

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Principal

Welcome back!

On behalf of Mrs Fisher and myself, I would like to say how thrilled all staff are to welcome everyone back and how much we are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and leading here at Upwell Academy. Thank you to our FOSA team for decorating the path so beautifully on the way in for your children’s arrival on Wednesday morning.

I am pleased to report that everyone has settled in exceptionally well. Their focus and determination during this first week have been commendable, and we are excited about the learning journey that lies ahead. It was heartening to see all the pupils in their uniforms, ready and eager to embrace the new academic year. The pride they take in their appearance reflects the positive attitude they have brought with them. We are confident this term will be filled with growth and achievement.

On Thursday, we had the honour of welcoming Mr Creswell, Our EMAT School Improvement Director into Academy. The visit included classroom tours, a Q&A session with children, and in-depth discussions with members of our Senior Leadership team. He remarked how incredibly impressed he was with our commitment to our children and our approach to inclusive education. The tour of the school was as insightful, and he really enjoyed seeing the vibrant learning environments we’ve created. He was truly inspired to see such thoughtful and confident children.

We have many exciting activities, events, and learning opportunities planned for this term. To stay informed and support your child’s experience, please keep up to date with all the latest news and updates. You can find important information on our school notice boards, Class Dojo and [Our Website](#). Notifications will also be sent via Pupil Asset. Saturday 14th Sept. 9-10am, we welcome you all and the wider community to pop in for our first library opening of the term.

We welcome new staff this term, Mrs Robertson, our TA in Year 4 and Miss Everitt, our HLTA working across all classes. Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Wilkin who has contributed so much during her time working here and wish her the very best, Good Luck Mrs Wilkin, from all of us here at Upwell. I look forward to a successful and enriching term ahead. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child’s education. Miss Ellington, Principal.

<b>Key Dates for your diary</b>	<b>Y4 Bikeability</b> 9.9.24	<b>Roald Dahl Day</b> 13.9.24	<b>Saturday Morning Library 9-10am</b> 14.9.24	<b>Kids with Bricks Club</b> 17.9.24
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# Summer Developments at Upwell



Our Summer break started with 2 full weeks of offering the Holiday and Food Program at school. This was followed by 4 weeks of exceptionally hard work by staff, volunteers and contractors. It's been so wonderful to see all of our children return and enjoy these continued developments at the Academy. The learning environments have continued to be further **TRANSFORMED** for our pupils, visitors and staff. A special thank you to everyone that has helped us to achieve so much again!

This Summer, many spaces across the Academy have been repainted indoor and out. Our aim is to continue to develop and provide a low sensory learning environment across school to fully support Teaching and Learning. New whiteboards have been added to every classroom and old, exhausted furniture replaced. New outdoor, weatherproof display boards have been mounted; our chicken run has been cleared providing much needed space for our beloved birds.



Fences and gates to our Sensory Garden and Maths Garden have also been repainted. Our EYFS outdoor and indoor spaces have been tidied extensively and rejuvenated and we are excited to share with you our September project for EYFS outdoors very soon.



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A 16-yard followed by 8-yard skip have been filled! Two classroom spaces have had extensive work completed with new flooring and sink units installed. Can you imagine the dust (which spread across school!) that this produced!



If you thought all of this would be a huge feat in just 4 weeks, we have had the entirety of the main school recarpeted, every single room emptied and put back again!



The Head Pupils and Prefects supported Miss Ellington during Wednesday's Welcome Back assembly to ensure we show our Team Ace Value – **CARE**. Care for each other this year and for our resources and environment. All pupils have been very proud, already taking good care of it by carefully wiping their feet on our brand-new entrance mats as they come in from the playground and field.



