

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



October 2024

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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. These achievements are celebrated with the whole school.

Alila for making a fantastic start to school and being a superstar.

Runa for stepping into Year 1 with such maturity.

Miles (Class 4) for excellent contributions in class worship.

Winne and Merari for settling so well at Uley and showing our values.

Robyn for her cheerful and confident attitude in Class 2.

Lowri for supporting the reception children at Breakfast and Fun Club.

Erin for her timeline of life stages and explaining development points such as learning to walk.

Charlie for always trying really hard at school.

James for doing really well in maths and being focused.

Lydia for her excellent contribution to SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) lessons.

Toby for use of historical language. Toby used the word archaeologist and explained what they do.

Myiah for always doing the right thing and showing all the school values.

All the Year 1's for coming back and showing the school values and being role models to the reception children.

Pippa for showing all school values and being a good role model. An excellent start to Year 2.

Eleanor for showing friendship and compassion to a friend in Class 3.

Luke for his good listening and for his grateful attitude towards others.

Alex for his wonderful manners and attitude towards school.

Scarlett for embracing her role as team captain.

Athena for always showing our values and being a role model – Miss Davies is thankful!



Meet and Greet

It was lovely to see so many of you join us in school on Friday 20th September.

Thank you to all who attended and stayed for some reading and phonic information.

Don't forget, if you would like any information about any areas of the curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below a reminder of how reading works at Uley.

All children will change their books once they are fluent.

This means children still reading phonic phase books need to read their books at least three times at home.

This is for decoding, fluency and comprehension.

Children who have moved onto longer texts and chapter books are invited to change their books once they have finished.

Reception and KS1:

The children will be given books matched to their phonic knowledge, these are fully decodable and the aim here is to: practise, practise, practise! Reception children will be given picture books at first to encourage them to tell a story and then when they are secure with the first few sounds they will be given books with just those sounds in to practise sounding out and blending them together to read words. Staff in EYFS and KS1 are responsible for changing and or checking the pupil's reading books.

KS2:

Children will continue to read a colour band level matched to their individual reading ability. Once again the aim here is to, practise, practise, practise! Children will be invited to change their books once they have finished. (Obviously some chapter books will take longer than a week!) KS2 staff are responsible for supporting and checking the pupil's reading books.

Please ensure reading records are in every day.

As always, if you need any further information then please come and chat to us.

English Team

Miss Davies, Mrs Delrosa, Mrs Mandeville

Value for the Autumn Term

Our value for the Autumn term is Thankfulness.

We will be thinking about:

Being thankful for people who help us.

Being thankful for creation.

Remembering to say thank you.

Giving thanks even when times are difficult.

Counting your blessings.

Living fruitful lives – being thankful at harvest time.

Click on the link which takes you to Home Values – a set of activities should you wish to engage with the values at home.

TALK ABOUT THANKFULNESS TOGETHER.

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks you!**

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today.

Have you used one to say **thank you?**"

Anon

Breakfast Club Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Breakfast Club Lead

Part-time, 6hrs 40mins per week

Monday to Friday term-time only, 7:30am – 8:50am

A childcare qualification is essential and applicants should be willing to attend training courses.

Salary Grade 3 (pts 4-6) £23,114 - £23,893 pa pro rata




Start date – ASAP (subject to DBS clearance)

An application pack is available electronically from the school office. Please contact the school office on 01453 860350 or e-mail admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk.

Vision and Values

Vision (our goal)

Live – Learn – Flourish

-  Live: at home, in school, and in our local community
-  Learn: about self, others, and our ever-changing world
-  Flourish: be the best we can be in all that we do

Our vision is to ensure that we can enable everyone to be *the best that they can be*. This means that we will work to identify and encourage the skills and passions of every child. We will endeavor to develop and support them as individuals, whatever their strengths and interests might be. Of course, aiming to be the best that we can be applies to staff and other stakeholders as well as to our pupils.

