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ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 25th March 2026

We have nearly reached the end of term 4. Please come and join us on **Friday 27th March** for our end of Term 4 Easter Service, 1.30pm St Giles Church.

The children may be collected after the service, once we have returned to school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. A special mention to Mrs Keenan for helping with Class 3 swimming each week!



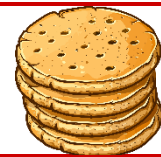
Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Don't forget clocks spring forward on 29th March!

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

Snack Shop

There will be a CHIPs Snack Shop this Thursday. 20p per biscuit



Homework Share

Thank you for joining us for homework share. It was lovely to see so many people and to feel a buzz around the school.

Red Nose Day Jokes

Here are some of the jokes we shared last week. There was a lot of laughter on Friday!

What is a soup's favourite sport?
Bowling!

Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?
Because she will let it go!

Why did the chicken join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks!

How do you get Pikachu on the bus?
You poke-him-on!

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert?
Because he was stuffed!

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Europe.
Europe who?!!

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Boo hoo.
Boo hoo who?
Why are you crying?

Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?
Because he had nobody to go with!

National Year of Reading

Following on from World Book Day, **2026 has been named the National Year of Reading**, a nationwide campaign led by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust to encourage children and adults to rediscover the joy of reading.

This year's theme, "Go All In" aims to show families how reading can connect with the things they already love — from music and football to food, films, and family time. The campaign is designed to tackle the decline in reading for pleasure across the UK and to help make reading a fun, relevant part of everyday life. We're sharing this as a helpful update for families who may wish to explore the national activities, resources, and inspiration available throughout 2026.

For more information and guidance on how you can get involved at home please visit <https://www.booksfortopics.com/reading-for-pleasure/national-year-of-reading-2026/>

Miss Davies- on behalf of the English team

Parent Survey

Every year we seek parental views regarding your child's education at Uley School. You will have now received a questionnaire via email. If you would like a hard copy, please ask. We have previously used Survey Monkey and feel we do not get as many responses. As always, if you do have any questions or matters which you would like to discuss, we encourage you to ask us for a chat.

Let's go Zero – Zero Carbon 2030

Thank you for the responses so far. We have had **20** responses and need more! Please follow the link to complete a very short travel survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFGNSC5>



"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.

Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign

The Smartphone Free Childhood campaign is a rapidly growing movement encouraging parents to delay giving children smartphones until at least their early teenage years. It raises awareness of the potential impacts of early smartphone use on mental health, sleep, attention, and social development. By promoting alternatives such as basic phones and more offline activities, the campaign aims to give children the time and space to develop safely, build meaningful real-world relationships, and enjoy a less digitally dependent childhood.



More than 180,000 British children are now covered by the online parent pact, with families committing to delay smartphones until at least age 14 and social media until at least 16.

Many secondary schools, for example Rednock School in Dursley, are now revising their policies to become phone-free and it will not be necessary for children to have a smartphone when starting Year 7.

If you are considering delaying giving your child a smartphone, or are still undecided, you are encouraged to visit <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>. The website offers clear, practical information, including child-friendly alternatives to smartphones.

A WhatsApp group has also been set up for parents of Uley School children. This provides a supportive space to connect with others, ask questions, and share experiences. The aim is not to judge individual choices, but to create a sense of collective support—helping to establish a new normal where children without smartphones feel included, not isolated.



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DK9MR7baF2M9DtVbGFVMhz?mode=hqctcla>

I'll be in the playground on Friday mornings from next term and would love to chat with anyone interested in Smartphone Free Childhood or anything smartphone-related. Whether you're just curious, have questions, or want to share your thoughts, please feel free to come and say hello—it would be great to see you!

Alice Muir (Lowri's and David's mum)

Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 22nd April – Class 3 Live, Learn, Flourish worship, 9.10am

Week commencing Monday 11th May –Year 6 Statutory Test week

Friday 22nd May – Sports Enrichment Day

Friday 22nd May – End of Term 5

Monday 1st June – Start of Term 6

Term dates can be found on the school website

Class 3

Radical Reading! Class 3 enjoying guided reading where they read, tracked and supported each other whilst focussing on a variety of questions such as retrieval, inference and prediction! This text was A River by Marc Martin.



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Event

The rugby team had a wonderful time at the event. The children participated in 7 matches, competing against other local schools. They demonstrated sportsmanship, friendship and supported each other! Thanks to those who attended and helped out.