



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18th June 2025

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH – be the best you can be!

Oliver (Class 4) for taking care and diligence in his collage work.

Elden for fantastic throwing skills in PE!

Ellodie for her response to our Godly play session.

Wilf for excellent racket and ball skills in PE.

Amara and Rex H for fantastic teamwork in History - researching all about the Romans.

James for a good understanding of halves having to be equal.

George (Class 2) for his interest and engagement in our Victorian lessons.

Regan for his fantastic interpretation of Palentine and Avatine Hill with Lego for his puppet show.

Stanley for his attitude and skills in PE.

Sophia for her enthusiasm in maths.

Mae for her knowledge of body parts during the Life Education tent session.

Lillie-May for trying hard in phonics and for her effort with writing a sentence.

Penny for working very hard in maths and achieving good results.

David for great effort towards his learning.

Year 6s for excellent representation of our Uley School values during their outing to Gloucester Cathedral.

Toby for showing kindness to his peers – being very helpful.

All the Year 1 and 2s for their rather fabulous attitudes at a 'wet' multi skills event.

Scarlett for showing real enthusiasm towards our production, particularly the singing.

Alex for his positive attitude towards school and towards others. Demonstrating ALL of the school values.

Charlie for showing what a model pupil looks like and for consistently demonstrating the school values.

Jowan for sharing his science work with us.

Rex H for showing our school values and for being a role model, with a mature attitude.

Abby for always making good choices.

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

Exciting News - Uley Pre-school

Most of you may have heard by now the exciting news that Uley School has been considering making provision to take pre-school onsite. There has been a lot to consider and we have now finalised our plans, we just need to decide a start date for Autumn 2025! Please find attached a letter explaining the rationale behind this decision and some questions that have been raised. Should anyone have any further questions, please do hesitate to come and speak to us. A page on the school website will be created very soon with all the information needed.

Uley School Curriculum

Don't forget that the school website contains a lot of information including information about the curriculum. Please take some time to check out these pages and, if you have any questions about our curriculum, do please get in touch.

<https://www.uleyprimary.co.uk/the-curriculum/>

Dropping off and picking up before and after school

We have been reviewing our dropping up and collection procedures at school and at Breakfast and Fun Club. Please see our policy attached.

Life Education Visit

As part of our PSHE Curriculum, we had a visit from the Life Education team on Thursday 12th June.

This approach is designed to give pupils a voice and for them to feel empowered, able to identify and articulate their feelings and needs, and enable them to make healthy choices. Harold, our healthy-living giraffe mascot, helps to convey these messages to children, within a magical learning environment. Children experience fun, engaging and memorable workshops with Coram Life Education.

The topics this year were:

Reception – All About Me

Years 1 and 2 – My Wonderful Body

Years 3 and 4- Meet the Brain

Years 5 and 6 – Friends



Our SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) PSHE Curriculum has a parent section <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf/scarf-at-home>

Transition Dates

We have already started to think about the new academic year ahead, the staff and class structures and children moving year groups – I know it is early, but the last few weeks of the summer term fly by so quickly!

Due to the small size of our school, all staff are privileged to know the children across all of the year groups. In addition, the children are also familiar with all the different adults who help and work at Uley as classes, groups and Key Stages frequently work together on projects or in subject areas such as phonics and spelling.

At Uley School we acknowledge that moving to the next class or phase of education is exciting and can sometimes be a little daunting. We always support your child through these changes to ensure a smooth transition.

We begin the preparation for the next stage in their journey through 'getting to know you' sessions. These sessions are planned for:

- 🌸 Friday 27th June 1.30pm-3pm
- 🌸 Thursday 10th July 9.30am-11.00am

Staff will also have opportunities for 'handing over' information from one class to another. If you or your child has any questions, please do come and ask.

Homework Share

Homework deadline is Monday 30th June with the homework share planned for **Thursday 3rd July**, 9 – 9.30am. You are invited to come and share this occasion with us.

Sports Morning

Sports morning is planned for Tuesday 15th July at 1.30pm, weather permitting. All are invited. Bring your trainers!

A Message from Dave Roach – Guitar Lessons at Uley School

Learning a musical instrument can bring many benefits beyond the joy of music itself, by helping in the development of confidence, self-expression and coordination. One-to-one guitar tuition is available in school on Tuesday afternoons. Lessons are 20 minutes long, informal and geared towards the student's interests. For all enquiries please contact the guitar teacher, Dave Roach, directly: email dave_roach@hotmail.com or call 0788 3911138.

