


NEWSLETTER

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Christmas is coming

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

As the nights draw in and the crisp autumn air reminds us that winter is on its way, life at Upwell Academy remains as vibrant as ever. Preparations for Christmas are already underway, and we look forward to sharing the festive season with our pupils and families in the coming weeks.

This month saw the launch of our new House System, which is already bringing a sense of teamwork and friendly competition across the school. It's wonderful to see pupils embracing this initiative with enthusiasm and pride.

We have also been engaging with our community through consultations on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), alongside our Parent View survey and Pupil Feedback survey. Your voices matter, and we are listening. These insights are helping us to shape improvements that reflect the needs and aspirations of our whole school community.

Our children continue to work incredibly hard, both in the classroom and beyond. We are proud of their achievements when representing Upwell Academy at recent sporting events – their determination and sportsmanship are a credit to the school. Thank you for your continued support as we move towards the festive season.

Together, we are building a school where every child can thrive.

Warm regards,

Chris Harris
Principal

Latest House Points

Earth - 2572



Air - 3600



Water - 3140



Fire - 3180



Key Dates for your diary

Whole School Pantomime
15 Dec 2025

Christmas Dinner
17 Dec 2025

Christmas Party
19 Dec 2025

Welcome to our New Site Officer

This month, we are delighted to welcome our new Site Officer, Mr. Mark Cross, to the Upwell Academy team. Mr. Cross brings a wealth of experience and a high level of expertise in site management and maintenance. His skills and commitment to ensuring a safe, well-maintained learning environment will make him a tremendous asset to our academy. We look forward to working with him and benefiting from his knowledge and dedication.

RSE Consultation Outcomes at Upwell Academy

This term, Upwell Academy invited parents to take part in a consultation regarding our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the curriculum, explore resources, and discuss the parental right to withdraw from sex education elements.

Key Outcomes of the Consultation:

- Parents agreed that the RSE curriculum is age-appropriate and suitable for our pupils.
- It was confirmed that RSE will be taught at stage rather than age for children with Special Educational Needs, ensuring lessons meet individual understanding.
- The use of correct medical terminology for body parts was supported, promoting safeguarding and clarity.
- Parents agreed that the emphasis of RSE should be on relationships, with sex education forming a smaller part of the curriculum.
- All parents understood their right to withdraw their child from any or all sex education components.
- It was agreed that RSE will be delivered in one day during the second half of the summer term, allowing teachers to know pupils well and ensuring they are at their most mature for their age group.

We appreciate the valuable input from our parents and remain committed to delivering an RSE curriculum that supports the wellbeing and development of all our pupils.



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Honouring Remembrance Day with Respect and Pride

We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 children for demonstrating such respect and maturity on Armistice Day. They accompanied our Pupil Leadership Team to the local war memorial, standing together in quiet reflection to honour those who gave their lives for our freedom.


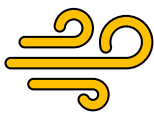


Our Head Boy and Head Girl represented Upwell Academy with dignity as they laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school community. This act of remembrance was a powerful reminder of the importance of unity, gratitude, and respect—values we hold dear at our academy.

Thank you to all our pupils for showing such exemplary behaviour and for helping us mark this significant occasion with the respect it deserves.



House Captains Announced

Congratulations to:

 Earth Ruby Jessica	 Air Bethany Scarlet
 Water Ellie Eliza	 Fire Riley Phoebe

Christmas Dates



The festive season is in full swing at Upwell Academy! As we approach the final week before Christmas, there's plenty happening across the school. To help you stay organised and not miss a thing, here are the key dates and events you'll want to note:

Mon 15 to Fri 19 Dec	Children can wear a Christmas jumper all week
Monday 15 December	Whole School Pantomime trip to King's Lynn - back at 6:00pm
Tuesday 16 December	KS1 Nativity play for parents (1:30pm)
Wednesday 17 December	KS1 Nativity play for parents (9:30am)
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 18 December	Father Christmas to visit KS1 (am)
Thursday 18 December	KS2 Christmas Carols at Upwell Church (2:00pm)
Friday 19 December	Class-based Christmas Party in the afternoon - wear your party clothes.
Friday 19 December	Break up for Christmas



Christmas Services at St Peter's Church, Upwell



Everyone Welcome



- 30th November – **Christingle (all ages)**
- 7th December – 2.00pm Family Crafts
- 10th December – 7.30pm Advent Compline
- 21st December – 6.30pm **Carols by candlelight (all ages)**
- 24th December – 4.00pm **Crib service (suitable for children)**
11.30pm **Midnight Mass**
- Christmas day – 10.00am Holy Communion**

From the beginning of December there will be a 'Memory Tree' in St Peter's. Stars will be available should you wish to write the name of loved ones who have passed and be included in our prayers.