



*LIVE LEARN FLOURISH*



# ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **LIVE LEARN FLOURISH**

Each week, the children are presented with a Fabulous Flourisher award or an award linked to our focus value, but also any of our school values. These achievements are celebrated with the whole school.

Abigail for working really hard at all times.

Damian for supporting and being a good friend to the younger children at Breakfast and Fun Club.

Luke for returning to school with an excellent attitude.

Jowan for being a MEGASTAR – ready to learn and organised.

Our new Reception for settling in so well and already using good learning behaviours.

Class 4 for an outstanding PE lesson!

Elizabeth for coming to school every day with a smile and for excellent manners – saying good morning.

Emilia for fantastic oral blending.

James (Class 2) for fantastic colour monster writing.

Sophia for excellent resilience in maths.

Reuben for showing friendship towards another child who is also new at the school.

Kayla for always showing all of the school values.

George for reflecting and making wise choices.

Alila for coming in to Class 2 and showing all of her school values.

Winnie and Amara for ALWAYS showing our school values.

James (Class 1) for sharing well with others.

Lowri for showing our school values and supporting the reception children at lunchtime.

Charlie for his super attributed to learning and always being ready.



## **Parent Governor Election Results**

We received one nomination for the Parent Governor Election. Mr Graham Wilkes has been elected Parent Governor for another term of office and will remain elected as the Chair of the Uley School Governing Body.

## **The Uley School Curriculum**

If you would like any information on the school curriculum, please check the school website or come and arrange a chat.

Curriculum Maestro:

- Science
- Art
- Design Technology
- History
- Geography



Other schemes include:

- Maths – White Rose Curriculum linked with Curriculum Maestro
- English – Units of work linked to Curriculum Maestro or texts linked to the topic
- Phonics – Unlocking letters and sounds
- PSHE – SCARF Curriculum Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship

- R.E. – The Gloucestershire agreed syllabus and the Church of England’s ‘Understanding Christianity’
- Music – Charanga Music
- P.E. – Complete P.E.
- French – Twinkl
- Computing – Purple Mash
- Coding – Purple Mash

### **MyHappyMind**

As many of you are aware last year we launched ‘MyHappyMind.’

MyHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

MyHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, MyHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring MyHappyMind Games plus much more!

Just scan the QR code and download the Free App- you will need to enter this unique code 115657  
I have also included a parent newsletter for the unit ‘Meet Your Brain.’

If you wish to find out more, then please come and see me!

Miss Davies



### **Maths**

#### **The 99 Club**

The 99 Club encourages pupils to improve their confidence with multiplication and division. If children get quicker at their recall of multiplication and division facts, they can use this knowledge to help them with more involved mathematical problems and tasks. They will start to feel that maths is easy!

Pupils will begin at the 11 club (except for the KS2 children, who will start on a level appropriate for them after being baselined by their teacher) and work their way up. There will be one opportunity per week, during one of their maths lessons, to answer all calculations at their current level unaided and within the allotted time of 5 minutes.

If all of the calculations are answered correctly for two 99 club sessions in a row, the child can move up to the next level. Remember, this is about confidence and speed, not stretching mathematical thinking. If a child gets some questions wrong or does not complete the set, they will bring their sheet home so that you

can see which questions they are finding tricky, and you could do a little practise in the car or while making dinner!

As with all learning at Uley, we will use positive encouragement and the growth mindset approach to ensure that pupils see this as a fun challenge that we are taking on together. Please do have a chat with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### **Reading at Uley School**

Here is a guide as to how reading works at Uley School.

All children will change their books once they are fluent.

This means children still reading phonic phase books need to read their books at least three times at home.

This is for decoding, fluency and comprehension.

Children who have moved onto longer texts and chapter books are invited to change their books once they have finished.

### **Reception and KS1:**

The children will be given books matched to their phonic knowledge, these are fully decodable and the aim here is to: practise, practise, practise! Reception children will be given picture books at first to encourage them to tell a story and then when they are secure with the first few sounds they will be given books with just those sounds in to practise sounding out and blending them together to read words. Staff in EYFS and KS1 are responsible for changing and checking the pupil's reading books.