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## Our Pupil Leadership Team 2024-2025



As you all know our Head Pupils were elected by the children in July. They were presented with their badges in this week's Welcome Back Assembly. This week all pupils voted for their Pupil Leaders in their classes, and we now (almost) have our full complement of Pupil Leaders which will form our Pupil Leadership Team for 2024-2025. Later in the Autumn Term, EYFS will also join. Well done to everyone that put themselves forward for the role. As discussed today, do not worry if you have been unsuccessful there will be many opportunities for you to get involved in Leadership across school:

- Year 4 Librarians** – Led by Ms Roberts & Senior Librarian Cole Mullins (Y5)
- Our Digital Leaders** – Led by Mr Harper & Our IT Technician Harry Tea (Y6)
- Year 4 & 5 Team Ace Gardeners** – Led by Mrs Scott
- Our Lunchtime Buddies** – Led by Miss Stacey
- Year 5 & 6 Sports Leaders** – Led by PE lead, Miss Payne
- 100% Attendance Team** – Led by Miss Ellington
- Our ECO Council** – Led by Eco Coordinator, Mrs Kirk



Miss Payne and Miss Ellington look forward to meeting with the New PLT Team next week to discuss upcoming projects and sign their roles and responsibilities contracts.



## Summer Holiday Club

Our Holiday Fun program ran again between the 22<sup>nd</sup> July to the 2<sup>nd</sup> August. This was a huge success with Upwell Academy pupils and pupils further afield visiting daily to enjoy fun-filled days which included a vast range of activities including archery, rounders, team games, arts and crafts, dance and more.



We intend to run this again in October half term, the Easter Break and next Summer. If you are eligible, you will be able to book a free space via the Norfolk County Council Website and if you wish to book a paid space this will be booked via the Premier Education Website here: Premier's Website. All children are provided with the meals and snacks.

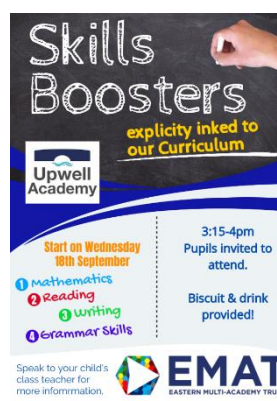


## Before & After School Clubs

Our Early Aces Breakfast Club is from 7:50am-8:35am Monday to Friday. This is extremely popular and is bookable via the Pupil Asset Portal.

After school sports clubs and our wrap around care is delivered by Premier Education. This half term, Dodgeball will be offered on a Monday, Netball on a Wednesday and Gymnastics on a Friday. Wrap Around Care is available Monday to Friday and runs from 3:15 to 5:30pm. Please visit their [website](#) for more information and to book.

After school boosters will commence from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. These are curriculum boosters and are led by school staff from 3:15 – 4pm and run for half a term. You will receive an invite from Pupil Asset and we encourage your child to attend please, if invited. For more information, please speak to your child's class teacher.



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**READATHON**

**DAHL  
INSPIRED  
WRITING  
ACTIVITIES**

**Sept  
13**

# **ROALD DAHL** *Day 2024*

**DID YOU KNOW...**

**Roald Dahl's favourite colour was yellow! Come to school dressed in YELLOW or with a YELLOW accessory.**



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# EARLY ACES

JOIN US FOR

## Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday  
7:50am - 8:35am

LIMITED TO 25 SPACES  
PAYMENT VIA PUPIL ASSET  
PARENT PORTAL  
OR EMAIL TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:  
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### After School Club Kids with Bricks

# LEGO

Tuesdays  
3:15-4:15pm

Visit our website to book  
your place

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# BIKEABILITY

is

# COMING

We're buzzing for Bikeability  
Year 4 Course Starts Sept 9th  
Bicycles required Friday 13th Sept.



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# Library

## Opening Times

9-10am

### Saturday Reading Hour

Saturday 14th September  
Saturday 9th November  
Saturday 11th January  
Saturday 1st March

- Borrow & return your books
- Enjoy sharing a book with family & friends
- Explore our wide range of NEW fiction & non-fiction books

## Open to All

[www.upwellacademy.co.uk](http://www.upwellacademy.co.uk)

Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Our NEW Key Dates list will be shared shortly.

# 2024-2025



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EASTERN MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

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July 2025						
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August 2025						
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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday	Five staff training days (highlighted in Blue) are 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April - Leadership Conference.
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