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 31st 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

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 encourage the 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.

At Uley School we request that children do not bring squash, carbonated drinks or energy drinks including PRIME to school. As a healthy school, water is available throughout the day. Please ensure the children have water bottles in school. Thank you.

We have children with nut allergies in school. No nuts in school please, including peanut butter.

Healthy Packed Lunches

Our aim is to ensure that all children are the best that they can be and to flourish. With a daily healthy balanced packed lunch, they will be nutritionally prepared to embrace the afternoon lessons therefore giving the children the best chances to flourish. We consider lunchtimes and the value of nutrition a part of education by helping them develop an understanding of nutritional eating to prepare them for a healthy future.

The effects of unhealthy packed lunches and food intake can include poor growth, tooth decay, obesity, anaemia, constipation, poor concentration, and behavioural problems which may have an impact on a child's learning.

We encourage families to provide a nutritionally balanced lunchbox and to avoid a lunchbox packed with multiple packets of crisps and sweet items. We know how challenging it can be to provide a nutritionally balanced lunch, so please find some links below for some ideas. Just remember, no nuts (of any varieties) please!



[Lunchbox ideas and recipes – Healthier Families - NHS](#)
[Fifteen easy and nutritious lunchbox ideas - BBC Bitesize](#)
[18 Healthy Lunch Ideas for Kids to Take to School](#)
[packed-lunches-guidance.pdf](#)

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 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.



on some cool clothing,
on a hat,
on some sun cream and
plenty of water

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 27th June – Transition afternoon

Tuesday 1st July – KS2 Performance, 6.30pm

Wednesday 2nd July – KS2 Performance, 1.45pm

Thursday 3rd July – Homework Share – 9 – 9.30am

Wednesday 9th July – Years 1 and 2 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10am

Thursday 10th July – Transition morning

Tuesday 15th July – Sports Afternoon, 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th July – Y6 Live, Learn Flourish Presentations, 9.30am at school. Year 6 parents invited

Wednesday 16th July – Sports Afternoon Reserve

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

Term Dates

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

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

Year 6

Our Year 6s had a wonderful time at the Gloucester Cathedral Leavers' Service, despite the atrocious weather! It was fantastic to gather with several hundred other children, from twenty Church of England primary schools, to celebrate our achievements in such a special place. A special well done to William and Scarlett, who read a prayer to the whole congregation; Willow and Oliver, who carried our school banner in the precession; and Henry, who was Uley School's candle bearer.



Reception

The reception children were learning about the tallest, shortest and longest animals. We went into the playground and used a long tape measure and trundle wheel to measure the length of some of them. We chalked the measurements out. They were amazed how big the blue whale is.

Ask your child about the size of the nano chameleon or the humming bird. They would love to tell you some facts.



Tri-Golf

The whole School took part in an enrichment day. We all had a go at Tri-Golf. Here are some photos of Class 3. We practised driving and putting and really enjoyed the challenge of a completely new sport.

District Sports 2025

We had a fantastic time at district sports this year-winning a whopping 9 first place titles! This event is always popular with the children and once again it was a delight to take them and participate. - I am super proud of all they have achieved. Thank you to all who attended!



Years 1 and 2

Victorian School

The Year 1s and Year 2s had an experience of Victorian School! We will writing our diary entries this week.



Life Education Tent

Last week, the Year 1s and Year 2s had a session on learning our body parts.

"It was odd having organs on the outside," says Mae.

Fun Club

This term, we have been enjoying playing outside - playing swing-ball, badminton, and ball games. We have used our equipment creatively and made new games using hula-hoops as 'nets' to catch people, and chalk to visualise the size of whales and buses. The children have enjoyed being spectators while other clubs play rounders and sports on the field, and thinking up clubs we can make within Fun Club.

The biggest success in our indoor play this term, has been Hama beads. The children have made everything from seahorses to dogs, princesses to birthday cakes. We have enjoyed junk modelling, painting and the new Nintendo Switch games. We even had a princess-alien themed dance show from the boys!



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/

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
10am-2.30pm

ULEY CHURCH **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB**



Breakheart Quarry, Dursley
For primary school aged children
Places by booking only
Application forms from ewelmeeparishoffice@gmail.com
Closing date for registration forms is strictly 6th July

Travel Assistance and Free School Meals Team
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