

LIVE LEARN FLOURISH



ULEY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Wednesday 17th July 2024

Another positive year draws to a close. It is amazing how much has been achieved by the children, staff, parents, governors and friends of Uley School in one year. It is hard to believe that this time last year we had just been inspected! We have continued to build on our achievements throughout the year and are always determined for each child and adult to be the best that they can be.

The reason why we have been brought together at Uley - the children. We recognise and celebrate the achievements of every child at Uley School. We are so proud of each and every child's achievements and successes throughout the year. The symbols on our Uley tree and our Live, Learn and Flourish, really reflect the ethos and vision of our school. Sadly we have said goodbye to some children along the way, but we have also said hello to other children that have started or will be starting with us.

Thank you to the CHIP Council for your dedication and commitment to Uley School. Their views and contributions are valued. I will see most of them again next year for your second term of office!

Thank you to the team captains. I'm impressed with how they have encouraged their teams throughout the year. I hope they have enjoyed the responsibility.

The end of Year 6 creeps upon us all too soon! It is a reminder of how time passes by and it is not until you look back at old photos and share memories that you reflect on how far they have come. I would like to wish all of our Year 6s the very best on their journey. I know that they will go on to achieve great things in the future. I hope they look back at their time at Uley with fondness and perhaps return and share with us with their journeys and achievements. I am proud of them all and wish them good luck in the future.

I would also like to thank all parents, carers and families for your support. Whether it is supporting your child's learning, helping with swimming, supporting at school events, assisting on trips, helping at clubs; your help and support is extremely appreciated and valued, and I sincerely thank you. I look forward to working with you again in the new academic year.

Thank you to Friends of Uley School for all their hard work raising funds to provide resources and experiences for our children at Uley – thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hard-working and dedicated staff for their incredible contribution again this year. This Uley team consists of the before and after school team, lunchtime supervisors, office staff, teaching assistants, teaching staff, peripatetic music teachers, IT support and of course Lin, our cleaner/caretaker (plus other roles in the school). Everybody plays a very important part in the life of the school to ensure the children of Uley School are cared for, nurtured, educated and safe. It is a pleasure to work with such a great team who

strive for the very best for each and every child. Sadly there are staff we have said goodbye to over the year and wish them the very best for a successful and happy future. We of course, welcome new staff to the team also.

Thank you to the Governors of Uley School for having the children's best interests at heart; ensuring the best possible education and provision, and supporting the school.

Thank you to the St Giles church community in supporting the school during its time of vacancy and striving to keep strong links between the school and church.

For our Year 1 to Year 6 children returning in September, we will greet you with a smile at **8.40am on Wednesday 4th September 2024**. We also look forward to greeting our new Reception on Thursday 5th September.

Wishing you all a very happy, fun and safe summer break.

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Jowan for showing courage by joining in with LLF worship.

Martyna for always and consistently showing our school values.

Phoebe (Class 3) for always and consistently showing our school values.

Xanthi for her respect in group work.

Myiah for always showing respect.

Thomas (Class 4) for showing the school values during FGR sessions.

Joe for always showing respect.

Class 1 for showing good values during our Berkeley trip.

Pixie for her sunny attitude.

Luke for trying really hard in phonics.

Joss for her fantastic version of 'The Egyptian Cinderella'.

Year 1s and Year 2s for an excellent Live, Learn, Flourish worship.

Scarlett for her excellent poetry work.

Oliver (Class 4) for his fantastic observations in art.

Class 3 for a fantastic Egyptian day.

Jack (Class 1) for his excellent behaviour on the school trip.

Class 2 for their historical knowledge recognised by the Berkeley castle guide!

You are amazing!

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 Awards

We will be presenting our LIVE, LEARN, FLOURISH awards before wishing our Year 6s all the best in the Leavers' Service in church on **Friday 19th July at 1.30pm**.

Live, Learn and Flourish awards for infants and juniors constitutes a Live, a Learn and a Flourish award for the Infants and a Live, a Learn and a Flourish for the Juniors - these reflect our school vision:

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

Plus, our Live, Learn, Flourish tree incorporates 11 symbols:

- 🌸 The book represents knowledge and learning
- 🌸 The dove represents church and community
- 🌸 The light bulb represents ideas and imagination
- 🌸 The treble clef represents music and dance
- 🌸 The football represents sport and fair play
- 🌸 The star represents reward and recognition
- 🌸 The number '3' represents maths, science and analysis
- 🌸 The mask represents drama and self-expression
- 🌸 The globe represents awareness of our place in the world, geographically and socially
- 🌸 The speech bubble represents debate and openness
- 🌸 The butterfly represents freedom and fun

Team Points

Here is the total amount of team points for the year. Drum roll please....

Angeston 9790	Rockstowes 10602
Dauncey's 9669	Sheppard's 11227



Ewelme Benefice Recruitment

On 1st September 2024, 3pm at St James Church in Dursley The Revd Dr Juliet Jensen will be installed as the Rector of the Ewelme Benefice. All families are invited to join in the service. It would be lovely to see you there.

Summer Library challenge

We were lucky enough to have an assembly last week informing the children of this year's summer library challenge. The theme this year is sport to tie in with the Olympic Games and the children have the chance to earn rewards and gain bronze, silver or gold status.

