



LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2026

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 to the 2026 – 2027 academic year! It is lovely to see everyone again, and as much as the summer break is appreciated, it is always good to return to the routine and ethos of Uley School. I know, for some, returning to school may bring some feelings of anxiety, but the first full week has been a successful one and the children (and adults!) are settling in well.

A special Uley welcome to our new Reception children who have come in to school with big smiles and ready to start their Live, Learn and Flourish journey. We are looking forward to seeing them all settle in to the fullness of school life. A special welcome to our new families and children who have joined us this September also.

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!

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.

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

You will find on our website a Compliments and Complaints Policy. We encourage anyone who has a concern to come and speak to us straight away.

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.

Uley School encourages any adult to come and speak to us should they have any concerns around a child's wellbeing or welfare. We also have a confidential safeguarding email to raise any concerns – **safeguarding@uley.gloucs.sch.uk**

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.

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.

Please refer to our Dropping Off and Collection Policy.

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.

A Mobile Phone Policy will be published shortly. This policy is not only for children and the school policy and procedures, but also how all the adults manage their mobile phones in and around school.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police and education information-sharing partnership which helps schools provide timely support to children and young people who may have been affected by domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse can have a significant impact on children, even when they are not directly involved in an incident. Children may see or hear abuse, witness the impact afterwards, feel frightened or unsettled, or be affected by changes in family circumstances.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 recognises children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right if they see, hear or experience the effects of domestic abuse. Current safeguarding guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2026, reinforces the importance of early identification, timely information sharing and effective multi-agency support.

Operation Encompass is now a statutory duty for police forces in England and Wales. This means that when police attend a domestic abuse incident where a child is connected to the household, the police will notify the child's education setting.

The information shared will be relevant, necessary and proportionate. It will usually be shared with the school before the start of the next school day so that we can offer appropriate support as early as possible.

At our school, notifications are received by nominated Operation Encompass Key Adults, who are members of the safeguarding team. This will usually include the Designated Safeguarding Lead and/or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The Key Adults have appropriate safeguarding knowledge and will handle information sensitively, securely and confidentially.

Support will be considered in a child-centred and proportionate way. This may include a quiet check-in, reassurance, flexibility during the school day, support with routines, or referral to additional help where this is needed.

Taking part in Operation Encompass supports our commitment to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. It helps us work in partnership with parents, carers, police and safeguarding partners so that children can receive the right support at the right time.

If you would like to speak to someone about Operation Encompass, or if you would like any further information, please come and speak to any name Safeguarding Lead.

Please be aware that Operation Encompass is a police-led process. Any complaint about the police information-sharing process should be directed through the police complaints procedure.

Further information about Operation Encompass is available at
<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

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. 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.

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 – please refer to Classes 3 and 4 letters. We request no 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 and only stud earrings please.



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://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!

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/>

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 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.

Food Bank

We will of course, be collecting for the Food Bank this term. More information will be sent out in due course. In the meantime, here is a shopping list.



The poster features the Foodbank logo at the top left, with the text 'Location Foodbank Together with Trussell'. The main title 'Harvest appeal' is in large, bold letters. To the right is an illustration of a basket filled with various vegetables like pumpkins, squash, and leafy greens. Below the title, it says 'This Harvest, please help local households put food on the table.' and 'Your kindness will help provide emergency food and practical support to individuals and families when they need it most.' There are two sections for donations: 'Donate food' with an icon of a shopping bag and 'Donate money' with an icon of a coin. The 'Shopping list' is enclosed in a green box and includes: Tinned ham/corned beef, Tinned potatoes, Tinned stews/curries, Peanut butter & jam, Milk (UHT), Multi-pack crisps, Fruit Squash, Coffee, Shower gel, and Laundry detergent. At the bottom, there is a QR code and contact information for the Stroud District Foodbank.

Location
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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>
office@strouddistrictfoodbank.org.uk Tel: 01453 367 077
Registered Charity in England & Wales 1176306



Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th September – Class 4 swimming

Friday 18th September – Class 4 Swimming

Friday 25th September – Class 4 Swimming

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 – information sent via email

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

Uley Primary School Staff

Head Teacher / SENDCo– Ms. 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 Boardman – 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 Tuesday afternoons Mrs. Philippa Nash – Teaching Assistant
Class 3	Year 3 & Year 4	Miss. Laura Davies – Class Teacher – PPA Wednesday afternoons Mrs. Katy Smith – Teaching Assistant Miss Bethany Smith – Teaching Assistant Mrs. Elizabeth Trotman – Teaching Assistant
Class 4	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss. Hannah Morris – Class Teacher - PPA Thursday afternoons Mrs. Helen West-Boyle – Teaching Assistant Miss. Megan Price – Teaching Assistant Mrs. Melissa Gunner – Teaching Assistant
		PPA is Planning, Preparation and Assessment Every teacher is entitled to PPA time out of the classroom
IT Support	Mr. Sandy Bryson	
SENDCo Support	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin – 1 day a week	
PPA Cover	Mrs. Kirsty Harbin	
Lunchtime Supervisors	Miss. Bethany Smith Miss. Megan Price Miss. Romily Hughes Mrs Lorraine Hempshall	
Breakfast and Fun Club	Mrs. Carol Cornelius - Manager Miss. Alexandra Meulbrouck - Leader Miss Megan Price – Deputy Leader Miss Bethany Smith Mrs. Lorraine Hempshall Miss Romilly Hughes Mrs. Philippa Nash	