

Ubley C of E Primary School

Newsletter 28th March 2024

Diary Dates

29th April – Hedgehog & Squirrel class trip to the Community Farm, Chew Magna

2nd May – Years 3 & 4 Athletics at CVS (packed lunch needed)

W/B 13th May – SATS week year 6

16th May – Year 2 strike & field at CVS (packed lunch needed)

6th June – Class photos

3rd June – INSET day

13th June – Year 1 sports at CVS (packed lunch needed)

13th June – Year 6 Bath Abbey (packed lunch needed)

19th June – Sports Day, morning time TBC

11th July – Years 5 & 6 Quad kids at CVS (packed lunch needed)

24th – 28th June 2024 – Years 5 & 6 to residential camp

23rd July – Leavers' service 1.30pm

23rd July -End of term

Library visit

27th March

24th April

8th May

22nd May

5th June

19th June

Special Easter events at the local churches

Good Friday (29th March)

St Hugh's church Charterhouse will be open from 9am with all-age activities related to the story of Good Friday and refreshments.

1-1.30pm an all-age service and 2-3pm a quiet reflective service for the Last Hour of the Cross. Walkers and picnics are welcome.

Easter Sunday (31st March)

Special services across our group of churches
(Chocolate egg hunts a distinct possibility)

10am at St Andrews Blagdon, St Bartholomews Ubley & St Michaels Compton Martin

10.30am St Laurence East Harptree

Everyone welcome!

A date for your diaries – Sunday 14th April

The PTA's annual Easter Trail is taking place on **SUNDAY 14TH APRIL**, please see attached poster for more information.

The PTA would really appreciate some baked goods for the refreshments being served at the hall, please message Donna Taylor – Wilfred (Fox class) and Georgina's (Otter class) Mum – if you are able to contribute.
Tel 07866 587700

Just a heads up that next week the children will be given tickets for the Easter Raffle to sell to family, friends and neighbours.

School meal price increase

Our catering provider are committed to providing nutritious menus, catering for a wide range of dietary preferences while also ensuring good value for money and using locally sourced produce. However, after two years of frozen prices we have had to take the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals. From 1st April 2024, the cost of a school meal will increase to £2.65. The new price reflects a necessary adjustment to cover continued high food inflation and increasing operating costs.

We want to reassure you that this decision was made after careful consideration, and we understand the financial concerns this may raise for some families.

As a reminder, all children in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2, are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If your child is in Years 3-6 in primary school or Years 7-13 in secondary school and your circumstances have changed, you may be entitled to free school meals. To find out more please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. If you are unable to complete the form online, please visit the school office, and a member of our office team will provide you with the necessary support. Please be assured that your application will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and it will not affect any other benefits you may be receiving.

Easter Egg hunt

Children enjoyed class activities, as the hunt had to be cancelled. Fox class made origami bunnies and Hedgehogs and Squirrels searched the class for counters in houses to exchange for their chocolate lollies.

All the children had great fun and enjoyed their squash and lollies, thanks again to the PTA.



Easter Service

The children presented a wonderful Easter service, with beautiful singing from all the children, and very interesting information about how Easter is celebrated across the world.



Valley Arts

Easter Holiday Drama Club

Tue 9th & Wed 10th April 2024

Chew Magna Baptist Church, BS40 8SP

£48 (plus booking fee)

Join us for a fun-filled Slapstick and Clowning Workshop, led by Stevie Thompson, Artistic Director of Flibbertigibbet Theatre.

This 2-day workshop is designed to help children aged 7-13 develop their physical storytelling skills and create their own comic characters. Over the course of the workshop, we will explore the art of clowning and slapstick comedy, and introduce the groups to the silent movie greats, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, exploring their inspirations taken from pantomime and Commedia Dell'Arte. Why are some things still funny? The group will learn how to use props and costumes to create hilarious routines as well as delving into the world of masks to discover how they can be used to tell stories and express emotions. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to learn from one of the best in the business! Sign up today and let your child's creativity shine

[BOOK HERE](#)

<https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/holiday-youth-drama>

Requests for leave of absence during term time

A reminder that the LSP Attendance Policy states that absences should only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a family holiday does not constitute such an exception.

The Lighthouse Schools Partnership policy is in line with the May 2022 statutory guidance to schools. In almost all cases a request for a holiday in term time will have to be refused and if the unauthorised holiday is for 5 or more full days it will incur a Penalty Notice. Please follow this link for the attendance policy.

https://www.eastharptreeandubley.org.uk/_site/data/files/35A50BD4930F9634BF552753A3C15692.pdf

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| Term 5 | Monday 15 th April 2024 – Friday 24 th May 2024 |
| Half Term Holiday | Monday 27 th May 2024 – Friday 31 st May 2024 |
| Inset Day | Monday 3rd June 2024 |
| Term 6 | Tuesday 4 th June 2024 – Tuesday 23 rd July 2024 |