



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



11th November 2021

Live, Learn, Flourish

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

Thank you to everyone for all of your support in re-establishing measures to help protect us all. We are carefully planning a Uley School Christmas to make it special despite another potential year of covid.

Judging by the beautiful colours of the leaves, autumn is well and truly underway. Please ensure the children have their coats in school as we intend to go outside to let off steam in most weathers.

LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH



Lowri for being trusted to work independently and challenge herself.
Elsa for being trusted to take on jobs in class.
Violet (Class 4) for being a brilliant worship monitor and showing our value of trust.
Rex S for showing he could be a trustworthy register monitor.
Ellie (Class 2) for an excellent mindset to learning and being able to challenge herself independently.
Poppy (Class 1) for showing trust in others to look after her daddy's fireman outfit.
Myiah for being trusted to working independently.
Ben for being trusted to play to the best of his ability when competing in netball games at school.
Emily for having the belief and trust in herself that she can solve tricky problems in Maths.
Damian for always being trusted to have a helpful and kind attitude towards others.
Darrell for showing he can be trusted to follow instructions in Science.
Miles for being trustworthy with the playground equipment.
Sammy for excellent concentration and fantastic contribution of ideas in English.
Arthur for superb predication skills in Science.
Rex H for his creative junk modelling and excellent team work.
Poppy (Class 4) for her brilliant attitude towards her work and learning.
Misty for good concentration in phonics and super Rainbow Maths.
Harley for demonstrating excellent skills in our netball matches.
Sara for her brilliant extract using modal verbs to show the degree of possibility.
Otie for an excellent world, with careful painting techniques.
Bailey for his Neverland map using a key to add features.
Evelyn for excellent phonics with Mrs B and reading this week.
Thomas (Class 3) for showing great enthusiasm in his learning.
Aayan for a brilliant explanation text trying to use lots of the features within his writing.
Max for his perseverance and fantastic attitude towards improving his art work in school.
Joe for his super news writing with lots of detail.
David for an excellent bonfire poem.
Class 3 for being superstars at showing great team spirit.

So much to celebrate! Well done everyone. Keep being the best you can be.

Harvest

Thank you for all the donations of food for the Food Bank. It is much appreciated. We hope that you enjoyed the class harvest recordings.

Thank yous!

As you may have noticed we have some brand-new football goal posts on our school field which the children have been enjoying playing with during their break and lunch times.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Willcox, Mr Montague, Mr Easy and Mrs Kemmett for giving up their time to help build our new football goals!



Thank you also to everyone who helped to re-thread the willow dome – it looks a lot tidier, thank you!

Anti-bullying Week – One Kind Word

Anti-bullying week is week commencing 15th November. We like to take time throughout the week reflecting on good friendships and reminding ourselves what bullying is through a variety of activities including worship. With this year's theme being 'One Kind Word' we will be working within our Teams (remaining in Class bubbles) to create paperchains of kindness on which children will write kind words to each other. In our PSHE lessons this week, we will be discussing how we each want to feel at school and how acts of kindness can make us feel when we both receive and give them. KS2 children will also be partaking in a live lesson on BBC Teach that has been designed in partnership with the Anti-Bullying Alliance - more information can be found here: www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/anti-bullying-week-live-lesson

Monday 15th is Odd Socks Day and to kick start the week we would like everyone to come to school in odd socks to help raise awareness of bullying. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Each child will be designing an odd sock which will then be paired up with their Big Buddies sock to form a colourful display. Also FUS non-uniform day – see below for further details.

Remembrance

Thank you for your donations for the Royal British Legion. The staff and children marked this time of reflection with a 2 minutes' silence at 11am.

SMILE! School Photographer

The school photographer will be joining us on the morning of Friday 26th November to take class and individual photos. More information to follow.

Uley Jubilee Playground Makeover

The children of Uley Primary School have been busy contributing to a survey for the Uley Jubilee Playground Makeover. Please see below the results.

You can see the top 10 or so favourites for each class (with over 4 likes) and all choices for the whole school.

