



*LIVE LEARN FLOURISH*



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Who could believe that we are at the end of the academic year already!

At the end of each year, I reflect on how quickly the year has gone; this seems to have been the quickest year ever! On reflection, this teaches us as a school community, to maybe appreciate each day a little more and to embrace the 'ows, 'wows and 'nows' that enable us all to grow and develop spirituality as people and a community.

It is with great pride that I look back at the many achievements of all the children. As I reviewed the children's end of year reports, I was delighted to read the positive comments made by the dedicated staff, and to hear how much progress the children have made over the course of the year; they have all truly flourished. With the ever-changing demands made on the primary curriculum, each child has responded incredibly well and worked so hard. As a school, we have seen increasingly confident attitudes towards learning; building resilience and determination to overcome barriers and obstacles. The children want to challenge themselves and we love celebrating their successes together! Thank you to the children of Uley School for all of their hard work in all areas of school life.

We say good-bye to our Year 6s. I would like to wish the Year 6s and other children who are leaving us at the end of this academic year, all the very best on their journey. I know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. I hope they look back at their time at Uley with lots of happy memories, and perhaps return to delight us with their future successes. I am proud of them all and wish them a successful future.

Across the next academic year, we anticipate our next inspection, the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). At Uley School, our school vision to flourish and to be the best you can be, which is rooted in Psalm 1:3, as well as our four key Christian values of Friendship, Wisdom, Trust and Compassion, underpins all that we do within this flourishing school community. Each day, we strive to support each other, value each other, encourage each other to be the best people we can be and to grow spiritually; learning from every experience, we encounter.

## **Time to say a few THANK YOUS!**

I cannot begin to express how grateful we are at Uley School for the support from parents/carers and the community; we are truly blessed to have such dedicated members of our community.

**CHIPs** - Thank you to the CHIP Council for your dedication and commitment to Uley School. Your views and contributions are very much valued.

**The staff** - I am so proud and privileged to lead such a dedicated whole school staff team, No matter what their role, each member of staff makes sure your child is flourishing educationally, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

**Parents, Carers and Families** - I would also like to thank all parents and carers for working in partnership this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your help and support, from working with the school to support your child's learning, to helping at and supporting school events. Everything you have done has enhanced the children's opportunities.

**Friends of Uley School** - A big thank you to Friends of Uley School for all your hard work to raise funds to provide resources and experiences for our children at Uley.

The **'behind the scenes helpers'** – thank you for organising the donations of laptops, applying for grants to support IT in the school, the donation and installation of the kitchen units, installing sun window film, donations of play equipment from playgroup – it is all greatly appreciated –thank you.

Thank you to Martin Bragg and Karen Randall for volunteering their time across the year to deliver an interactive collective worship and getting the children involved.

Thank you to Reverend Juliet and all at St Giles Church for supporting the school with our curriculum and services over the year.

Thank you to the Governors of Uley School for always having the children's best interests at heart and for ensuring the children live, learn and flourish.

We look forward to welcoming all children (Year 1 – Year 6) back to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, our new Reception children on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September AND our Pre-school children from 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy summer.

#### **LIVE LEARN FLOURISH – be the best you can be!**

George (Class 2) and Ellodie for showing kindness and generosity towards their classmate whilst getting ready for worship.

Lucas for showing kindness and for being a good role model.

The Year 6s for helping with the new reception children on their transition morning.

Alila for showing friendship towards her peers during phonics.

Class 3 for an amazing clarinet performance!

Year 1s and 2s for a fantastic Live, Learn Flourish worship.

Tess for her continued hard work throughout the year.

Miles (Class 1) for being such a wonderful member of the class all of the time.

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

### **CHIPs**

In preparation for our SIAMS inspection, we recently had a visit from the Gloucester Diocese to have a discussion regarding our school and its distinctly Christian character. Each member of the CHIP Council had the opportunity to show our visitor around and talk about our vision, values and areas around the school.

A huge thank you to the CHIP Council for the important part they have played this year. Speaking to governors, staff and visitors is a very important role to play in the development of the school as well as their personal development.

Snack Shop this Thursday – toast and biscuits 20p per biscuit / piece of toast

### **Governor visits**

#### **In March, Martin Bragg visited the school to have look at our RE curriculum**

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

#### **In May, Barry Kordula supported the administration of SATS.**

I supported the school with the SATS to help the school structure itself for the day.

It all started with a breakfast before the tests to set them up for the day. They all seemed happy and focused. Before the tests, you could see they were supportive of each other to get the best results.

The tests itself were structured in the correct way and the teaching staff helped to set the mood and gave clear instructions in what was needed. The children in my eyes, were set up and given the best opportunity possible to be the best they could be.

The rest of the school also supported the Year 6 group by being respectful.

#### **In May, Barry Kordula also visited the school with his health and safety hat on.**

Being in school with a health and safety visit, I could really see a happy and well working school. Visiting each class, all the children were focused on whatever work they were doing, there was respect between everyone in class and the whole school was working in a great manor from staff to pupils.

Health and safety across the site is prioritised and under control at what work needs doing.

#### **In July, Lauren Marrinan visited the school to talk about SEND provision and Science**

Every classroom was a hive of activity, children enthusiastically engaged in their tasks – in Class 3 model greenhouses were under careful construction, Class 2 were on a “secret special mission” outside, and Class 4 were busy studiously researching a historical figure. The school was a genuine pleasure to behold.

### **Library**

If you have any school library books at home, please bring them so that we can add them back on to our system ready for next year.

### **School Fair**

A huge thank you to FUS and everyone involved in organising, running and supporting the fair on Saturday. Along with beautiful weather, there was a lovely community spirit and happy atmosphere.

