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NEWSLETTER

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Our ECO Committee

At Upwell Academy we introduced our Eco Warriors in the 23/24 year. Pupils were able to have their say in how to address environmental issues within school and introduced recycling bins to each class as well as litter picking within the academy grounds. Pupils have been involved in completing tasks and programmes on Energy Sparks, as well as understanding more about energy use in school. We enjoyed a visit from James from Energy Sparks who told us the importance of caring for our planet through an assembly about polar explorers, and pupils took part in a workshop exploring energy usage using thermal cameras.



Upwell Academy Do you want to be an **ECO Warrior this year?**

WE'RE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM

Mrs Kirk our ECO Coordinator is looking for a team of children to create our 2024 ECO Committee!

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM

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In the 24/25 year we strive for our Eco Warriors to lead the way in choosing which programmes to complete first. A whole school eco assembly is held once a fortnight, where pupils have celebrated annual events such as World Wildlife Day and The Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild challenge, as well as learning about climate change and ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Pupils at Upwell Academy have developed enthusiasm in caring for our environment and we look forward to building upon this in this new academic year.

For further information, speak to our ECO Coordinator Mrs Kirk.

We are working towards our Eco-Schools Award.



Key Dates for your diary	Team Ace Gardeners starts 16.9.24	Kids with Bricks club starts 17.9.24	After school skills boosters start 18.9.24 3:15-4pm	Reading at Upwell Parents Meeting 25.9.24 3:30pm
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Roald Dahl Day



Roald Dahl Story Day is celebrated every year on his birthday, the 13th of September, and people all over the world come together to celebrate the magic he brought to, and continues to bring, children everywhere.



Today, staff dressed as Dahl's most memorable characters while our children dressed in yellow. Mrs Fisher, our English Subject Leader launched the event with a special assembly where our children enjoyed facts and extracts from his books. Today we remember the author who wrote more than 20 children's books, including *The Twits*, *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *The Witches*. Many of them have been turned into films and even musicals, including *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*. He died on 23 November 1990. Every year, since 13 September 2006 - on what would have been his birthday - there's been a special Roald Dahl Day to celebrate his stories and their characters.



This year would have been his 108th birthday!

Why not make a special effort tonight to read a chapter, extract or even your favourite Dahl book to your favourite little people of all? If there's a snap, we'd love to see it!

Level 1 Bikeability: Well done Year 4!

This week our many of our Year 4 pupils took part in Norfolk County Council's Level 1 Bikeability course. We were extremely proud to award all participants with their badges and certificates in our special celebration assembly. The feedback from the instructors was that our children's attitude and behaviour was exemplary!

Bikeability Level 1 is a cycle training program that teaches children how to ride a bike with confidence. The course covers the following skills:

- Maintenance: How to keep a bike in good condition and make simple repairs
- Control: How to start, cruise, slow down, brake, and stop
- Pedalling: How to pedal without feeling out of control
- Awareness: How to look behind and turn around obstacles
- Preparation: How to prepare for a ride



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Pupil Leadership Team News

Last academic year, through pupil discussions and voting our PLT Team worked with Miss Payne and Miss Ellington to further develop our lunchtime offer. Funds were raised and the votes are in.

Four lunchtime tough trays have been purchased. Lego, K-Nex and Loomband bracelet making have been introduced. The new Heads, Deputies and Prefects worked together to construct the tray and introduce them in assembly. These have been thoroughly enjoyed, in particular the bracelet making, with pupils teaching their friends how to make them. Over 100 bracelets have already been made, in just 1 week. It has been a joy to watch!



Physical Education

PE is led by Miss Payne and in collaboration with West Norfolk Sport Partnership we offer a comprehensive curriculum to develop our children's skills and provide them with a range of opportunities to develop these through both non-competitive and competitive events.

Reminder: PE days this half term are as follow:

Tuesday: Yr 6 Swimming

Tuesday: Yr R & Yr 2 PE

Thursday: Yr 3, Yr 4 & Yr 5 PE

Friday: Yr 1 PE

Please come to school in school PE kit.



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Your Pentagon Journey!



Continued Development of our Outdoor spaces!

We are very pleased to share further details of plans for continued development of our wonderful outdoor spaces at Upwell Academy. Since January 2024, Our Pupil Leadership Team have worked closely with our designers at Pentagon Play to select the outdoor play equipment and resurfacing...and now the design and project details are finally here! Works commence on 27th September and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. We look forward to you joining us to see the project come to fruition and pupils across Key Stage 1 and in particular our youngest children in EYFS enjoying the new environment very very soon.

We thank you all for your support while these works take place. Collection of EYFS children will look slightly differently during this time as they will be collected from the Year 1 ramp. Miss Payne will share more details next week.



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Upwell Academy

Years
4 & 5

TEAM ACE Gardeners



12 Spaces available
Every Monday 3:15 - 4:15: 6 pupils
Every Wednesday 3:15 - 4:15: 6 pupils
Running for 5 weeks.

Skills Boosters
explicitly inked to our Curriculum

Upwell Academy

Start on Wednesday
18th September

- 1 Mathematics
- 2 Reading
- 3 Writing
- 4 Grammar Skills

3:15-4pm
Pupils Invited to attend.

Biscuit & drink provided!

Speak to your child's class teacher for more information.