### **KS2:**

Children will continue to read a colour band level matched to their individual reading ability. Once again the aim here is to, practise, practise, practise! Children will be invited to change their books once they have finished. (Obviously some chapter books will take longer than a week!) KS2 staff are responsible for supporting and checking the pupil's reading books.

Please ensure reading records are in every day.

As always, if you need any further information they please come and chat to us.

The English Team - Miss Davies and Mrs Delrosa

### **Value for the Autumn Term**

The value for this term is COMPASSION

#### **TALK ABOUT COMPASSION TOGETHER...**

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help

We will be thinking about:

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#### **FAMILY FOCUS**

#### **Random Acts of Kindness**

Kindness is often appreciated most when it is offered at unexpected times.

Choose one week this term for your family to have "a random acts of kindness" week, and do something kind for someone each day. Try to do it without telling people it was you!



[www.randomactsofkindness.org](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org)




## **Harvest**

Our harvest service will be held in St Giles Church on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.45am**. We will be collecting for the Food Bank. A shopping list from the Food Bank can be found at the bottom of this letter. Please bring donations in to school the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Vision and Values**

### Vision (our goal)

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  
To serve one another  
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 respectful; embrace difference and diversity  
Say sorry, show you're sorry  
Show forgiveness and generosity  
Work together for fairness

## **Promoting Good Attendance**

Being at school is a very important part of any young person's life. It enables them to learn, to make friends, to gain important knowledge and to develop a variety of skills which will prepare them for adult life. School and parents are partners in making this a success.

### **Absence Procedures**

If a child is unfit for school; parents should contact the school by 9.00am on the first day, in person, by email or by telephone and repeat this each consecutive day until they return.

Absences will not be authorised without this procedure. It is school policy to contact parents of children who are absent that have not notified school by 9.15am. This safeguarding procedure ensures all our children are accounted for.

### **Taking Time out of School**

There is an expectation that parents should not take pupils out of school during term time, or even on the last day of term. 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.



Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in “exceptional circumstances”.

Exceptional leave being defined as:

- Rare
- Significant
- Unavoidable
- Short

Government guidance ‘Working Together to Improve School Attendance’ was updated in August 2024. We work closely with the Local Authority to reduce the number of holiday requests that we receive. More information on regarding this and other attendance information including when attendance becomes a concern, will follow shortly.

### **Smile Please!**

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. There is the opportunity for single portraits and sibling portraits – siblings which are currently in school.

### **School Teams**

The new Reception children have been allocated teams, and have already started to receive team points.

#### **2025-2026 Team Captains and Vice Team Captains are:**

##### **Angeston**

Captain – Lowri

Vice-captain – Eleanor

##### **Rockstowes**

Captain – Abigail

Vice-captain – Joe

##### **Dauncey's**

Captain – Sophia

Vice-captain – Rose

##### **Sheppard's**

Captain – Joss

Vice-captain – Martyna



#### **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.

<b>Dauncey's</b> <b>15,325</b>	<b>Sheppard's</b> <b>14,363</b>
<b>Angeston</b> <b>19,015</b>	<b>Rockstowes</b> <b>14,439</b>

#### **Here are the final team points for the academic year 2024 -2025**

A lot of lovely things happened over the course of the year – marvellous manners, excellent effort, demonstrating virtuous values and for being the best they can be. What an incredible amount of team points, well done everyone!

### **Talking to your Child about Online Safety**

The NSPCC has some wonderful resources for parents including age-appropriate conversations and topics, top tips, quizzes and more.

You can find all the resources listed here [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

### **School Policies**

Please see the school website for all of our school policies. Any questions about any of our school policies or if you would like a copy of a policy, please ask.

### **Fun Club Contact Details**

To all parents that use Fun Club, here is our new number 07951 004926. It's accessible from 3:20 till 5:30. Please could you pop it into your phones! The school phone is not manned, so please phone this number in the event of any emergencies. Thank You.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings are on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Class 4 Swimming

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** – Class 4 Swimming

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Uley School Pre-school starts!