We are delighted that the children have selected some of the more natural play elements like the beach, balancing logs and sand pit, as these types of play features bring many benefits beyond their play value.

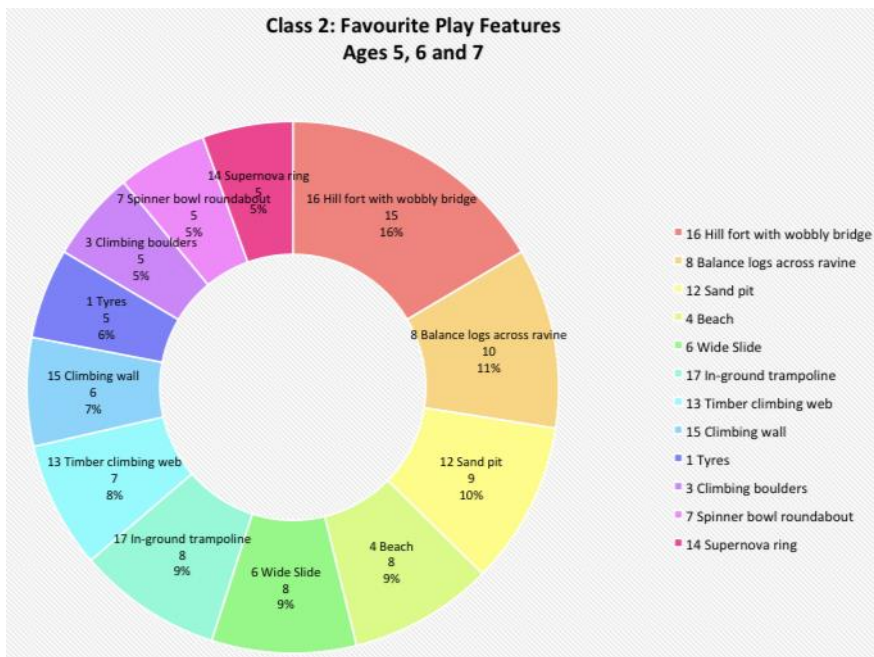
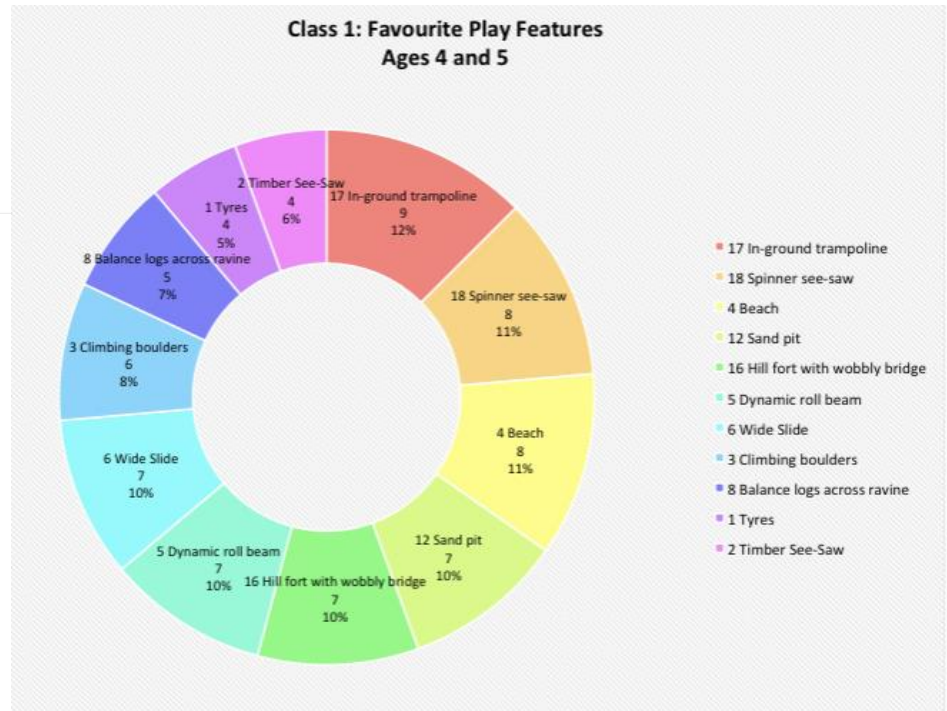
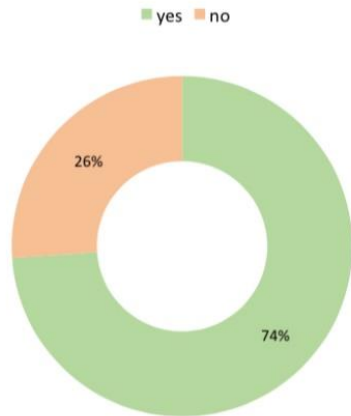
I hope this is of interest and thank you once again for this valuable help. We will use this data to inform the final design.