Values – this informs our whole school ethos and Behaviour Policy

Trust

Be honest and just
Believe in yourself – you can do it!
Persevere on your journey, seek help from others

Friendship

Do as you would be done by
Encourage, support and be proud of each other
Smile and be thankful

Wisdom

Reflect on our mistakes and learn from them
Make appropriate choices
Have the courage to be the best you can be





Compassion

Be tolerant; embrace difference and diversity
Say sorry, show you're sorry
Show forgiveness and generosity

Our Ethos Committee (Zoe Mandeville, Abby Spain, Martin Bragg and Karen Randall) are currently self-evaluating our vision and values, and would like to hear your views. An online survey has been created and we would appreciate your contribution; it will only take a minute.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR8278P>

If you would prefer to speak face to face about this, here are the questions. Please come and speak to us.

-  Have we communicated our vision and values effectively?
-  Do you feel that these are reflected in school practice?
-  Can you give some examples of the vision/values you have experienced?
-  Any suggestions of how you think we can embed our vision and values further?

Promoting Good Attendance

Being at school is a very important part of any young person's life. It enables them to learn, to make friends, to gain important knowledge and to develop a variety of skills which will prepare them for adult life. School and parents are partners in making this a success.

Absence Procedures

If a child is unfit for school; parents should contact the school by 9.00am on the first day, in person, by email or by telephone and repeat this each consecutive day until they return.

Absences will not be authorised without this procedure. It is school policy to contact parents of children who are absent that have not notified school by 9.15am. This safeguarding procedure ensures all our children are accounted for.



Taking Time out of School

There is an expectation that parents should not take pupils out of school during term time. Schools are required to ensure that children only miss school if it is absolutely unavoidable because of the detrimental effect that this has on pupils' attainment and therefore their future life chances.

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

Exceptional leave being defined as:

- Rare
- Significant
- Unavoidable
- Short

Government guidance 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' was updated in September 2022. We work closely with the Local Authority to reduce the number of holiday requests that we receive. More information on regarding this and other attendance information including when attendance becomes a concern, will follow shortly.

Whisper Button

The safety and well-being of our pupils is something that our school strives hard to ensure. We continue to work hard to provide ways to help you tell us if you or your children have any problems or worries which we as a school need to know about such as bullying.

Reporting issues is a very effective way to enable us to deal with risks before they escalate into harm and we already have several ways in which you can do this. That goes a long way in helping us create the safe and reliable environment for your children that you expect our school to be.

We understand too that coming into school to tell us about these issues can sometimes be tricky. It may be a subject that you need to bring to our attention without wanting to identify yourself, but feel we need to know, particularly if it involves children's safety.

On our school website you will find a link to **Whisper** support, an anonymous reporting service for pupils that allows them to send a message to a confidential school email account where staff who are experienced in responding to issues, will receive it.

How does it work?

Clicking on the **Whisper** link on our school homepage on the website will take you to an online form where you can leave your message. You can choose to send it anonymously or, if you want us to get back to you,



you can leave your contact details. **Whisper** does not collect any information to identify a sender unless they choose to leave it.

Why do we think this is important?

- We believe Whisper is an invaluable tool to have as a school for a variety of reasons. For example, young people can often find it very difficult to report issues at school, especially when they feel like they are 'telling' on a friend. Offering an anonymous route may empower them to raise concerns they may not have felt able to raise before.
- We know that reporting can raise awareness of an issue across the school and things can change because of that, through discussion and education. Reporting someone who is bullying, for example, can very often focus attention on that person and is sometimes enough to change their behaviour.
- Whilst your report may not always get the solution you want to see, reporting bad behaviour can often stop them from happening to others. If people know their unacceptable behaviour will be reported, they are less likely to do it and this can have a positive effect across the whole school.

Harvest

Our harvest service will be held in St Giles Church on **Thursday 24th October at 9.45am**. We will be collecting for the Food Bank.

If each child could bring an item from the Food Bank shopping list during **week commencing 14th October** and we will ensure the items are delivered to them.

- Milk (UHT)
- Fruit Juice
- Tinned Ham & Corned Beef
- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Fray Bentos Pies
- Tinned Meat Meals
- Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Coffee
- Chocolate and Sweets
- Jam, Marmite, Peanut Butter
- Crisps and Nuts
- Toilet Rolls
- Laundry Liquid



Smile Please!

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 14th November.