It's not all about reading, the library service are putting on active days such as Zumba and sports skills as well as a festival you can sign up to go to, all for free. The children all seemed keen to participate.

Information should have already gone out to you via email but here's a little snippet of how to sign up and what to expect.

The Library Challenge 2024: Celebrating Sports and Reading!

Get active, get reading, get free rewards!

Calling all young champions, book enthusiasts, and adventure seekers. Gloucestershire Libraries proudly presents The Library Challenge 2024, where the thrill of sports meets the magic of books. Lace up your trainers, grab your favourite book, and let's dive into a Summer of fun.

Why Participate?

Active Minds, Active Bodies: Sports and reading go hand in hand. Engage your mind and body simultaneously!

Family Bonding: Gather your family for shared adventures - it's a winning team effort.

Rewards Galore: Complete tasks, earn stamps, and unlock rewards like stickers, certificates, and more!

How it Works

1. Get active! Sign up to the challenge for free at any Gloucestershire library
2. Get reading! Explore tasks in the challenge, there's something for everyone!
3. Get free rewards! Collect stamps for each task and level up. Collect 3 stamps to achieve Bronze. 6 stamps to achieve Silver. Add 9 stamps to achieve Gold. Show completed tasks to a library team member. Special rewards await at each level like badges, stickers, certificates and a medal.
4. Go for Gold! Reach GOLD level and be entered into special prize draw giveaways!
Prizes include tickets and vouchers for local activities and attractions.

THIS YEAR'S THEME: **SPORT**

Join in on all The Library has to offer this summer for **free!**

Sign Up at any Gloucestershire library or online at gloslibraries.uk.

Explore Tasks in the challenge - there's something for everyone!

Collect Stamps! Show completed tasks to our friendly library team.

Level Up! Special rewards await at each level!

SPORTS FESTIVALS

This summer, we're hosting two multi-sport festivals alongside The Library Challenge.

Meet and play with local organisations like **Gloucester Rugby** Charitable Community Foundation and **Cheltenham Town** Community Trust.

Book your free ticket now at gloslibraries.uk

Friday 9 August

11:00 - 16:00

Kings School Sports Field,
Gloucester, GL1 2TF

Friday 30 August

11:00 - 16:00

Oakwood Primary School,
Cheltenham, GL52 5HD

Digital Family Agreement

With the summer holidays just around the corner now can be a great time for parents/carers to talk with their children and set ground rules, boundaries and expectations around tech use. The easiest way to do this is via a digital family agreement and London Grid for Learning have a really useful template which is free for anyone.

You can download the digital family agreement from LGfL. <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/digital-family-agreement>

Safeguarding over the summer break

Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility.

Out of school hours contact numbers:

If you are worried or concerned about anyone under 18 who you think is being abused or neglected, or that a child and their family need help and support, please contact The MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) on **01452 426565** or email at childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Contact hours: 9am - 5pm.

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of the child or you believe a serious criminal offence has been committed please contact the Police at any time on 101.

In an emergency, always dial 999

Outstanding Payments




We would like to collect as many outstanding payments as possible before the end of term. We have outstanding payments for:

- Year 6 Cathedral trip
- Infant trip to Berkeley Castle
- Class 3 and Class 3 trip to Durley church
- Class 4 Skillzone trip

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
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

Our Ethos Committee (Zoe Mandeville, Abby Spain, Martin Bragg and Karen Randall) are currently self-evaluating our vision and values, and would like to hear your views. An online survey has been created and we would like your contribution.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XR8278P>

If you would prefer to speak face to face about this, here are the questions. Please come and speak to us.

- 🌸 Have we communicated our vision and values effectively?
- 🌸 Do you feel that these are reflected in school practice?
- 🌸 Can you give some examples of the vision/values you have experienced?
- 🌸 Any suggestions of how you think we can embed our vision and values further?

Young Voices

We have signed up for Young Voices again for Years 4 - 6. A letter will be sent out first week back in September. Be prepared to respond quickly as tickets will be on sale.

Forest Green Rovers

A huge thank you to FGR for working with our Year 6s this term. The weeks following SATS, the Year 6s definitely need something different to enhance their last few weeks at school. FGR is planned for the Summer 2 2025 also!

Library Books

As we approach the summer break, please could the children return any library books that they have at home in order for us to scan them back in on the library system ready to start again in September.

Free School Meals

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-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 - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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.

Term Dates

Term dates for 2024 – 2025 can be found on the school website

[Uley CofE Primary School | Term Dates \(uleyprimary.co.uk\)](http://UleyCofEPrimarySchool.com/term-dates)

Don't forget to please come and speak to us if you:

- would like an update on your child's progress other than Parent's Evenings
- would like more information on how to support your child at home
- would like to celebrate your child's achievements in and out of school
- have a worry including considering moving schools
- have any questions about your child's education
- need clarification/reminders on information

Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th July – Year 6 Leaver's Service and end of year Live, Learn, Flourish Awards St Giles at 1.30pm

Sunday 1st September – Service at St James, Dursley to welcome Rev. Juliet Jensen, 3pm

Monday 2nd September – INSET day – staff only

Tuesday 3rd September – INSET Day – staff only

Wednesday 4th September – Y1 – Y6 return to school

Thursday 5th September – Reception start mornings