If anyone is interested in knowing more about the scheme or getting involved there is further information on the parish council web page <https://uleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/uley-jubilee-playground-platinum-makeover-project/>

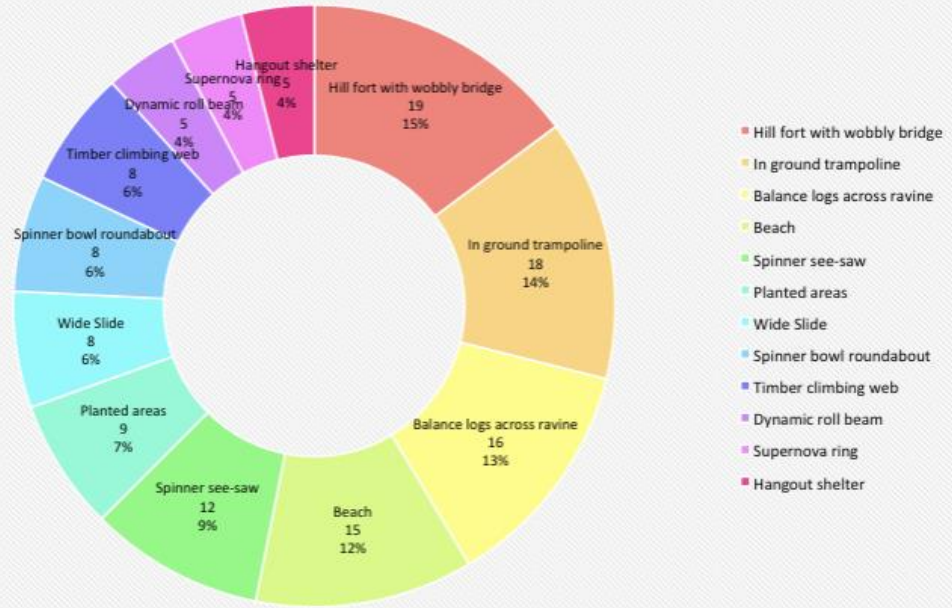
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Anna Summers and all at the Uley Playground Makeover Team

