



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9th December 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

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Isla for her compassion and friendship for offering to put other children's books away and sticking in their sheets when they were busy with an important job.

Lucas (Class 4) for really concentrating in maths and following the steps he needed to.

Jack (Class 3) for fantastic hockey skills!

Olivia (Class 3) for always, always, always showing our school values.

Lucas (Class 2) for his excellent news writing.

Rowan for being kind to others and caring for his friends.

Elowen for her super maths knowledge.

Millie for always being willing to help me put things away without being asked.

Ruby for her kind and gentle nature in class.

Ivy for always showing compassion.

Phoebe for her incredible politeness.

Elowen for consistently showing kindness towards others in school.

Emilio for his careful work on his prayer mat.

Leo for his fantastic use of geographical language and skills – he knew such a lot!

Pheobe for showing great curiosity and enthusiasm in music lessons.

Reuben for putting lots of effort into his phonics and for his enthusiasm about making good choices and contribution to drawing club.

Harrison for his improvement in forward rolls.

Beaus for great progression in writing.

Sammy (Class 4) for using his own time to create a PowerPoint to support our science lessons.

Pixie (Class 1) for her determination and perseverance in writing.

Miles for kindness and inclusiveness with others.

Pippa for her tolerance and patience!

Class 4 for their compassion and resilience – coping very well with different absences during their Live, Learn Flourish worship – planning, rehearsals and performance.

Zachary for showing kindness towards others.

Well done to the cross-country runners for competing in Race 2 this Saturday!

Keep flourishing everyone!

Homework Share

Come and join us for our Homework Share session Wednesday 10th December 9 – 9.30am. An opportunity for your child to show you around and talk to you about the classroom and their learning and take a look at and celebrate the fantastic homework.

Library Books

Any library books on loan are due to be returned this week. Many thanks.

Christmas is Coming! Not long now!! Dates for your diaries

Thursday 11th December - Infant Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas lunch and parties

The children will be having their Christmas lunch followed by parties and a special visitors. Children can wear a Christmassy jumper along with school uniform.



Friday 19th December – 1.30pm

End of term Carol Service in the church, 1.30pm all welcome. The children may be picked up from school if the service finishes early.

Outside lights

Just so you know... we are looking in to resolving the outdoor lighting situation (hall end of the school). In the meantime, please do bring a torch when collecting children in the dark!



Online Safety - Protect Neurodivergent Children from Scams in Games

As we all know, neurodivergent children can be amongst those most vulnerable online, therefore more likely to become victims of things like scams. Those with ADHD, autism or other divergent ways of thinking might not recognise when someone intends to do harm.

Internet Matters have put together a brand new free guide for parents which explores how neurodivergent children's unique traits can leave them open to scams, particularly in games.

You can download the free guide [Protect neurodivergent kids from scams in games | Internet Matters](#)

Gadget Gift Guide

Christmas can be an exciting time when many children are given new devices and gadgets. Ireland's online safety charity, CyberSafeKids, have put together a brand new guide for parents and carers covering:

- The benefits and risks of popular smart devices and toys.
- What you can do to make them safer.
- Age recommendations
- And more.

You can download the guide [Gadget Gift Guide - CyberSafeKids](#)

Governor Visits

Barry Kordula came to visit during anti-bullying week:

It was a very positive visit to the school to see PE and PSHE (anti-bullying week focus).

I visited all four classes. Classes 1, 2 and 4 were discussing relationships and bullying, appropriate for each of their age ranges. All the pupils were listening to each other and supporting each other with understanding to the topics being discussed and tasks being set.

I spoke to the CHIP council about relationships and bullying. They were full of confidence and willing to discuss the different topics and questions I asked them. They answered honestly and maturely and felt there was no bullying in school. If they had any disagreements with friends, they were able to resolve these with or without adult support. The children felt confident they could approach a member of staff and request help with anything.

The children were positive about the Buddy system in school and with how My Happy Mind has helped them to develop strategies in school to help them cope with emotions by using breathing techniques.

Class 3 (PE) were engaged in hockey outside. I saw good teamwork with children working together and helping each other.

As a parent governor, it felt great being in school and the fact there was so many positive and thoughtful pupils willing to support and help each other out.

Martin Bragg came to visit our Early Years Foundation Stage and meet our pre-schoolers:

"It was so lovely to see our new pre-school children enjoying joining in with learning alongside our reception children. They have made a brilliant start!"

Martin Bragg joined us for Class 4 Live Learn Flourish Worship

"Congratulations to all in Class 4 for presenting insights into some of the work they have been covering this term. They did this in an interesting and engaging way showing lots of evidence of positive learning. I was particularly impressed by the landscape paintings of Uley - we have some great flourishing artists in the school!"

Peripatetic Music Teachers

Recorder with Kate Allsop

Kate Allsop, one of our music teachers and professional recorder player currently has two slots available for weekly recorder lessons - happy to take on students from age 5, providing they have the concentration for 20 min lessons. Please speak to the school if you are interested.

Guitar with Dave Roach

Guitar lessons at Uley Primary are one-to-one, 20 minutes long and tailored to the individual student. For all enquiries please contact Dave Roach, the guitar teacher, directly: dave_roach@hotmail.com or 0788 3911138.

A Message from Gloucestershire County Council

Before The National Year of Reading 2026 kicks off, we want to know as much as we can about the current reading attitudes and behaviours of children and young people in Gloucestershire. There are currently 91,000 school aged children and young people on roll in schools and colleges in Gloucestershire and we want to hear from as many of them as we can.

How we will use the data

Please start completing the surveys as soon as you are able and ensure all surveys are complete by the end of Friday 9th January 2026.

