

NEWSLETTER

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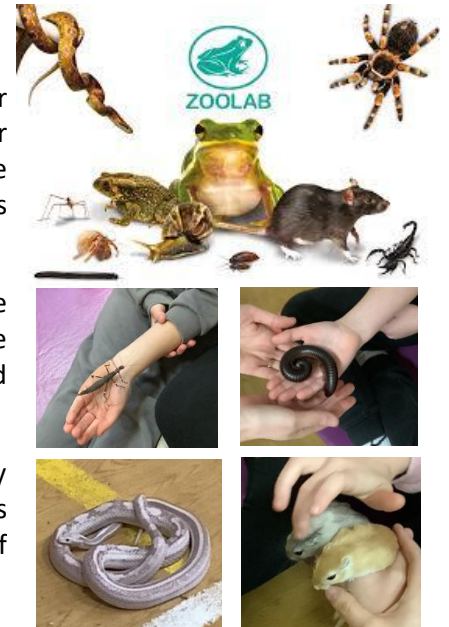
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Curriculum ZooLab Visit

ZooLab's cross-curricular workshops use enquiry-based learning to align with our educational objectives and promote a growth mindset in our pupils. Our Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 5 children were involved in the three separate curriculum specific sessions, where they were introduced to the unusual visitors including an Australian tree frog and a fully grown corn snake.

Our children were in awe, filled with excitement and intrigue! Those who have not handled snakes before were surprised that although cold to the touch, the skin is dry and quite smooth and they enjoyed holding him, as he twisted around arms and explored the environment with his tongue.

What a successful morning and so lovely for staff to see students so happily engaged, and some so knowledgeable, throughout the sessions. The good news is that we have already provisionally booking for next year with the promise of getting to know a different set of animals. The children can't wait!



Amazing Lego Win!

We have a well-established Lego intervention at the Upwell. Trained staff lead the sessions which are thoroughly enjoyed by our children. Previously we have relied on the generous donations from staff and families. However, at the end of the Autumn Term, Ms Roberts, our Hive Team Lead entered and won a competition through Ryan Purdham at Collie Competitions for over £400 worth of new Lego kits. Children from across the Academy were asked to list their top choices of the kits available, and Ms Roberts put them forward. Thank you, Ms Roberts!

Finally, our new kits have arrived! A total of 22 awesome kits and a lot of happy children who will use these for years to come!



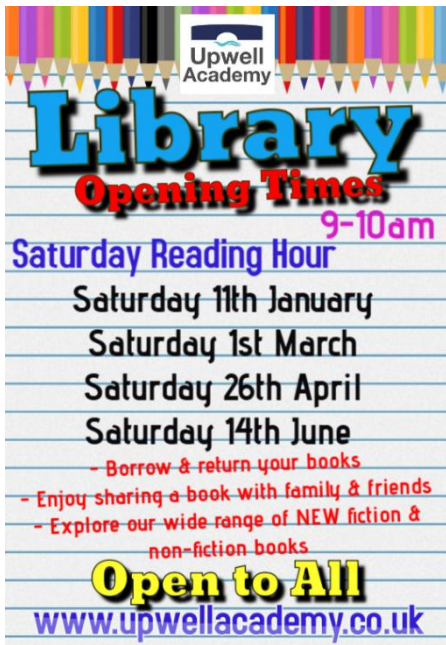
Key Dates
for your
diary

29.1.25
Year 1 Crafty
Cuppa

30.1.25
Story Telling Week

30.1.25
Y6 Duxford
Museum Visit

5.2.25
Y3 Pizza Express
Visit



Upwell Academy
Library
Opening Times
 9-10am
Saturday Reading Hour
 Saturday 11th January
 Saturday 1st March
 Saturday 26th April
 Saturday 14th June
 - Borrow & return your books
 - Enjoy sharing a book with family & friends
 - Explore our wide range of NEW fiction & non-fiction books
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Our Community Library

A reminder to come and join us at the Academy for our Saturday morning community library opening this term, from 9am to 10am. Family members and local community members are encouraged to pop in and enjoy and hot drink and a good book with your children.

We look forward to seeing you here.

Year 4 Librarians

A huge congratulations to our Year 4 pupils that applied for the role of Year 4 Librarian. Following interviews and a trial in the library they have shown their skills and dedication and await to be confirmed in the role in a special assembly before the end of this half term where they will be awarded their badges. Thank you to all of our pupils in key roles across the academy who work exceptionally hard and make the Academy an amazing place!

Parent Voice & Celebration Assemblies

We have successfully embedded regular opportunities for our parents and carers across the academy to join us and one which has been extremely positively received is invites to our weekly Celebration Assemblies which we have been doing for almost a full year!

We know how valued you see this but also recognise this can often be at short notice for you to organise the time to join us. We are currently working to improve this and will update you on our plans shortly.



