

Autumn Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I would like to take a moment to share some key messages and celebrate our learning at Upper Arley C of E Primary School. As part of our thematic curriculum, we have focused on Design Technology and Art as part of 'This is Me' and have moved on to 'My Place, My Time' enjoying History and Geography.



Promoting a Love of Reading

Reading continues to be at the heart of our curriculum. This term, children have enjoyed exploring a wide range of books in class. Thank you to all families who have supported reading at home — it makes a huge difference! Help your child to engage with the **Reading Challenges** in each class. Remember to record all reading on Boom Reader.



Harvest Celebrations

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our **Harvest Festival**. The children sang beautifully, shared poems and showed great understanding of the importance of giving. Your generous donations have been delivered to the Simply Limitless Wellbeing Charity, who help the local community. It was a heartwarming event that truly reflected our school values.



Parents' Evening Success

We were delighted to see such strong attendance at our recent **Parents' Evening**. These meetings are vital for building strong partnerships between home and school. Thank you for your time, your feedback, and your continued support. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school office to arrange a catch-up with your child's teacher.

Feedback is warmly welcomed, please use the link:
<https://forms.office.com/e/7c5XD4dULi>

Or QR code:

We hope the 'support at home' materials are helpful to support learning at home.



The Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that we sold £320 worth of books, which enabled us to select more books for our bookshelves. Thank for your support and happy reading! Super readers, Tommy, Alex, Ayalah and Roseann were awarded with their pick of any book from the Fair. Well done!

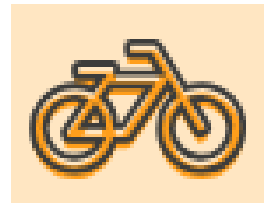


Uniform

We have had a lot of uniform go missing over the half term, so please check that all items of uniform/PE Kit/Forest School have your child's name in, so that they can be easily returned.

Bikeability

Bikeability starts in the week after half term. Year Six will have their training first.



Spirituality Task (Just a reminder!)



- **Build a Mini Woodland:** Use twigs, moss, stones, and toy animals to create a forest scene in a tray or box.
- **Gratitude Tree:** Draw a tree and add leaves with things they're thankful for in nature.

Shoeboxes

Please bring in shoe boxes by the week beginning 17th November. Thank you so much to the families who have already sent theirs in.



Pumpkins

Many thanks go to the PTFA and the lovely 'Pumpkin Lady' who have given the children the opportunity to pick a pumpkin this afternoon. It was so much fun – even in the rain!



Upper Arley at Work



Swifts, Robins, Falcons, Owls and Happy Hares enjoying their learning.

Fun in Forest School





Children return to school on Tuesday 4th November.
Wishing all our families a restful half term holiday.

Kind regards

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Headteacher

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TOGETHER, SHARING GOD'S LOVE**

