



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 30th September 2026

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LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH

Jocelyn for her beautiful and careful sketches in art with great observation.
Xanthe (Class 3) for settling in so well at Uley, already showing our values.
Eve for tidying up her toys before she gets another toy out to play with.
Pedro for his fabulous Live, Learn, Flourish target.
Otto (Class 1) for flourishing in phonics and already reading 'consonant vowel consonant' words.
George for a fantastic start to Year 4, showing good choices and completing work to a high standard.
Wilf for his engagement in English – The Night Gardener.
Eleanor for her ability to problem solve on a number line during the deepening task.
Evelyn for remembering the school values and still showing all of them!
Martha – Miss Davies is very thankful for Martha for quietly supporting Year 3 by showing kindness and patience.
Otto (Class 1) for coming back in reception with a mature head and showing all the school values.
Novie for settling in to Uley School and showing our values.
Hereward for showing kindness and tolerance towards the pre-school children.
Miles – Miss Davies is thankful for his compassionate nature.
Class 2- Miss Spain is thankful for all of her calm ambassadors.
Phoebe, Sammy, Rose, Joe, Louis, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Beaux and Winnie for being thankful for opportunities and being gracious when disappointed.
From Fun Club:
Lucas, Jack, Toby and Joe for being supportive with the younger children.
Stan for helping to put the pop-up tent away! Thanks Stan!

We celebrate the different ways that we can all flourish.
Keep being the best you can be everyone!

Vision and Values

Vision (our goal)

Live – Learn – Flourish

The School Vision is rooted in the Christian understanding of God: Creator - Redeemer - Sustainer

The image of the tree reflects our rural location and aligns with our vision for the school:
with strong roots for stability, growth, fruitfulness and nurture.

The tree depends on the Creator to *live*; the roots go down into the soil where transformation and *learning* take place, and the roots continually draw up the water to sustain it for fruitfulness and *flourishing*. The tree is beautiful and nurtures life within and beyond itself.

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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

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

Safeguarding Children – Online Safety

Are your children avid gamers? If so, they're not alone. Millions of children in the UK play video games online on consoles, tablets, phones and computers.

From sports to strategy, action to adventure – video games can be a great way for kids to play, learn and create. And with online features, they're increasingly a way to stay in touch and spend time with friends.

But as games become more advanced and include features allowing children to interact with other players, parents are understandably keen to make sure their children are safe. Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change — checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

[Parents Power Up! How you can help your child stay safe while gaming online](#)

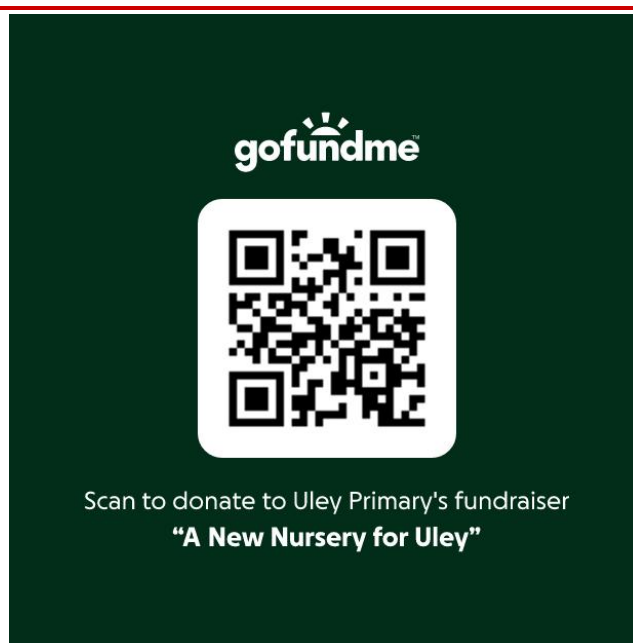
Safeguarding Children – dropping off and collecting children

To ensure children are collected safely at the end of the day, please refer to our 'Dropping and Collection Policy', which can be found on the school website under 'Policies'.

