



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9th September 2025

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

Dear all,

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer - the weather really helped! The summer break is always well deserved but it is always exciting to get back to school, to see everyone again and to return to routine. The children have made a super start to school and the transition back has been a smooth one.

The staff at Uley School would like to say a big thank you for all the kind words and generous gifts at the end of the summer term. Thank you!

A special Uley welcome to our new Reception children who have come in to school with big smiles 😊 We are looking forward to seeing them all settle in to the fullness of school life.

We started the new academic year with a Live, Learn, Flourish week. A week where the children can familiarise themselves again with the school, settle into routines and catch up with friends after the summer break.

There will be some adaptations to our Behaviour Policy coming soon as we feel we need to recognise and celebrate our Good to be Green behaviours a little bit more. The children may have already talked about this at home!

Our value of friendship is defined as 'do as you would be done by'. The children are very knowledgeable in knowing that means to 'treat others as we would like to be treated'. Last Wednesday the children were asked how they would like to be treated.

Here are some of their responses:

With fairness, honesty, patience, tolerance, forgiveness and with trust and respect.

To be included, forgiven, spoken to with manners and respect, and to be supported and listened to. To be treated with care and kindness.

It was so nice to see that the children's personal values align together with the Uley School values. GO Team Uley!

Of course, let us not forget we are starting our Uley Pre-school journey this term. Class 1 has been re-organised and we are busy planning for the children already booked in to join us! We are extremely excited.

Information regarding pre-school including Terms and Conditions, can be found on the school website:

[Uley Pre-school - Uley CofE Primary School.](#)

Any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Newsletters are full of information (this one in particular!) We ask that parents and carers read the newsletters and make notes of any dates. If you would like to know more about any of items in the newsletter, please do not hesitate to come and ask.

Communication

At Uley School the staff believe in good communication. We are always visible and available in the morning albeit briefly but time to give messages or to request a time to talk; we are available more so at the end of the day. As a staff we cannot stress enough how much better it is to have a face to face conversation rather than receiving an email. If there is something you would like to talk about – your child's learning, areas of education or, interested in volunteering, then please do come and ask.

The class emails are not checked as they are used for exceptional circumstances such as remote learning, so please do not send correspondence to class emails.

Staff are happy to arrange to talk to you, 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
- just want to come and say hi

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Mrs Zoe Mandeville, Miss Abby Spain, Mrs Laura Davies, Miss Megan Price and Miss Alex Meulbrouck are Uley's Designated Safeguarding Leads. We are always available to meet should you have any child welfare concerns.

The school's Safeguarding Policy can be found on the school's website.

If you have a concern about a child please contact the Children and Families Services Helpdesk on **01452 426565** (during 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday), but if you are concerned about the immediate safety of a child please contact the Police on **101** at any time.

The Children and Families Services helpdesk is open between **9am and 5pm Monday to Friday**.

Safeguarding Before and After School

The safety of all the children is of utmost importance to us, and therefore we would just like to remind you that all children must not be left unaccompanied in the playground in the mornings. Occasionally we have children that are dropped off early at school in the morning and left alone in the playground. Staff are in the playground and will take responsibility for the children from 8.40am and therefore the welfare of the children is the parent's responsibility prior to this time. **An adult must stay with them until the door is open at 8.40am.** Please speak to a member of staff should you wish to book a place at breakfast club.

Please let us know if somebody different is picking your child up. We will not release the children should we have not received a message.

Safeguarding and Smart Watches and Mobile Phones

We cannot dispute that technology is a wonderful thing when used safely and correctly.

Although we encourage children to wear watches in school to be able to tell the time, we request that the children do not wear a 'smart' watch, or any watch that has the same functionality as a mobile phone such as camera, video, messaging etc. to school, this includes before and after school club.

Please may I remind parents that mobile phones are not permitted in school. The only exception is when it has been agreed that a child is permitted to walk to and from school (Year 5 and 6s), and the parent feels that they should have one for contact in an emergency. Walking to and from school letter for Years 5 and 6 has been sent out.

The School Curriculum

Very soon you will receive information about your child's classroom and their curriculum including homework and expectations. Any questions regarding our curriculum, please either have a look at the website or come and speak to us.

Uley School Library

We aim to foster the love of reading and no better way to do that is to select a book or two from the library. Please see the attached calendar of book borrowing and refer to our School Library Policy on the school website.

School Uniform and PE Kit

As with many schools, we have a school uniform of which we are very proud of and one of which shows that we are part of Uley School and take pride in how smart we look, and how smart everyone looks this week! We would like to remind everyone that this is the same standard we expect from PE kits.

Juniors come dressed ready in PE on their PE days and we have noticed over the past year that some parts of PE kits are becoming more inappropriate with mid-drifts, very short shorts or inappropriate footwear. In these cases we have spare kit and we may ask the children to get changed if their PE kit is not appropriate.

PE Kit must consist of:

Dark coloured shorts (preferably navy)
Red t-shirt
Jogging bottoms
Red school jumper
Well-fitting trainers – Velcro or laces (or plimsolls)
A pair of socks also for the girls as they may come to school in tights.
A clearly named PE bag

Infants will need PE in school at all times, clearly named and stored in a named PE bag. PE kits will be sent home at the end of each term for checking and for a wash! Please ensure all kit is named and return named PE kits at the start of each new term.

For Health and Safety reasons long hair should be tied back, at all times.

