going to be combining this with the NSPCC Stay Safe, Speak Out initiative which also promotes speaking out including speaking out about keeping yourself safe including online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

The children will have a special NSPCC assembly on the 7th followed by activities and discussion about being online, behaviour online and talking about being safe online.

The juniors will take part in a questionnaire and there is a survey monkey for parents to complete – please see link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LTFB3VL>

Game Finder

Finding games for children which are appropriate for their age, which work on the devices the children use and the children will actually enjoy playing can be a minefield, particularly when parents are being bombarded with the 'but everyone else is playing this game' guilt trip. Game Finder is a new (free) service available from Taming Gaming which walks parents through various aspects, such as how old is your child? What devices do they have? What types of games do they like to play? And then gives a list of recommendations of suitable games.

<https://www.taminggaming.com/gameFinder>

PEGI Ratings

A few helpful tips to help keep children safe online:

- Online gaming - Adults to show an interest in the children's gaming and to play the games (age-appropriate of course) along with the m in order to check the suitability.
- More information about setting parental controls can be found [Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe Online \(internetmatters.org\)](https://www.internetmatters.org/information-advice-and-support-to-keep-children-safe-online)
- www.pegi.info is a website that provide information on the age classifications of games
- Do you know the age-rating for the most popular games and apps?
 - Roblox PEGI* 7 years+
 - Minecraft PEGI* 7 years+
 - Fortnite PEGI* 12 years+
 - Apex Legends PEGI* 16 years+
 - Call of Duty PEGI* 18 years+
 - Instagram 13 years+
 - Snapchat 13 years+
 - TikTok 13 years+
 - Facebook 13 years+
 - Whatsapp 16 years+

[What age can my child start social networking? - Internet Matters](https://www.internetmatters.org/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/)

*Pan European Game Information (**PEGI**) is a European video game content rating system established to help European consumers make informed decisions when buying video games or apps through the use of age recommendations and content descriptors.

Safeguarding and Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

Technology is a wonderful thing and we have seen an increase in smart watches.

Although we encourage children to wear watches in school to be able to tell the time, we request that the children do not wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone such as camera, video, messaging etc. to school, this includes before and after school club.

This is a child protection requirement of the school and your compliance is requested for the safety and well-being of the school community.

Additionally, please can I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception to this ruling is when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk to and from school (Year 5 and 6s), and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency.

Updated Policies

Medical Needs Policy

Accessibility Plan

Offsite Visits

These can be found on the school website under the policy section.

Parents' Evening

The Parents' Evening letter which has been sent out and you can find a copy on the school website.

Dates for parents evening are:

Wednesday 15th February

Wednesday 1st March

Teachers start / finish may differ but you will see timings will show when you book in online.

Snacks

We are a healthy school with Healthy School Status and part of this is to eat fruit and vegetables and drink plenty of water.

Monday – Thursday we ask that the children have fruit / vegetables for their morning break. The infants receive a piece of fruit or vegetable daily through the government run, Fruit and Vegetable Scheme and we would encourage juniors to bring in a piece for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack!

Everything in moderation - Friday's are Fruitless Fridays when children can bring in a fruitless snack for break time. Please no big bags of crisps, large chocolate bars or sugary drinks. Examples of Friday snacks include a cereal bar, popcorn, a fairy cake, an extra sandwich etc.

Water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school.

Free School Meals

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We are very much aware of the impact the rising costs of living may have on families, please come and speak to a member of staff if you think you may be entitled to Traditional Free School Meals. This is still applicable even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and are entitled to Universal Free School meals.

Attendance

At Uley we aim for 100% attendance. We expect pupils to attend every day that the school is open unless a reason acceptable to the school is given and we are able to authorise the absence. We do all we can to encourage the children to attend and to put in place appropriate procedures. We believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is development of positive attitudes towards school. To this end, we strive to make our school a happy and rewarding experience for all children and a place for all to flourish.

A polite request...when parents inform the school of absence due to being unwell or illness, please could you let us know the type of illness. This information helps us to track and monitor childhood illnesses, but will also inform us of any outbreaks!

Here is some autumn attendance information for each class

Class 1 - 97.5%

Class 2 - 95.1%

Class 3 - 95.6%

Class 4 - 93.2%

Whole school attendance autumn term – 95.8%

WHAT DOES YOUR END OF YEAR ATTENDANCE DATA REALLY MEAN?

190 days in a school year (52% of the year)

175 non-school days (48% of the year)

Percentage %	How much have you missed	
	School Days	School Weeks
100	0	0
99	1	0
97	5	1
94	10	2
92	15	3
89	20	4
86	25	5
84	30	6
81	35	7
78	40	8

Our role at Uley is to provide the children with a solid foundation that promotes how important punctuality and attendance really are for good future habits - secondary school, college, university and a job!

School Closures

Making the decision to close a school requires a lot of information; there are many factors to consider. In the event of a closure, particularly around weather, the decision will be made as early as possible. This may mean during the evening or even early in the morning to allow for additional information such as monitoring of the area and weather forecasts to play a part.

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check: <http://www3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

The Remote Learning Policy is currently under review and will be adapted to meet a range of scenarios including closures due to snow or Coronavirus.

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

head lice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick and long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

Have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice - <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Let's Talk

Let's Talk is a free NHS service available to provide evidence-based therapies to help with stress, anxiety, depression and related conditions.

Let's Talk is for all adults aged 18 and above, and you do not need a GP referral. Simply visit www.letstalkglos.nhs.uk or call 0800 073 2200 to see how the service can help you.

Don't forget that we are all happy to talk 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

Ofsted Parent View

Leaflets can be found in the reception area or visit www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Term Dates

Term dates for 2023 – 2024 can be found on the school website

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 4th February – Cross country KLB – 9.30am for 10am start

Tuesday 7th February – Keeping Ourselves Safe Day

Friday 10th February – School Disco – 6 – 7.30pm

Wednesday 15th February – Reception Class Live Learn Flourish Worship – all parents welcome

Wednesday 15th – Parents' Evening

Friday 17th February – CHIP Council snack shop

Friday 17th February – End of Term 3

Monday 27th February – Start of Term 4

Wednesday 1st March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – information to follow

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day – information to follow

Friday 17th March – FUS Cake Sale

Thursday 30th March – CHIP Council Snack Shop

Friday 31st March – Homework share, 9am

Friday 31st March – Easter Service, 1.45pm St Giles Church

Friday 31st March – End of Term 4

Friday 31st March – FUS Cake Sale

Monday 17th April – Start of Term 5

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Year 6 Statutory SATS week