Uley Pre-school and School Based Nursery

Can you believe it? On Tuesday 6th October, pre-school will be one-year-old! Uley Pre-school continues to go from strength to strength and is very much in demand. This has demonstrated the need for additional early years spaces locally.

The School Based Nursery provision currently remains with planning. We are working very hard to get it through! In the meantime, we have set up a Go Fund Me page and have started to receive some very generous donations, which we are extremely grateful for <https://gofund.me/f2fdc7c2d>



School Teams

The new Reception children have been allocated teams, and have already started to receive team points. Hopefully, the children will remember which team they are in, but if you are unsure, please come and ask.

2026-2027 Team Captains and Vice Team Captains are:

Angeston

Captain – Eleanor

Vice-captain – David

Rockstowes

Captain – Toby

Vice-captain – Monty



Dauncey's

Captain – Kayla

Vice-captain – Rex H

Sheppard's

Captain – Martyna

Vice-captain – Rex S

Team Captain Role and Responsibilities:

- Announce team points and add them up.
- Encourage team in sports day.
- Be a good role model.
- Motivate team at events.
- Encourage team members to be the best they can be.
- Make speeches.
- Help everyone who asks for help.
- Put out equipment and be prepared to help.

Angeston 17,003	Rockstowes 19,218
Dauncey's 20,525	Sheppard's 14,833

Here are the final team points for the academic year 2025 -2026

A lot of lovely things happened over the course of the year – wonderful manners, helpful hands, kind words, superb effort, demonstrating worthy values and for being the best they can be. What an incredible amount of team points, well done everyone!

Policies

Some of our policies have been slightly updated and can be found online. These include:

-  Compliments and Complaints
-  Data Protection Policies – Data Protection, Freedom of Information, AI Policy, CCTV Policy and Parent and Pupil Privacy Notices.
-  Dropping Off and Collection Policy

Some of our policies are new or have been significantly updated. These include:

-  Mobile Phone Policy
-  Feedback Policy
-  Safeguarding Policy

If you would like a copy of any of our policies, please ask.

School Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a Clerk to Governors. If you are interested, please see the information on [Gloucestershire Schools Vacancies](#) or come and speak to us.

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.

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. Each class will use the library across the term to bring books home.

We will shortly be having a library audit. If you currently have any library books at home from the previous year, please return them to school.

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://publishing.service.gov.uk)

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If your child is unwell with a childhood illness, then keep them at home, but please let us know by giving us a ring or sending an email. 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!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 5th November. Booking an appointment will be online. You will be able to see the timings and book your slots through our new 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.

Parking

A polite request to please park considerately in and around Uley when dropping off and collecting. Please avoid parking on the yellow zig zags, blocking resident's driveways, turning on resident's driveways and to not use Woodstock Terrace to drop off or collect at any point during the day.

Food Bank

We will be collecting for the Food Bank this term. In readiness for the harvest service, please bring your 'in date' donations in to school the week commencing Monday 19th October. The Food Bank will be joining us for our harvest service.

A larger version of the shopping list can also be found at the bottom of the letter.



The poster is for a 'Harvest appeal' by the Stroud District Foodbank. It features a green and white color scheme with illustrations of various food items like carrots, pumpkins, and a shopping basket. The text encourages local households to donate food and money to help those in need. A shopping list is provided on the right side, and a QR code is at the bottom right for more information.

Location Foodbank
Together with Trussard

Harvest appeal

This Harvest, please help local households put food on the table.

Your kindness will help provide emergency food and practical support to individuals and families when they need it most.

Donate food
Please support your school Harvest collection by donating items from our shopping list.

Donate money
If you would prefer to make a financial donation, every pound helps us buy essential items that are needed most. Please scan the QR code below.

