



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th January 2025

Nuts!

We have children in school with serious medical allergies to nuts (anaphylaxis) which require an adrenaline pen. Please be aware of nuts in food (not so much 'may contain traces of nuts') but please do not give the children nuts for snacks or in lunchboxes, and please no peanuts butter in sandwiches. Thank you.

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH – be the best you can be

Young Voices

We had an absolutely fantastic time at Young Voices on Tuesday 14th January. It was a pleasure to take our 22 Young Voices to Birmingham; a long day, but very well worth it. Our Young voices choir were absolutely fantastic.



Jack W, Sammy, Henry and Lucas for excellent collaboration and team work.
George (Class 2) for his enthusiastic approach to 'My Happy Mind'.
Louie (Class 1) for working really hard and independently during assessment week.
Wilf for making lots effort with his writing.
Ivy for identifying capital letters and full stops independently.
Xanthi for fantastic interpreting dancing during PE.
Damian for excellent leadership of younger children.
Mae for her fair and considerate attitude to others.
Alila who shows excellent school values all of the time.
Louis, Toby and Lucas – for good friendship in Fun Club.

Each week, the children are presented with a Fabulous Flourisher award or an award linked to our focus value, but also any of our school values.

Well done everyone – keep being the best you can be!

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

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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, this could be 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://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

The Remote Learning Policy can be found on the school website.

Supporting Children with Medical Needs at School

This policy relates to pupils who have a recognised medical condition who is being supported or treated by medical professionals, which will last longer than 15 days and will require the pupil to have a care plan protocol in school such as asthma, anaphylaxis or longer term prescribed medicines for other medical conditions.

For short-term illness and related medication, for example antibiotics or paracetamol for a cold or eye infection etc, the school remains insistent that under these circumstances it will have to consider whether to administer medication. Any pupil who is infectious or too poorly should not attend school until they are well enough.

Most antibiotic medication will not need to be administered during school/setting hours. Parent/carers should be encouraged to ask the GP to prescribe an antibiotic which can be given outside of school/setting hours wherever possible.

Twice daily doses should be given in the morning before school/setting and in the evening. Three times a day doses can normally be given in the morning before school/setting, immediately after (provided this is possible) and at bedtime. It should normally only be necessary to give antibiotics in school/setting if the dose needs to be given four times a day, in which case a dose is needed at lunchtime.

If antibiotics have been prescribed and you would like the school to administer the medication, then please speak to myself or Carol in the first instance to discuss the illness, wellness and the prescription.

As school staff are not expected to administer short term medications, we will also need to agree which staff will be willing to administer medication.

There will then be paperwork to complete!

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. We cannot stress enough the importance of the juniors bringing a healthy snack on a daily basis. It can be a long morning without a snack (or sometimes breakfast too) and being hungry has proven to impact on the ability to learn!

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, fairy cake, an extra sandwich etc.

Water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school, but please, no Prime bottles.

Updated Policies

These policies have been reviewed and can be found on the school website:

-  Medical Needs Policy
-  First Aid Policy
-  Accessibility Plan review
-  Offsite Visits

Governor Visits

In December, Karen Randall came to visit Class 4's Live, Learn, Flourish worship:

'As we come to the end of a busy term it is great to appreciate how much the children develop and learn.'

And the Infant Nativity:

'A Nativity Play is always a highlight of any school calendar and this year the staff and children worked hard to deliver a most enjoyable , colourful and jolly performance which was a great start to Christmas. Well done everyone.'

School Works over February Half Term

We are so excited to let you know that we will be having some of our hall windows replaced! Using our energy grant, five of our hall windows are going to be replaced during the half term.

Fun Club Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a reliable, energetic and committed Play Leader to work in our popular and busy 'Fun Club' (our after school club) from 2:30pm – 6pm, Monday – Friday term-time only. The Fun Club has been running successfully for over fifteen years providing after school care to pupils.