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COME JOIN US
UPWELL METHODIST CHURCH
FRIDAY 27th SEPTEMBER
At 1:30PM



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



Autumn Term 2024	
2 nd & 3 rd September	Staff Inset
4 th September	Term Starts – children return
9 th September	Year 4 Bikeability
14 th September	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th September	Roald Dahl Writing Day – Dress in yellow or yellow accessory
17 th September	Kids with Bricks Club Starts – Runs for 6 weeks
18 th September	After school Curriculum Boosters start
19 th September	Aspens 'Mighty Morning Brunch' Special Lunch
23 rd September	KS1 Active Kids Festival
27 th September	Harvest Festival Service Upwell Methodist Church 1:30pm Parents Invited
28 th September	Family Fun afternoon in Methodist Church gardens 2-5pm
1 st October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
October	Black History Month (14 th -18 th Oct)
3 rd October	Year 3&4 Quick Sticks Hockey
3rd October	Aspens 'Favourite Food Day' Special Lunch
4 th October	Tag Rugby Taster Session Year 5 and 6 Girls
4 th October	National Poetry Day
9 th October	Fire Fighters Visit Reception Class TBC
10 th October	2025-26 EYFS Intake Meeting 6pm
10 th October	Downham Cross Country Event
17 th October	FOSA Halloween Disco & Non-uniform Day
21 st October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
23 rd October	Parents Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
20 th October	Downham Football Cluster Event
24 th October	Poppy Art collected for St. Peter's Church display
25 th October	Teacher Inset
25th Oct - 3rd Nov	Half-Term
4 th November	Children return to school
4 th November	Final Submission date for annual Library Bookmark Art Contest
4 th November	PLT Poppy Appeal - Poppies available to buy
November	EYFS Firefighter Visit TBC
7 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
9 th November	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
11 th November	Remembrance Assembly
12 th November	Kids with Bricks Club starts – runs for 6 weeks
13 th November	Whole School Individual & Sibling Photographs



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16 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Mixed Cup Event
17 th November	King's Lynn Football Club Girl's Cup Event
17 th November	Peterborough Football Club Special Assembly
15 th November	Children in Need FOSA Bake Sale
20 th November	Y6 Height & Weight
21 st November	Aspens 'Sparkle Spectacular Bonfire Bangers' Special Lunch
22 nd November	Cross Country Finals
25 th November	Year 5 & 6 Develop Tag Rugby
27 th November	Whole school flu immunisations
28 th -31 st November	Book Fair Visit 3:30-4:30pm
29 th November	Year 2 Romans Day (further details to follow)
29 th November	Christingle Service Methodist Church? St Peters?
30 th November	2024-25 EYFS Intake Meeting
30 th November	Year 3 Egyptians Day
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity 1:30pm Parents Invited
11 th December	Whole school Panto Day – Cinderella: King's Lynn Corn Exchange
12 th December	Save the Children: Christmas Jumper Day & Whole school Christmas Lunch
17 th December	KS2 Carol Concert 2pm
19 th December	Aspens Festive Fun Special Lunch
20 th December	Term Ends. Christmas Holiday 21 st December – 7 th Jan
Spring Term 2024	
6 th January	Staff Inset
7 th January	Children return to school
8 th January	King's Lynn Police Visit
11 th January	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
13 th January	Key Stage1 Dance Workshops start
16 th January	EYFS Reading Bears Naming Ceremony (parents invited 9am)
16 th January	Zoo Lab Visit EYFS, Y1 & Year 5
12 th January	Maths Subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
15 th January	Cluster Football Competition
16 th January	Aspens 'Lunar New Year' Special Lunch
19 th January	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am)
20 th January	KS1 Active Kids event
23 rd January	National Handwriting Day
29 th January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents plus crafty cuppa (2pm)
30 th January-5 th Feb	National Story Telling Week
30 th January	Story Writing Day
5 th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7 th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11 th February	Safer Internet Day
13 th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
15 th – 23 rd February	Half-Term
24 th February	Children return to school



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1 st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3 rd –8 th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10 th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24 th – 27 th February	Year 5 Bikeability
14 th – 22 nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6 th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10 th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos
14 th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21 st March	Comic Relief
24 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
25 th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
21 st March	FOSA Easter Disco
25 th March	Year 2 Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
27 th March	Year 5 Young Sports Leaders Interviews
27 th March	FOSA Easter Disco
27 th March	Easter Assembly
28 th March	EYFS Farm Trip
4 th April	Downham Cluster Football Tournament
4 th April	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 5 th March –22 nd April
Summer Term	
21 st April	Staff Inset
22 nd April	Children return to school
22 nd April	Earth Day – Energy Sparks Assembly
26 th April	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
30 th April	Y6 Crucial Crew visit
2 nd May	Harry Potter Writing Day
12 th May	Key Stage 2, Yr 6 SATS Week
TBC	Year 4 Oliver Cromwell House Trip
15 th May	Aspens Out of this World Special Lunch
22 nd May	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 – 4:15pm
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 2 nd June	Half-Term
3 rd June	Children return to school
TBC	Year 3 Houghton Hall
5 th June	Mini Tennis Lynnsport
9 th June	Year 1 Phonics & Times Tables check
14 th June	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
19 th June	Aspens 'Dive into the Deep Blue' Special Lunch
23 rd June	School Sports Partnership Quadkids Athletics
30 th June – 2 nd July	Year 6 Residential Claythorpe Court
1 st July	Downham Cluster Area Sports
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)



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10 th July	Mini Tennis event Lynnsport
15 th July	Reserve Sports Day
10 th July	FOSA End of Year Disco
14 th July	Transition Week - Move up Assembly 14 th July 9am
17 th July	Aspens 'The Big Picnic' Special Lunch
17 th July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop 3:20-3:50pm
21 st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm
22 nd July	Pupil Leadership Team Speeches and Polling Station
22 nd July	Term ends



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