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BIKEABILITY
 is
COMING
 We're buzzing for Bikeability
 Year 5 & 6 Course
 24th February
 1 bikeability
 2 bikeability
 3 bikeability
 SKILLFUL
 CYCLING



Upwell Academy
Norfolk's Wonderdome
21st March
 Year 5, Year 2, Reception
 Planetarium Visit
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Out of School Success!

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



Learning Highlights of the Week

Reception: Cygnet Class

A wonderful first week in Cygnet Class! We have been looking at a book called 'A Star in a Jar', where the children learnt what an adjective is. We have continued our knowledge on subitising in maths and have now gone up to subitising to 10. The children have loved watching the weather change and exploring/discussing the properties of ice.

Year 1: Waterlily Class

Water lily class have had a fantastic week this week. From exploring odd and even numbers using different manipulatives to trying a Welsh cake in our geography lesson, the children have really emerged themselves in their learning. In English, we have expanded our knowledge of poetry and language features where we have written our own metaphors for winter to include in our very own stanza. Well done Year 1.

Year 2: Otter Class

This week, Year 2 have worked hard recount the resolution of Hansel and Gretl. We have compared different versions and discussed different endings; the children shared some brilliant ideas. In Maths, we are continuing to work on division; knowing that there must be equal groups and how we can use our times tables knowledge to help us. We loved learning about circuits in Science, we know what a circuit is and how they work. Next week, we are using the equipment to make circuits!

Year 3: Swan Class

Year 3 have had a great week with lots of different activities! They have continued their writing of their narrative pieces looking at the BFG. We started to explore multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. The children also showed great enthusiasm and effort in other areas like PSHE where they looked at why being independent is such an important skill to harness.

Year 4: Dragonfly Class

Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying writing non-chronological reports about anglerfish in English this week. We are learning netball in PE and this week the whole class were given star of the week for our excellent effort.



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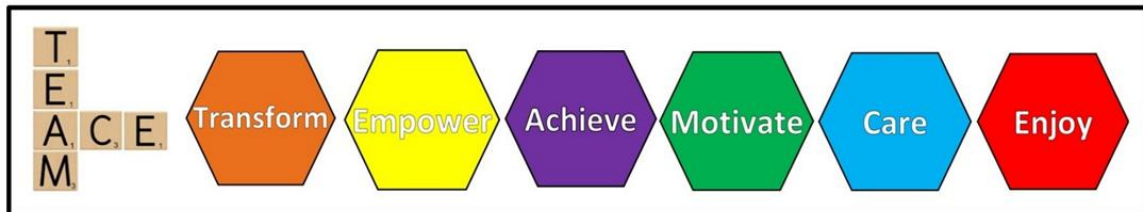


Year 5: Willow Class

Year 5 have done some amazing English work based around the picture book "Tuesday." We hot-seated some of the characters, then carried out our own mock police investigation into the events shown in the story. In music, we have been looking at using GarageBand to create our own music using iPads.

Year 6: Kingfisher Class

We have enjoyed their work in English focusing on the book 'Clockwork'. There has been great discussion on the characters and events which the class have engaged well in. We look forward to reviewing our assessment papers next week.



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

Updates



Spring Term 2025	
29th January	PSC Meeting for Year 1 parents Crafty Cuppa
30th January	Year 6 Duxford Museum Visit
30th January-5th Feb	National Story Telling Week
30th January	Story Writing Day
5th February	Year 3 Pizza Making – Pizza Express
7th February	Mathematics Subject Showcase 8:45-9:45am (Parents Invited) Number Day – Mathematics Professions
11th February	Safer Internet Day
13th February	Year 3 Crafty Cuppa Parents invited 2pm
17th – 23rd February	Half-Term
24th February	Children return to school
28th February	Reading subject Showcase (parents invited 9-10am) New Date
1st March	Saturday Morning Library Hour 9-10am
3rd –8th March	National Careers Week Year 5 & 6
10th March	Y3/4 Bee Netball Festival
24th – 27th February	Year 5 & 6 Bikeability
14th – 22nd March	British Science Week – STEM Week
6th March	World Book Day: Dress as your favourite book character & Best Dressed Competition! +Author Visit (tbc) & Aspens Special Lunch
10th March	Tempest Whole Class Photos



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14th March	Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
21st March	Comic Relief – wear a comic relief or red accessory
21 st March	Planetarium Visit YR, Y2, Y5
24th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
25th March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu (Bookable on Pupil Asset)
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 April – 22 nd April
Summer Term	
22 nd April	Staff Inset
23 rd 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
25 th May	FOSA Colour Run
19 th May	Potential RNLI Assembly to KS2
25 th – 1 st June	Half-Term
2 nd 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
4 th July	FOSA Year 6 Leaver's Event
7 th - 11 th July	Sport Week
9 th July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
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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