

# Weekly Updates From Uplands



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The end of another really busy week at Uplands.  
We are looking forward to more great events next week.  
Have a great weekend!

## ONLINE SAFETY BRIEFING WITH A LOCAL POLICE OFFICER

Online safety is essential for children surfing the internet safely. Uplands is teaming up with five local primary schools we work very closely with to put on an Internet Safety Briefing Evening for parents led by a police officer. This evening is being held on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 6:00-7:00pm** at Stroud Valley Primary School. If you are able to, please attend this information evening.

## PTA & SCHOOL HALLOWEEN EVENT! Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October!

As we creep closer to Halloween, we're excited to invite all our children and families to join in the spooky fun! Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite Halloween-themed costumes.

There will be a pumpkin carving competition. This fun family competition is open to all Uplands families. Carve your pumpkin at home and bring it to school on Wednesday 22nd October.

All entries will be displayed in the school hall on Thursday 23rd October and parents are invited to join us in the school hall to view the pumpkin display from 2:45pm onwards.

We will be serving spooky refreshments and may even have a few ghoulish games to enjoy!

We look forward to a frightfully fun day with everyone!



## INFORMATION

Please can we remind everyone to visit the Blogging link under the children section on our school website to find out what your child has been learning and for important dates.

Keep up to date with what's going on at Uplands.  
Subscribe to the school calendar:-

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/diary/grid/2025/10/>

See events happening in your local area, check out the 'Whats On' link under the Parents Section on our website.

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/whats-on/>

Thank you.

## School Uniform Discount Code with MyClothing

NEW discount code for parents to use when shopping with MyClothing.  
It gives everyone a **10% discount** until the end of December.

**Code: 10%myc2025**  
**Expires: 31st December 2025**

## AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

After School Provision will be open to book from Monday-Friday for this term. Please let the office know if you need to book a space for your child.

Thank you.

## EAGLES SWIMMING

Eagles swimming lessons began on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please can Eagles parents ensure you log onto ParentPay to settle the payment.

Thank you.



## MDSA VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor,  
further details can be found on the school website:

[www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk](http://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk) under 'About Us' 'Vacancies'.

Thank you.

## UPLANDS NURSERY



We currently have spaces available at Uplands Nursery. If you are interested in enrolling your child or would like more information, please contact the school office.

We will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*The Attendance Cup for week ending is awarded to Merlins!*

*Team Points awarded to Springfield!*



## FOOTBALL FESTIVAL!

A huge congratulations to our Y5 & 6 football team who took part in the Atlas Small Schools Football Festival last week – and came home as winners!

Thank you for representing Uplands so brilliantly on and off the pitch. Your teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship were fantastic.

We are all incredibly proud of you!

The team will be representing Uplands at Finals Day. Finals Day is based at Shortwood United football ground.



## ATTENDANCE

Thank you for supporting the school in promoting regular attendance and recognising the significant impact it has on your children's education.

We are pleased to share that last academic year, Uplands achieved an overall attendance rate of **95.2%**, compared to the national average of 94.8%. In addition, the percentage of children at Uplands who were persistently absent (attendance below 90%) was lower than the national figures.

This is a fantastic achievement, and we truly appreciate your efforts in making attendance a priority. Let's continue working together to ensure that children do not miss valuable learning during term time.

Thank you for your continued support!

## FLU VACCINATION

On **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** the NHS school nursing team will deliver the flu vaccinations to all consented students in Reception up to and including Year 6.

Please complete the consent form online (one for each child, please) using the following link: <https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and ensure you use the Unique School Code: **GC115543**

Please complete the consent form by Friday 10th October 2025.

Thank you.

## STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT

*During last Friday's assembly, we celebrated the children's exceptional learning and they were presented with a Star Award that will be a reminder of their achievement.*

*This week's winners are:*

*Owls: Raphi, Margo, Jack & Francis*

*Kestrels: Max B & Emília*

*Eagles: Caiomhe & Scout*



**Congratulations Everyone!**  
**Keep Up the Good Work!**



**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY  
WEEKEND!**

**SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!**

Yours sincerely,

*J Powell*

Mr James Powell  
Head Teacher



## DIARY DATES - 2025-2026

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Online Safety Briefing 6-7pm -Stroud Valley Primary School
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Eagles Trip to Hawkwood – Hot Poets Ignite
Wednesday 22 October	School Photographs
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Stroud Book Festival – Kestrels & Eagles
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Stroud Book Festival - Owls
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Kestrels Trip to Roman Baths – all day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to the Panto – Stroud Sub Rooms (1pm)
<b>Monday 22 December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Inset Day – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school

FROM THE SAME TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU  
LAST YEAR'S SMASH-HIT ROBIN HOOD

# SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE PANTOMIME OF YOUR DREAMS

Friday 19th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026

**THE SUB ROOMS**  
The Sub Rooms, George Street, Stroud GL5 1AE  
Tickets from £20  
01453 796880 | thesubrooms.co.uk

The tale of the beautiful Princess who is cursed by the evil Carabosse to perish on her 21st Birthday by pricking her finger on a spinning wheel. Saved by the good fairies, she falls into a deep sleep and can only be awoken by her true love.

Join us for more music, magic and mayhem as PJD Productions bring their fifth annual pantomime to the Sub Rooms and deliver fantastic festive fun for the whole family!

*"It's modern, current, and quite simply hilarious, so if pantos aren't your thing, I urge you to give this one a go - you'll look forward to it every year from here on out!"*  
The Stroud Times

Friday 19 December 2025			6pm	Gold Band Shows Adult from £25 Child from £23
Saturday 20 December 2025	11am	3pm	7pm	
Sunday 21 December 2025	11am	3pm		Silver Band Shows Adult from £20 Child From £18
Monday 22 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Tuesday 23 December 2025	11am	3pm		Adult Only Shows £25 All Seats
Wednesday 24 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Friday 26 December 2025			4pm	
Saturday 27 December 2025	11am	3pm	7pm	
Sunday 28 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Monday 29 December 2025	11am (R)	3pm		
Tuesday 30 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Wednesday 31 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Friday 2 January 2026		2pm	8pm (AD)	
Saturday 3 January 2026		2pm	8pm (AD)	
Sunday 4 January 2026		2pm		

(AO) Adults Only  
Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd January at 8pm  
Our Adult Only performances offer the chance to leave the kids at home and experience panto with no filter whatsoever! Absolutely not for the faint hearted or easily offended.

(R) Relaxed Performance  
Monday 29th December at 11am  
A performance specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment, including people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders or learning disability.