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Class 4 Swimming

**W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Bikeability – information sent via email

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Sport's Enrichment Day – more information to follow

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Class 4 swimming

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Cross Country Club race at Dursley Rugby Club. Information sent out

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parent's Evening – more information to follow

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Uley School Harvest Service at St Giles Church, 9.45am – all welcome

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – End of Term 1

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – INSET Day – Staff Only

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Start of Term 2

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents' Evening – information to follow

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Class 4 Swimming

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Anti-bullying week – more information to follow

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – School Photographer

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Cross Country Club race at Dursley Rugby Club.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – Class 4 Swimming

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Class 4 Swimming

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Class 4 Live, Learn, Flourish Worship, 9.10 am all welcome

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Class 4 swimming

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Cross Country race at Dursley Rugby Club.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Class 4 swimming

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – 9- 9.30am all welcome to join us for homework share.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 6 SATs information session, 3.45pm

Term dates can be found on the school website



### Class 4

Class 4 have been enjoying gymnastics during their PE lessons. They have been developing routines in small groups where they use unison (at the same time) and cannon (one after another) movements.



### Class 3

Class 3 have been working hard on their early morning maths! They've settled well into the routine followed by quiet reading- they've recently discovered our newspapers and magazines!



### Reception

The new Reception class are strengthening their gross motor skills every day before phonics by doing scarf dances. This is a particular favourite with Donald Duck.



### Class 2



Today we started geography. We looked at Uley on Google Earth. Then we looked in an Atlas. *"I learnt that maps help you learn about Islands"* Runa. *"I learnt about the world,"* Luke. *"The Mediterranean Sea is between Africa and Europe."*

attend and return by hand or email to school by Thursday 20 September.

After-School-Clubs					
	Club	Age-range	Start-date	Finish-date	Member-of-Staff
Monday	<b>Football</b> 3.20---4pm	<b>Years-3,4,5-and-6</b> Maximum-14	Monday-22 <sup>nd</sup> .. September	Monday-24 <sup>th</sup> . November	Miss-Davies
Tuesday	<b>Infant-Art</b> 3.20---4pm	<b>Years-R,1-and-2</b> Maximum-12-first-come-first-served	Tuesday-23 <sup>rd</sup> .. September	Tuesday-25 <sup>th</sup> . November	Miss-Morris
Tuesday	<b>Karaoke</b> 3.20---4.00	<b>Years-4,5-and-6</b> The-children-will-have-the-opportunity-to-enjoy-singing-and-perform-at-our-church-services. Due-to-cost-and-staff-availability, Young-Voices-will-take-place-every-other-year---we-look-forward-to-signing-up-again-for-September-2026!	Tuesday-23 <sup>rd</sup> ..... September	Tuesday-25 <sup>th</sup> . November	Mrs.-Delrosa
Wednesday	<b>Cross-Country</b> 3.20---4pm	<b>Years-3,4,5-and-6</b> Information-to-follow, but-races-are-at-Dursley-Rugby-Club-in-Stinchcombe-on: 18-October-2025 15-November-2025 6-December-2025 17-January-2026 Backup-date-7-February-2026	Wednesday-24 <sup>th</sup> .. September Wednesday-7 <sup>th</sup> . January	Wednesday-3 <sup>rd</sup> . December Wednesday-14 <sup>th</sup> . January	Mrs.-Harbin Mrs-Mandeville

# ULEY SCHOOL

## PRE-SCHOOL

FROM 3 YEARS OLD

STARTING 6TH OCTOBER 2025

COME AND VISIT US

LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT

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## Harvest Appeal



### Help support your food bank this Harvest

We're collecting donations to support local households across the district. Every gift makes a big difference!

### Donate Food

Donate whilst you shop at:  
Waitrose Stroud • Tesco Stroud, Cam & Merrywalks • Sainsbury's Stroud • Most local Co-ops

Or drop off at our warehouse:  
Unit 19, Canal Iron Works, Hope Mill Lane, Brimscombe, Stroud GL5 2SH  
Monday to Friday 10am-12pm

Or visit us on our Open Days:  
Thursday 23rd October 10am-4pm  
Saturday 25th October 10am-12pm

### Donate money

Prefer to give financially? Your donation helps cover the costs of buying, storing and distributing food, and supports sustainable projects for those facing hardship.

### Shopping list

- Tinned Ham
- Fray Bentos Pie
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Potatoes
- Nuts or Crisps
- Biscuits
- Fruit Juice (long-life)
- Milk (UHT)
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Laundry Detergent

Please click the QR code to donate

<https://strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>

