



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 7th January 2026

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

WELCOME BACK!

Happy New Year everyone! I hope that you all had a fantastic break and took the opportunity to relax and spend time with friends and family. It is lovely to welcome everyone back and to get the new 2026 term started. Many thanks from all of the staff for the kind words and generous gifts.

We have started the new term with a focus on gratitude and being thankful. There may be times when we have 'bah' grumble moments, but we have been thinking about turning these in to more positive thoughts. An example of this could be not liking the cold weather; the snow and the ice, but to appreciate its beauty particularly alongside the cheerful and warming sun, to support the wildlife by offering food, to wrap up warm, to have a nice hot chocolate and to look forward to the warmer days.

School Closures

Making the decision to close a school is quite a challenge as there are so many factors to consider. In the event of a closure, the decision will be as early as possible. For those uncertain circumstances such as snow, the decision to close may need to take place early in the morning to allow for additional information such as monitoring of the area, updated weather forecasts and information from the Local Authority.

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.goucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

Work will be provided during school closures. This will be sent out via email initially before posting on the school website.

Exploring Baptism at St Giles

Sunday 11th January, there is a short and informal service at St Giles Uley exploring Baptism Refreshments served from 9.45am - finish by 11am

Includes Godly Play and is suitable for people 0-99+yr

May be of interest to anyone who was baptised a long time ago, or is thinking about baptism for themselves or a child.

Value for the Spring Term

Have you ever had to try a lot of times before something was possible? Have you ever achieved a challenge in small stages, a little at a time?

The value for the term is PERSEVERANCE. The children will be exploring keeping going against all odds, doing the right thing, encouraging others to keep going and meeting a personal challenge.



By perseverance the snail reached the ark – Charles H. Spurgeon.

[Home-school value activities can be found on the school website:
http://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/about-us/church-links/collective-worship/](http://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/about-us/church-links/collective-worship/)

Team Points Autumn 2025

Here is the total amount of team points for the autumn term. There has certainly been a lot of living, learning and flourishing. Well done to Dauncey's. The children have chosen to have a non-school uniform day which has been arranged for **Thursday 2nd January**. Well done to Angeston, Rockstowes and Sheppard's too – great team work!

Dauncey's 6198	Sheppard's 4605
Angeston 5554	Rockstowes 6187



Let's go Zero – Zero Carbon 2030

"We've taken the [Let's Go Zero](#) pledge, declaring our aim to become zero carbon by 2030. We're joining schools across the UK in this national campaign to show the overwhelming support for zero carbon schools, and inviting government and local councils to work with us to reach this goal.



We are only just starting, but we are committing to cut carbon. Find out more about the Let's Go Zero campaign here: <https://letsgozero.org/>

Our first job is to complete an audit, part of which explores how we travel to school.

There is a very short survey that we would like parents to complete -
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFGN5C5>

Please could this be completed by Friday 16th January – thank you! This will help to inform our action plan.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Tania McCallum and the community of Uley for raising a magnificent £201.21p for the children of Uley School. What a fabulous gift.

Contact Details

Please do not forget to let us know of any changes in contact details or your new address if you have moved house.

The requirement is for schools to have 2 emergency contacts for each child. Please let us know any changes to any contacts details and update us with additional emergency contacts.

If you are unsure who is on your emergency contact list or how many, please come and ask.

Communication

At Uley School the staff believe in good communication. We are always visible and available in the morning albeit briefly but time to give messages or to request a time to talk, and we are available more so at the end of the day. As a staff we cannot stress enough how much better it is to have a face to face conversation rather than receiving an email. If there is something you would like to talk about – your child's learning or health and wellbeing, areas of education or, if you are interested in volunteering, then please do come and ask.

Don't forget that staff are happy to arrange to speak with you, 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

Dates for your Diary

Every Monday from 5th January – Monday 23rd March – Years 1 and 2 Multi – skills club 3.20 – 4pm

Every Friday from 9th January – Friday 20th March – Class 3 swimming

Wednesday 14th January - Cross Country Club 3.20 – 4pm

Saturday 17th January – Cross Country Race, Dursley Rugby Club

Wednesday 21st January – Cross Country Club 3.20 – 4pm

Wednesday 28th January – Cross Country Club 3.20 – 4pm

Wednesday 4th February – Cross Country Club 3.20 – 4pm

Thursday 5th February – Morfa Bay information session for Years 5 and 6 and families, 4.45pm

Saturday 7th February – Cross Country Race, Dursley Rugby Club

Tuesday 10th February – Internet Safety Day – information to follow

Thursday 12th February – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Friday 13th February – Last day of Term 3

Monday 23rd February – INSET Day – staff only

Tuesday 24th February – Start of Term 4

Wednesday 25th February – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Tuesday 3rd March – Year 4s to St Joseph's to see In the Net Production - letter to follow

Wednesday 4th March – a special visitor hopefully and celebrating World Book Day a day early!

Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 27th March – End of Term 4 Easter Service, 1.30pm St Giles Church

Monday 13th April – Friday 17th April – Years 5 and 6 Residential to Morfa Bay

Monday 13th April – Start of term 5

Term dates can be found on the school website

Class 1 enjoyed a whole day dedicated to the film The Snowman. They came dressed in their pyjamas, watched the film, had hot chocolate and marshmallows, made snowman biscuits and made snowmen with lots of different messy play activities.



Thank you

*For your support throughout 2025.
You collected 55.95kgs of food
donations, which have made a huge
difference to local people in crisis
across the Stroud district..*