**Snacks**

We aim to be as healthy as possible at Uley School and we know that the right diet contributes to a positive mental health also. Having a good breakfast, eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and drinking plenty of water is part of this.

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.

Please can the juniors bring in fruit/vegetable for break times also; it can be a long morning without a snack! Being hungry can impact on the children's learning.

No crisps or chocolate for Monday – Thursday break times please.

Friday - Everything in moderation - Fridays 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.

School Meals

The Autumn menu can be found on the school website. As a school we buy in to a Gloucestershire County Council contract for hot school meals. More information regarding Caterlink follow the link <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/gloucestershire-county-council/>.

Free School Meals

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/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)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

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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.

Childhood Illnesses

In school, we expect there to be a variety of childhood illnesses, particularly as the colder weather approaches. Common illnesses include coughs, colds, chest infections, sickness, upset tummies.... In school we follow the recommended guidelines for illnesses.

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612512/Should_I_keep_my_child_off_school_checklist_poster.pdf)

There is no longer a requirement to test for Coronavirus or to isolate. If your child is poorly and too poorly for school, then keep them at home, but please let us know by giving us a ring. We always like to know why the children are feeling poorly, not because we are nosey but because we can then plan for patterns and ensure cleaning routines are stepped up!

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-worry-about-your-childs-illness/)

Head Lice – Once a Week take a Peek

Head lice are a normal part of childhood - surveys among primary school children have found that nearly 1 in 10 have head lice at any one time. If you're a parent you probably know what a hassle it is to treat head lice and just how frustrating it can be when your child comes home scratching their head yet again.

head lice is something that needs constant monitoring and treatment particularly if hair is thick and long – they like this type of hair as they can hide!

Have a look at this website which gives you lots of guidance on managing head lice -

<http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/>

Peripatetic Music Teachers

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.

Chris Wiggins – Viola and Violin Lessons at Uley School

Mr. Chris Wiggins has joined Uley School as a peripatetic music teacher on a Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Wiggins is able to teach viola or violin from Year 3 upwards. Should you be interested in viola or violin lessons, please let us know. There is a limited number of 20 minutes slots – first come first serve. Payment for the lessons will be agreed between parents and Mr. Wiggins.

<https://chriswigginsmusicteacher.co.uk/>

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 6th November. Booking an appointment will be online. 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

Friday 12th September – Class 4 swimming

Friday 19th September – Class 4 Swimming

Friday 26th September – Class 4 Swimming

Friday 3rd October – Class 4 Swimming

Monday 6th October – Uley School Pre-school starts!

Friday 10th October – Class 4 Swimming

W/C Monday 13th October – Year 6 Bikeability – information sent via email

Friday 17th October – Sport's Enrichment Day – more information to follow

Friday 17th October - Class 4 swimming

Saturday 18th October – Cross Country Club race at Dursley Rugby Club. More information to follow

Wednesday 22nd October – Parent's Evening – more information to follow

Thursday 23rd October – Uley School Harvest Service at St Giles Church, 9.45am – all welcome

Thursday 23rd October – End of Term 1

Friday 24th October – INSET Day – Staff Only

Monday 3rd November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 6th November – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Friday 7th November – Class 4 Swimming

Monday 10th November – Anti-bullying week – more information to follow

Thursday 13th November – School Photographer – more information to follow

Saturday 15th November – Cross Country Club race at Dursley Rugby Club. More information for follow

Friday 21st November – Class 4 Swimming

Friday 28th November – Class 4 Swimming

Wednesday 3rd December – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10 am all welcome

Friday 5th December – Class 4 swimming

Saturday 6th December – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club. Timings TBC

Friday 12th December – Class 4 swimming

Wednesday 10th December – 9- 9.30am all welcome to join us for homework share.

Wednesday 10th December – Year 6 SATs information session, 3.45pm

Term dates can be found on the school website

Uley Primary School Staff

Head Teacher – Mrs. Zoe Mandeville
 School Administrator and Fun Club Manager – Mrs. Carol Cornelius
 School Administrator – Mrs. Katherine Lai

	Year groups	Staff
Class 1	Pre-school & Reception	Mrs. Sara Delrosa – Class Teacher, Tuesday – Friday Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – Class Teacher, Monday Mrs. Debbie Brazier – Teaching Assistant
Class 2	Year 1 & Year 2	Miss. Abby Spain – Class Teacher – PPA Thursday afternoons Miss. Amy Quemby – Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Year 3 & Year 4	Miss. Laura Davies – Class Teacher – PPA Tuesday afternoons Mrs. Philippa Nash – Teaching Assistant Mrs. Katy Smith – Teaching Assistant Mrs. Elizabeth Trotman – Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss. Hannah Morris – Class Teacher - PPA Wednesday afternoons Mrs. Helen West-Boyle – Teaching Assistant Miss. Megan Price – Teaching Assistant
		PPA is Planning, Preparation and Assessment Every teacher is entitled to PPA
IT Support	Mr. Sandy Bryson	
SENDCo Support	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – 1 day a week	
PPA Cover	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin	
Lunchtime Supervisors	Mrs. Nona Rushton Miss. Bethany Smith Miss. Megan Price	
Breakfast and Fun Club	Mrs. Carol Cornelius Miss. Alexandra Meulbrouck Miss Megan Price Miss Bethany Smith Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Mrs. Lin Quemby	



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To book your free place contact 01453 545904
or email kathredmond@gl11.org.uk