### Parent Governor Elections

A current parent's term of office will be ending. Therefore, we will be going through the parent governor election as soon as we return in September. More information will follow then.

### Online Safety Guide

For many children, the move from primary to school has many 'firsts', including digital firsts. Internet Matters have a wonderful guide for parents to help with that transition from primary to secondary school, all digital and online related.

[Moving to secondary school: Online safety guide | Internet Matters](#)

### Fun Club Mobile

We have upgraded our mobile phone. Please store this number in case you need to contact Fun Club after school.

**07951 004926**

### Win £1,000 for our School Library

Nominate your school to #rebuildthelibrary and you could win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

[https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?srsId=AfmBOoqviB2t9KAxojll9MQIPHfnNJvLsYpD6ON\\_yCi0-9kxAeaxKcD2](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?srsId=AfmBOoqviB2t9KAxojll9MQIPHfnNJvLsYpD6ON_yCi0-9kxAeaxKcD2)

It is very simple. Just follow the link and nominate us. Deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> July. Thank you!

### Online Safety

Many of us see our online lives and offline lives as different. However, for children growing up with technology and the internet, there is not a difference – online life and offline life is just life. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace. Therefore, it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they are doing online, whom they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

[Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

### From Caterlink

As your catering provider, we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a **Parent/Guardian survey** on the meal provision we provide.

If you would like your Parents/Guardians to be part of this survey, please pass on the survey link below for them to complete. The survey will close on 31<sup>st</sup> July; we will provide an update to locations, which have taken part in the autumn term.

Link and / or QR code you can send to your parent/guardian if you would like your location to take part.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXMHL8D>



Many thanks for your continued support.

## 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:

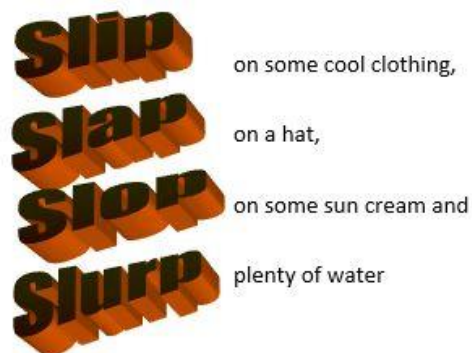
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual 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

## Skin Health

Young skin is delicate and very easily damaged by the sun. In hope and preparation of the sun regularly shining, please slap on a sunhat and slop on plenty of sun cream before school.

At school the children are encouraged to slurp plenty of water. Please note that we are expecting all children to have sun cream applied before coming to school, preferably with a long lasting sun cream.



Please also put some clearly named sun cream in your child's bag. The children will be encouraged to apply this independently so please consider the application method e.g. tube, roll etc. Please could all the children bring a cap / hat for sun protection also.

## **Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility – in and out of school.**

Everyone has a responsibility to refer a child when it is believed or suspected that a child:

- Has suffered significant harm and /or;
- Is likely to suffer significant harm and/or;
- Has developmental and welfare needs which are likely only to be met through provision of family support services (with agreement of the child's parent).

Out of school hours contact numbers:

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 who you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, please contact The MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) on **01452 426565** or email at [childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

**Contact hours: 9am - 5pm.**

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed please contact the Police at any time on 101.

In an emergency, always dial 999.

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

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – End of Term Service, 1.30pm, St Giles. Live, Learn, Flourish Awards and saying goodbye to our Year 6s

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September** – INSET day for school staff

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** – INSET day for school staff

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Years 1-6 children return

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Reception children start – see chart below

Thursday 4th September	Morning session 8.50am – 12.15pm	
Friday 5th September	Morning session 8.50am – 12.15pm	
Monday 8th September	Morning session with packed lunch 8.50am – 1.15pm	Reception children can start Breakfast Club
Tuesday 9th September		
Wednesday 10th September	All day with packed lunch or hot school lunch 8.50am – 3.20pm	Reception children can start Fun Club
Thursday 11th September		
Friday 12th September		
From Monday 15th September	Full-time 8.50am (doors open at 8.40am) – 3.20pm	

### **Term Dates**

Term dates for 2025 – 2026 can be found on the school website

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





**ULEY SCHOOL**

**PRE-SCHOOL**

FROM 3 YEARS OLD

SESSIONAL AND DAY CARE

8.40AM - 12PM  
12PM - 3.20PM  
8.40AM - 3.20PM  
BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
01453 860350

[WWW.ULEYPRIMARY.CO.UK](http://WWW.ULEYPRIMARY.CO.UK)



**FOOTBALL**

Join Dursley Town Girls Fc

RECRUITING NOW FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

YEARS 1&2 | FRIDAYS 5-6PM  
Contact: [dursleytowngirlsfc@gmail.com](mailto:dursleytowngirlsfc@gmail.com)

## Apply online for free school meals



Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/)

You can secure a tasty free meal for your child and **save yourself up to £480 per year**. Plus your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you receive a qualifying benefit, your child's school is entitled to extra funding. So even if you don't want your child to take a free meal, you should still apply to make sure that their school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled - helping them provide your child with the best education and support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receiving an Universal Infant Free School Meal arranged by their school will still have to apply to enable their school to get any extra funding. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, speak to your child's school.

For further information, including a list of qualifying benefits, visit our website or speak to your child's school today.



**21st-25th July 2025**

**ULEY CHURCH** 10am-2.30pm **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Water-A-Lot Castle**

Breakheart Quarry, Dursley  
For primary school aged children  
Places by booking only

Application forms from [ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com)  
Closing date for registration forms is strictly 6th July

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team  
Education Planning & Infrastructure  
Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall,  
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