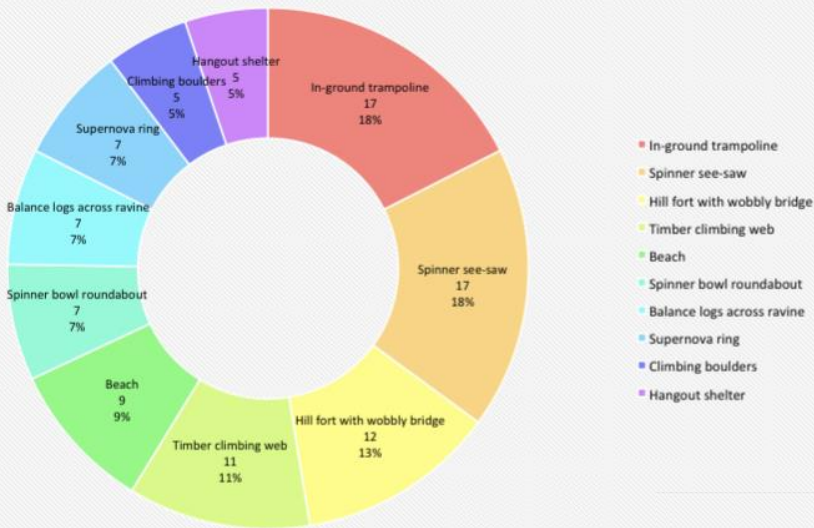
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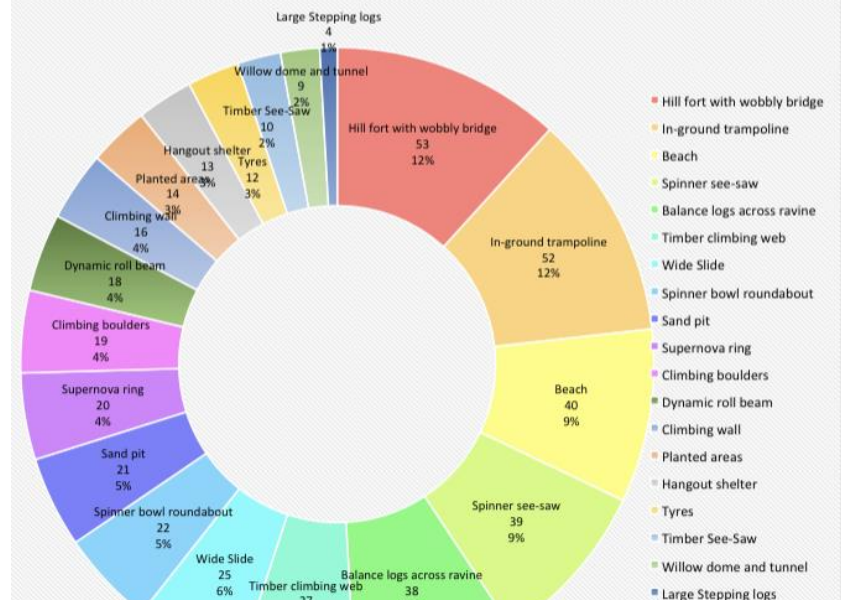
Class 3: Favourite Play Features Ages 7, 8 and 9



Class 4: Favourite Play Features Ages 9, 10 and 11



Whole School Favourite Play Items



Cross Country Event

Next Wednesday (17th November) all pupils within the school are participating in a cross-country event, in which they will run, walk or jog within their classes up to 1 mile (depending on age) around the school field. They will also have their times recorded as part of the event.

All children are required to bring in a spare pair of trainers and socks to change into to wear for the event (Class 1 and 2 children can use their PE kits), please note these may get muddy depending on the weather. The children will also need a water bottle, waterproof coat and any inhalers that are needed must be in school if not already.

The children participated in a cross-country event last year, and it will be exciting for the children to compare their results and to see how much they have improved. The event can be challenge for some, but it is always great to see many children challenge themselves with a 'have a go' attitude!



CHILDREN IN NEED

Friday 19th November 2021

'Do Good and Feel Good'

Dear all



School Council have come up with a plan for Children in Need

on Friday 19th November

Non-uniform

Come in non-uniform and pay a minimum contribution of £1 for Children in Need through Parent Pay.

Cake Sale

School Council would like to hold a cake sale in each class. We are requesting donations of cakes/biscuits for the School Council to sell at break time. Cakes/biscuits on sale for 20p/50p.

Competition

Choose whether you would like to decorate a Pudsey or design a bandana – see attached in the email and the children will be bringing one home too.

If you would like to enter, please return all completed Pudseys and bandanas **by Thursday 18th November** with a 50p donation.

Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a variety of activities such as Joe Wicks and Super Movers!



Our next Rag Bag collection is on Thursday 25th November. Please use any bag you have, items can be dropped off from 3:15pm on Wednesday 24th November until 8:30am on Thursday 25th November.