The successful candidate will have lots of enthusiasm; enjoy working with children as part of a small and friendly team, and preferably have a childcare qualification. Applicants should also be willing to attend training courses. If you have children attending the school they can come along and join in the fun for free.

Salary Grade 5 Pts 11 – 14, £25,979 - £27,334 per annum, pro rata

Start date – ASAP

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If you are interested please contact the school office on 01453 860350 or e-mail admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk during term time for an application pack.

Co-Opted Governor Vacancy

At Uley C of E Primary School we are looking for a co-opted governor to join our governing body. As a governor you will be a volunteer who makes a vital contribution to the success of the school.

School governors have three main roles.

Governors ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.

The governing body helps to set long-term plans for the school, decide where improvements need to be made and how to make them.

Governors hold the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective and efficient performance management of staff.

The governing body looks at the quality of education being offered and ensures the head is doing everything possible to improve results.

Governors oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

Governors examine budgets and spending proposals to monitor whether the school is getting value for money and ensure the money is spent in the right areas.

This role may be particularly of interest if you have skills in finance/accounting, human resources, data or education but we invite applications from anyone who is interested in helping the school be the best it can be. Full training is available and governors are encouraged to attend regular training sessions, either in person or online.

We are looking for someone from the community (not a current parent of the school) who can attend approximately six full governing body meetings per year and around six committee meetings per year. Meetings are held in school, usually on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Governors also spend pre-arranged time in school across the year.

You must be 18 or over to apply and all governors must have Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. If you would like to find out more please contact the school.

What are Co-opted Governors?

- Co-opted governors and trustees are appointed by the board based on their skills, experience and perspective.
- They often have specialised knowledge in areas like HR, finance, law, data and education.
- Sometimes known as community governors and cannot be a current parent at the school.

School Staff

We have had some changes to our school staff over the recent weeks. Here is an overview of our lovely staff at Uley.

Ms Zoe Mandeville Head Teacher / SENDCo / Designated Safeguarding Lead				
Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	
Mrs Delrosa Tuesday - Friday Mrs Kirsty Harbin Monday Mrs Debbie Brazier	Miss Abby Spain Mrs Rosie Dean Mon - Thurs Mrs Katy Smith Friday Mrs Liz Trotman Mornings	Miss Laura Davies Miss Amy Quemby Mrs Helen West Boyle	Miss Hannah Morris Miss Megan Price – Mon – Wed am Mrs Liz Trotman – Mon - Wed pm Mrs Philippa Nash Thursday & Friday	
Mrs Kirsty Harbin, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday pm SENDCo support				
Mrs Carol Cornelius School Administrator and Fun Club Manager Mrs Katherine Lai 1 ½ days a week				
Mr Sandy Bryson Monday				
Lunchtimes				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Nona Rushton / Miss Bethany Smith / Miss Megan Price / Mrs Lin Quemby Miss Amy Quemby – Young Leaders				
Breakfast and Fun Club				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mrs Lin Quemby / Mrs Lorraine Hempshall / Miss Megan Price I				
Philippa Nash / Mrs Lorraine Hempshall / Miss Megan Price / Miss Bethany Smith				

Traditional 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 - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 8th February – Final Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Meet at 9.30am

Tuesday 11th February – Internet Safety Day – see information sent out

Wednesday 12th February – Reception Live Learn Flourish worship 9.10am followed by an EYFS information session

Thursday 13th February – Parents' Evening

Friday 14th February – CHIP Snack Shop

Friday 14th February – End of Term 3

Friday 14th February – FUS Disco

Monday 24th February – INSET DAY – Staff only

Tuesday 25th February – Children return to school – Start of Term 4

Wednesday 26th February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 27th February – Year 4 visit to Cam Juniors for In the Net – information sent out