The Year of Reading delivery group – consisting of multiple organisations across the county - will analyse and publish the findings from this survey by the end of January 2026. We will use the data to help us deliver targeted reading activity to help get as many children and young people reading as possible.

As well as county wide data, as long as all of your pupils complete their **school name**, we will share your school data with you which should be useful for SIPs and your own reporting and planning.

This survey will be repeated at the end of 2026 to evaluate any impact of The Year of Reading in individual schools and across the county.

Infant / Primary Schools (Reception-year 2)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSFGN2B>

Primary Schools (year 3-6)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VN5XLPL>

School Closures

Making the decision to close a school is quite a challenge as there are so many factors to consider. In the event of a closure, the decision will be as early as possible. For those uncertain circumstances such as snow, the decision to close may need to take place early in the morning to allow for additional information such as monitoring of the area, updated weather forecasts and information from the Local Authority.

In the event that the school has to close, such as snow, the procedures are:

- You will receive a text message
- A message will be posted on the Gloucestershire County Council website so please check: <http://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closedschools/>
- A message will be posted on the school website

Work will be provided during school closures. This will be sent out via email initially before posting on the school website.

Don't forget that staff are happy to arrange to speak with 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

Dates for your Diary

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 – the Year 6s are welcome to join

Thursday 11th December – Infant Nativity 2pm and 6.30pm performances (return to school for 6pm) – letter sent out

Monday 15th December – Class 4 Class viola performance, 2.30pm – come and join us

Wednesday 17th December – Children's Christmas lunch and parties

Friday 19th December – Uley School Christmas Service St Giles 1.30pm

Term dates can be found on the school website

Years 3 and 4 recently took part in a football tournament at Rednock. They had a fantastic time and came third out of the small schools! Mrs Trotman was very impressed with their attitude and sportsmanship. Well done!

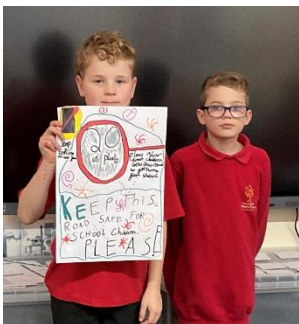


Class 3 had a wonderful Anglo Saxon and Viking day!!! Nick Aka 'Edwin', who taught us lots about why we we're invaded, how Anglo- Saxons and Vikings lived and eventually what happened after the Norman invasion!!! Lots of learning through games, exploring artefacts and having a wonderful enriched experiences.

Class 4 have been learning all about the circulatory system in science, now we have learned the functions of the blood, blood vessels and heart, we are looking at the effect that exercise has on the heart. We developed our own investigation to test which type of exercise (aerobic, strengthening, balancing and stretching) has the most effect on our heart rates.



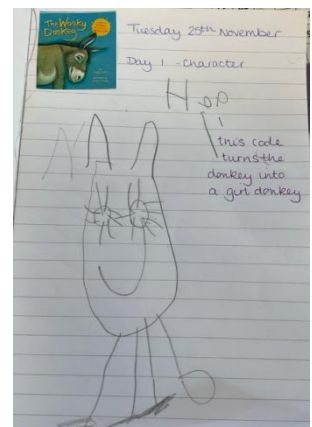
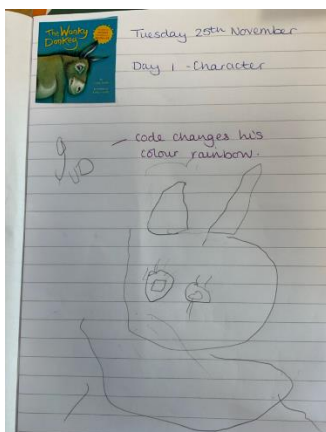
In geography, **Class 4** have been learning about road safety. We learned about the Highway Code and we watched videos of the Green Cross Code. We learnt how to cross the road safely and made posters about staying safe when crossing the road and while driving.



In **Class 2**, we have been preparing for the Nativity by sequencing and retelling the Christmas story. This story brings Christians Good News – “*Jesus was born and when he grew up he would be with his disciples,*” **Emilio**.



Class 1 have been enjoying drawing club. A fun way to introduce ambitious vocabulary and encourage writing through drawing and magic codes. Mrs Delrosa wears her magic cloak for drawing club which makes her magic codes work and, in her imagination, amazing things happen. The children draw their own pictures with codes which also make magical things happen. These drawings are linked to the fabulous book ‘The Wonky Donkey’.





Some of the CHIP Council decorated the tree in the church ready for the tree festival.
Hanging on the tree is a decoration made by each child. Please do come and have a look.



The Ewelme Benefice
Parish of Uley with Nympsfield and Owlpen

Rector: Revd Dr Juliet Jensen: 01453 350810 ewelmerector@gmail.com
Churchwardens - Nikki Clarke and David Thomas

Services in December 2025

7th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent
10am Parish Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

14th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent
10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

21st December - 4th Sunday of Advent
10am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

Monday 22nd December
6pm Carol Service at St Bartholomew's, Nympsfield

Tuesday 23rd December
6pm 9 Lessons and Carols at Holy Cross, Owlpen

24th December - Christmas Eve
4pm Crib & Christingle Service at St Giles, Uley

25th December - Christmas Day
10am Parish Holy Communion

28th December - 1st Sunday after Christmas
10am Benefice Holy Communion at St Giles, Uley

Sunday 14 December

Join us in Uley Church for Hot Drinks and Cake from 10am

Then help us retell the story of Jesus's birth as We're ALL Included!