Birthdays at Uley School

A birthday is a really special day and we can't get away from the fact that birthdays can fall on a school day, but at Uley we would like to do all we can to help celebrate. If your child's birthday falls on a school day please come and speak to us if you are thinking about bringing in treats as there may be special diets to consider, or as an alternative, stickers can go down very well too.




Handing out children's party invitations in school can be quite a responsibility for us as this can happen quite a lot over the year and at times it can upset those that don't receive an invite or, if invitations are put in the children's book bags, they are then not discovered until after the event.

We don't want to be party poopers and to avoid 'I haven't got one,' are more than happy to put them in book bags but please do check them! An alternative would be to hand out invitations to the children in the playground before/after school. We are able to support by introducing parents and children before or after school.

Updated Policies

Please see the school website for school policies.

These policies have been recently updated:

-  Assessment policy
-  Behaviour policy
-  Safeguarding policy

Any questions about any of the school policies, please ask.

School Meals

The new menu can be found on the school website. More information regarding Caterlink follow the link <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/gloucestershire-county-council/> or [School Meals and ParentPay - Uley CofE Primary School \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](#).

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.

Fun Club Contact Details

To all parents that use Fun Club, here is our new number 07939545705. It's accessible from 3:20pm till 5:30pm. Please could you pop it into your phones! The school phone is not manned so please phone this number in the event of any emergencies. Thank You.

Online Safety

Unicef has shared an article with some nice, clear and simple advice for parents/carers about online gaming. The article covers how to create a positive and safe gaming environment, how parents can engage with their children, what the benefits of gaming are and more.

[Video games and children: A guide for parents | UNICEF Parenting](#)

YouTube - Parental Controls for Teens

Google (YouTube) has, in the past, always argued that YouTube is strictly for over 13's, much like most other social platforms. This age is predominantly for marketing/advertising purposes.

However, that argument has never stood up given that Google has never had a means to prevent under 13's using the platform with or without an account.

Back in 2021, YouTube introduced new parental features called **Supervised Experience** and this was for parents of children under 13 who were using YouTube.

Now, it looks like YouTube is extending Supervised Experience for parents of teenagers. In early September, it announced that parents/carers will be able to link their teenager's account to their parent account so that parents will have the ability to see some limited information such as number of video uploads, comments etc.

[A new choice for parents of tweens and teens on YouTube - YouTube Blog](#)

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 23rd October and Thursday 7th November. Appointments are for 10 minutes and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. You will be able to see the timings and book your slots through our online booking system, which will be available nearer the time.

This is a good opportunity for you to meet the staff, discuss your child's progress and ask questions about supporting your child's learning at home.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12th October – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Monday 14th October – Year 6 Bikeability – information to follow

Wednesday 23rd October – Parent's Evening – information to follow

Thursday 24th October – Uley School Harvest Service at St Giles Church, 9.45am – all welcome

Thursday 24th October – End of Term 1

Friday 25th October – **INSET** Day – Staff Only

Monday 4th November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 7th November – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Monday 11th November – Anti-bullying week – more information to follow

Thursday 14th November – School Photographer

Saturday 16th November – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Wednesday 4th December – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10am all welcome

Saturday 7th December – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Wednesday 11th December – 9- 9.30am all welcome to join us for homework share.

Wednesday 11th December – Year 6 SATs information session, 3.45pm

Thursday 12th December – Infant Nativity, 2pm and 6.30pm performances

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunches and Party day!

Friday 20th December – Uley School Christmas Service at St Giles, 1.30pm – all welcome.

Term dates can be found on the school website

Look what we have been up to!

Class 3

On a Friday, Miss Davies teaches PE to Class 4 and Miss Morris teaches Science to Class 3.

Class 3 have been learning about the 206 bones that make up the human body. We labelled ourselves with some of the most important ones!



Reception

Reception created their own art work based on Kandinsky's circles painting. They drew around shapes of different sizes then painted them different colours.