Friends of Uley School update

FUS organise fundraising activities throughout the year, often involving the wider community, to support the education of the children at Uley Primary.

FUS are holding a **non-uniform day on Monday 15th November** (plus Odd Sock day for anti-bullying) to mark anti-bullying day in return for items to fill hampers for the Christmas raffle. Please bring in one of the following:

Tea-time Hamper (Class 1)

Cakes, biscuits, tea pot, shortbread, jam, cups, speciality teas etc

Christmas Hamper (Class 2)

Christmas treats, chocolates, decorations, present labels, ribbon, mince pies etc

Chocoholics hamper (Class 3)

Anything chocolatey. Biscuits, cakes, bars, drinks etc.

Boozy Hamper (Class 4)

Anything alcoholic - drinks, chocolates, food

The FUS Christmas fair is on **Friday 26th November 6pm-8pm**, please come along to support us – there will be plenty to keep the kids amused while you partake in some mulled cider or boozy hot chocolate!

Last year, 24 windows around Uley were decorated for **Windows of Advent** and really brightened the village. This year, we'd like as many households to get involved to really light up Uley from the 12th December through 'til Christmas – if you'd like to include your home in the trail, drop an email to windowsofadvent@friendsofuleyschool.org

Thank you for your support!

Email hello@friendsofuleyschool.org | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | www.friendsofuleyschool.org

School Attendance

Uley C. of E. Primary School is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all pupils for the total **190** school days. Regular and punctual attendance is of paramount importance in ensuring that all children have full access to the curriculum. Valuable learning time is lost when children are absent or late. At Uley C. of E. Primary School, we expect the best attendance possible (100%) for every child throughout their school life in order for them to have the best possible future life opportunities.

The children have had a lot of interruptions to their school life and now is the time to remind ourselves about importance of good school attendance and how we can continue to be the best we can possibly be.

Why is good attendance important?

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full education potential. Pupils with good attendance records benefit in the following ways: -

- Continuity of learning which ensures progress and retention of learning – missing lessons will leave gaps in children's learning and it is very difficult to keep having to catch-up
- Continuity of relationships and friendships
- Good habits are formed for later life

What constitutes good attendance?

An attendance percentage needs to be in the high nineties before it can be considered good. Consider the following examples: -

- An attendance record of 90% might seem good but is equal to one day missed per fortnight! If this continues from Year 2 to 6 a total of six month's education will be lost.
- An attendance record of 80% might seem acceptable but is equal to one day missed per week!! If this continues from Years 2 to 6 a total of one year's education will be lost.

Children are in school for 190 days (52% of the year), this means they are not in school for 175 days (48% of the year).

Holidays

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.

Where there are **exceptional** circumstances, an application should be made to the head teacher in advance. The head teacher can only authorise absence in exceptional circumstances.

These are defined as

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' is an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time or taken in the school holidays'.

A formal written request must be made from a person with parental responsibility at **least two weeks** before the planned absence.

Punctuality remains a priority. The door opens at 8.40am when children are expected to come in. School starts at 8.50 when the registers are taken. Registers open when teaching begins at 8.50am and close at 9.00am. The register will be marked with an 'L' if a child is not present when the register is taken. Arrival after the close of registration will be marked with as unauthorised absence code 'U'.

We request that routine medical/dental appointments are made out of school hours.

Attendance is regularly monitored and any concerns talked through with families.

The Uley Primary School Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Uley School looks forward to working together to keep being the best we can be at promoting good attendance and punctuality for all.

Dates for your diary

Monday 15th November – Anti-bullying Odd Sock Day and FUS non-uniform day – see information above

Wednesday 17th November – Cross Country event – see information above

Friday 19th November – Children in Need – see information above

Thursday 25th November – Rag Bag Collection

Friday 26th November – School photographer am

Wednesday 8th December – Tuesday 14th December – Scholastic book fair

Christmas dates to follow soon

Friday 17th December – End of Term 2

Tuesday 4th January – INSET DAY – staff only

Wednesday 5th January – Welcome back everyone!

Term dates for the year can be found on the school website