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day

Wednesday 26th March – Class 3 Live learn Flourish Worship, 9.10am

Monday 31st March – Homework due in

Wednesday 2nd April – Homework Share 9-9.30am

Thursday 10th April – CHIP Snack Shop

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

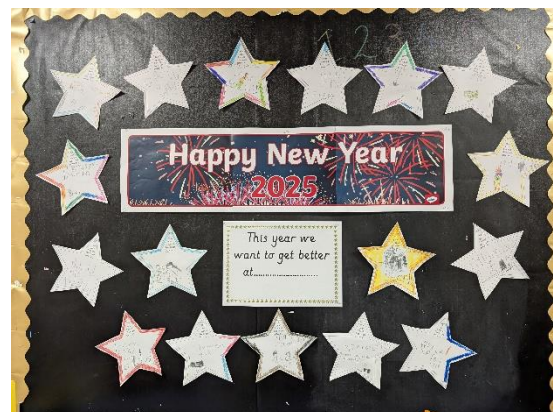
Friday 11th April – End of Term 4

Monday 28th April – Start of Term 5

Term dates can be found on the school website

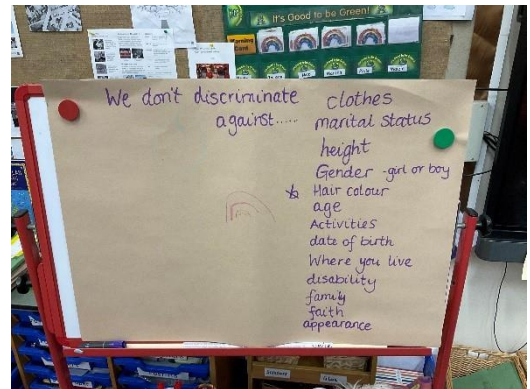
Class 1

Class 1 have been thinking about what things they'd like to get better at in 2025. Their ideas range from sharing and listening to being organised, better at building Lego, running and washing up! Good Luck Class 1!



Class 2

The infants have been exploring our new value of 'Justice'. Using identical red bags, we found that things are not always as fair as they appear. We also discussed the importance of not making choices based on gender, disability and faith.



"We don't judge people by how they look," April
"We cannot tell if someone has a disability by looking at them, for example they might be blind," Mae
"We do not comment on people's choice of hobby or activity",

Wraparound Care – Fun Club

We welcome Mrs Quemby to the team, who greets you every morning with a big smile as our Breakfast Club Lead. Miss Smith will also be helping out on a casual basis on some days. We are still recruiting for the Fun Club Lead and will update you in due course. At Fun Club we made the most of the weather one afternoon and had a great time building dens which showed great teamwork.





Class 3

This term we are fortunate to have some coaches from Kingsholm Gloucester Rugby teaching us tag rugby!

Here is our first session where we learnt how to pass using 'pocket rocket!'

We are very excited to have these experts to help us with the skills and how to play safely.

Class 4

Class 4 had a visit from Rosie, who visits schools teaching about STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) topics and careers. The children then had the challenge of using their engineering skills to create a machine that would lift a heavy box using K'nex. They had to think carefully about their designs, adapt them if necessary, work collaboratively and reflect upon what they had created. There was a real variety of different designs and different skills on show! Well done to Imogen and Scarlett, whose design was chosen as the most effective and showed great team work. They will be competing in the grand finale in May against teams from other schools



KNEX Challenge 2025

DISCO NIGHT

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
6PM - 7.30PM

COME AND BUST
SOME MOVES

HOTDOGS, SWEETS AND
GLOWSTICKS

£6 FOR 1,

£10 FOR 2 OR £15 FOR 3

BACS PAYMENTS ONLY PLEASE

TO BE PAID BY THURSDAY 13TH

FRIENDS OF ULEY SCHOOL SORT CODE 77-68-59
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LCS CHEERLEADING CAMP 2025

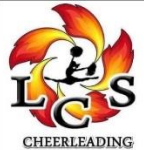


DATES: Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th February
PRICING: £25 a day, £15 for half day. Discount Available for Block
or Sibling bookings. @Brimscombe Primary School

Ages 4-14

9am-3pm

To book please contact 07462464246 /
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