Shopping list

- Tinned ham/corned beef
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned stews/curries
- Peanut butter & jam
- Milk (UHT)
- Multi-pack crisps
- Fruit Squash
- Coffee
- Shower gel
- Laundry detergent

<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>
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Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd October – Class 4 Swimming

Wednesday 7th October – Nasal Flu Vaccinations YR – Y6 – email sent out

Friday 9th October – Class 4 Swimming

W/C Monday 12th October – Year 6 Bikeability

Friday 16th October - Class 4 swimming

Wednesday 21st October – Parent's Evening – more information to follow

Thursday 22nd October – Uley School Harvest Service at St Giles Church, 9.45am – all welcome

Thursday 22nd October – End of Term 1

Friday 23rd October – INSET Day – Staff Only

Monday 2nd November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 5th November – Parents' Evening – information to follow

Friday 6th November – Class 4 Swimming

Thursday 12th November – School Photographer – more information to follow

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying & Road Safety week – more information to follow

Friday 20th November – Class 4 Swimming

Friday 27th November – Class 4 Swimming

Wednesday 2nd December – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10 am all welcome

Friday 4th December – Class 4 swimming

Monday 7th December – Homework deadline – Class letters and homework to follow

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

Wednesday 9th December – Year 6 SATs information session, 3.45pm

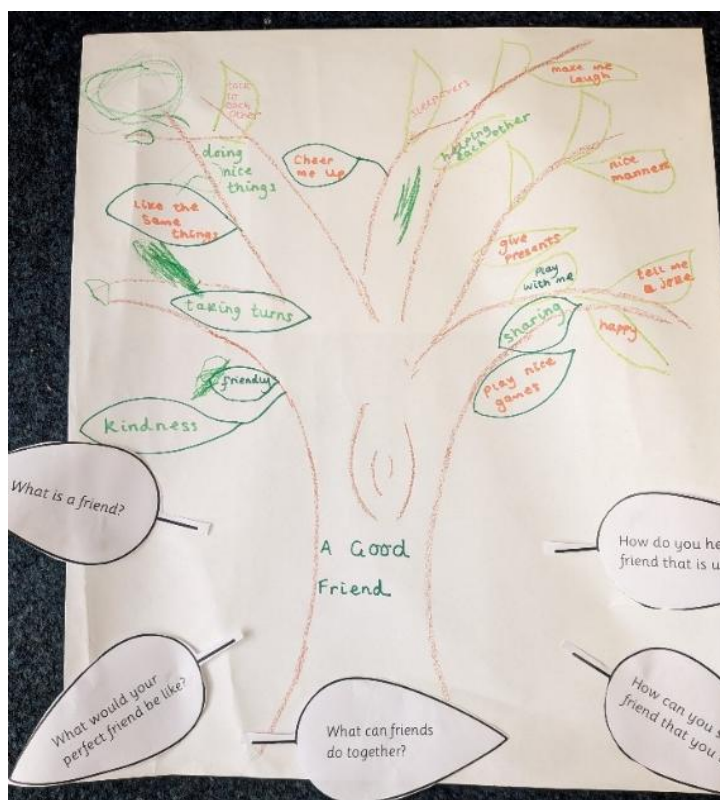
Friday 11th December – Class 4 swimming

Friday 18th December – End of term Christmas Service St Giles, 1.30pm

Term dates can be found on the school website

Class 1

Class 1 have been learning about friendships and what makes a good friend. They made a friendship tree and wrote on the leaves what makes a good friend. They have also made friendship recipes and mixed ingredients together to make the perfect friend.





Class 2

We have been exploring different hues primary colours in art. We were surprised by how many different shades we found in classroom objects.

Class 3

Class 3 enjoyed a special morning after a mysterious box arrived! We found sea shells, sea glass, star fishes, seaweed and a special note....

We soon discovered a story all about Nen, a lonely mermaid who made friends with a human! A fantastic 'hook' lesson for our English unit.



Class 4

Class 4 have been investigating friction.

We asked the question, 'What surface has the most friction?'

We collaboratively developed a method, where we created a slope, let go of the car at the top of the slope and measured how far the car rolled. We did this three times and found the average.



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Chorister Experience

St. Mary's Church Wotton-under-Edge

Wednesday 7th October
17:00 - 18:30

Open to Boys and Girls age 6 - 12

No singing experience needed

Participants will join the choristers for a 45 minutes rehearsal and sing in the traditional service of Evensong at 18:00



For more information please
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