Uley School Governing Body

NAME	CATEGORY OF GOVERNOR	ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES	COMMITTEES
Mr Graham WILKES	Parent Governor	Chair(FGB),Behaviour Rewards and Recognition, PE, PSHE, Computing & e-safety	R (Chair), SP&R
Mr Andrew LEVITT	L A Governor	Vice Chair Art, DT, Music, Science	C&S, SP&R (Chair)
Ms Zoe MANDEVILLE	Ex officio	Head Teacher	All
Miss Laura DAVIES	Staff Governor	The Curriculum	C&S
Mrs Keren BASS	Associate Governor	Finance	Finance
Mr Barry KORDULA	Parent Governor	Health and Safety Premises, EYFS, PE, PSHE, Computing & e-safety	R, C&S (Chair)
Mr Mark EASY	Parent Governor	Safeguarding, Maths History, Geography, MFL	R
Mrs Lauren MARRINAN	Parent Governor	Looked After Children, Pupil Premium SEND, Attendance, Extended Services	C&S
Mrs Karen RANDALL	Foundation Governor	Church School Distinctiveness Collective Worship, Safeguarding, RE,	Resources, Ethos (Chair)
Mr Martin BRAGG	Co-Opted Governor	English, Church School Distinctiveness, Collective Worship, RE, Safeguarding	C&S, Ethos

FGB = Full governing Body / C&S = Curriculum and Standards / R = Resources / E = Ethos / SP&R = Staffing, Pay and Retention.

ULEY C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL



MINI MEET SESSIONS

2.30 – 3PM

Do you have a pre-school child due to start Reception in September 2025?

Are you making the important decision about which primary school?

Come and meet us at Uley School and spend some time with our Reception class.

Bring your children for a play too.

Thursday 19th September

Thursday 26th September

Thursday 17th October

Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday 27th November

To book a place at one of our sessions, please email admin@uley.gloucs.sch.uk
or phone 01453 860350

Free School Meal support during the October 2024 half-term from Gloucestershire County Council.

Gloucestershire County Council is committed to supporting families with 1 week of vouchers at £15 per child, per week for the October 2024 half-term. This is funded through grant funding we have received, and is separate to that of term-time free school meals and the HAF programme.

The offer complements the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) taking place through the longer holidays which can provide a meal for children attending events. The Holiday Free School Meals Voucher scheme is for eligible children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium free school meals.

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for October 2024 half-term holiday vouchers - they will already have been included.

To sign up, or to check for eligibility please go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>

Trussell Trust-Food bank support

The Trussell Trust welcome and support everyone who is referred to them, always acting with respect and without judgment. Volunteers will give a minimum of three days' emergency food and essentials and offer support to resolve some of the difficulties you might be facing.

If you are in need of a food bank voucher, due to a change of circumstances, an unexpected bill, payment delays or any other reason, please email Lisa Hills our family support worker who will be able to help.

fsw@uley.gloucs.sch.uk

Uley Players

Are you 7 years or above?

Do you like singing and dancing?

If you would like to participate in the Winter Performance, singing, dancing and perhaps a speaking part..

Rehearsals start in October for performance in January 2025
There are limited spaces

Please ask parents to contact:
tmasonfayle@gmail.com

attend and return by hand or email to school by **Thursday 12th September.**

After School Clubs					
	Club	Age-range	Start date	Finish date	Member of Staff
Monday	Netball 3.20 – 4pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Maximum 14	Monday 16 th September	Monday 25 th November	Miss Quemby
Monday	Football 3.20 – 4pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Maximum 14	Monday 16 th September	Monday 25 th November	Miss Davies
Monday	Multi skills 3.20 – 4pm	Years 1 and 2 Maximum 15 first come first served	Monday 16 th September	Monday 25 th November	Move More
Tuesday	Cross Country 3.20 – 4pm	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Information to follow, but races are at Dursley Rugby Club in Stinchcombe on: Saturday 12th October 2024 Saturday 16th November 2024 Saturday 7th December 2024 Saturday 18th January 2025 Backup date Saturday 8th February 2025	Tuesday 17 th September	Tuesday 25 th November	Mrs. Harbin
Tuesday	Infant Art 3.20 – 4pm	Years R, 1 and 2 Maximum 12 first come first served	Tuesday 24 th September	Tuesday 26 th November	Miss Morris Miss Spain
Wednesday	Young Voices 3.20 – 4.15	Years 4, 5 and 6 Tuesday 14 th January has been set for the Young Voices performance at Birmingham – see Young Voices letter	Wednesday 18 th September	TBC	Mrs Mandeville Mrs. Delrosa