

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

MEET THE SCHOOL

Wednesday 24th September

This year we will be repeating our very successful "Meet the School". This will take place on Wednesday 24th September between 6-7pm. This event will provide parents with the opportunity to hear from the teaching staff, the Governors and the PTA members about how Uplands School operates, there will also be a chance to ask any questions. Please ensure you inform the office if you are able to attend by Monday 22nd September. We hope as many of you as possible can attend this informative evening.

Many thanks.

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 8th October from 6:00-7:00pm** at Stroud Valley Primary School. If you are able to, please attend this information evening.

MDSA VACANCY

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

www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk under 'About Us' 'Vacancies'.

Thank you.

HOLIDAYS OR ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TIME

The government has stressed the importance of children attending school regularly and we firmly believe that it is very important that your child is in school for every session. If your child misses out on lessons, learning is lost, as work is often built on from previous lessons and children then struggle to catch up. Every lesson counts! If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please let us know, or leave a message on the school's answer phone as soon as possible - 01453 762409. We do chase up any child not in school as we need to know that they are safe and being looked after. If you need to apply for leave of absence during term-time for extraordinary circumstances, a form must be completed, available from the school office. We are glad to report that there was a slight reduction in the number of absence requests received last academic year, however it still remains high. Please do not take time off without letting the school know as we will spend time trying to contact you unnecessarily. The school has discretion in 'exceptional circumstances' to authorise a leave of absence if we believe it is a genuine reason. Parents must also note that they can be given a Penalty Notice or prosecuted for periods of unauthorised holidays and the regulations are set out within our Attendance Policy.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

EAGLES SWIMMING

Eagles swimming lessons began on
Monday 15th September.

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



Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We have had some fantastic feedback about our After School Provision - we still have spaces. If you would like your child to join, please contact the office for an application form. The cost is £10 per pupil from 15:25-17:30pm.

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!

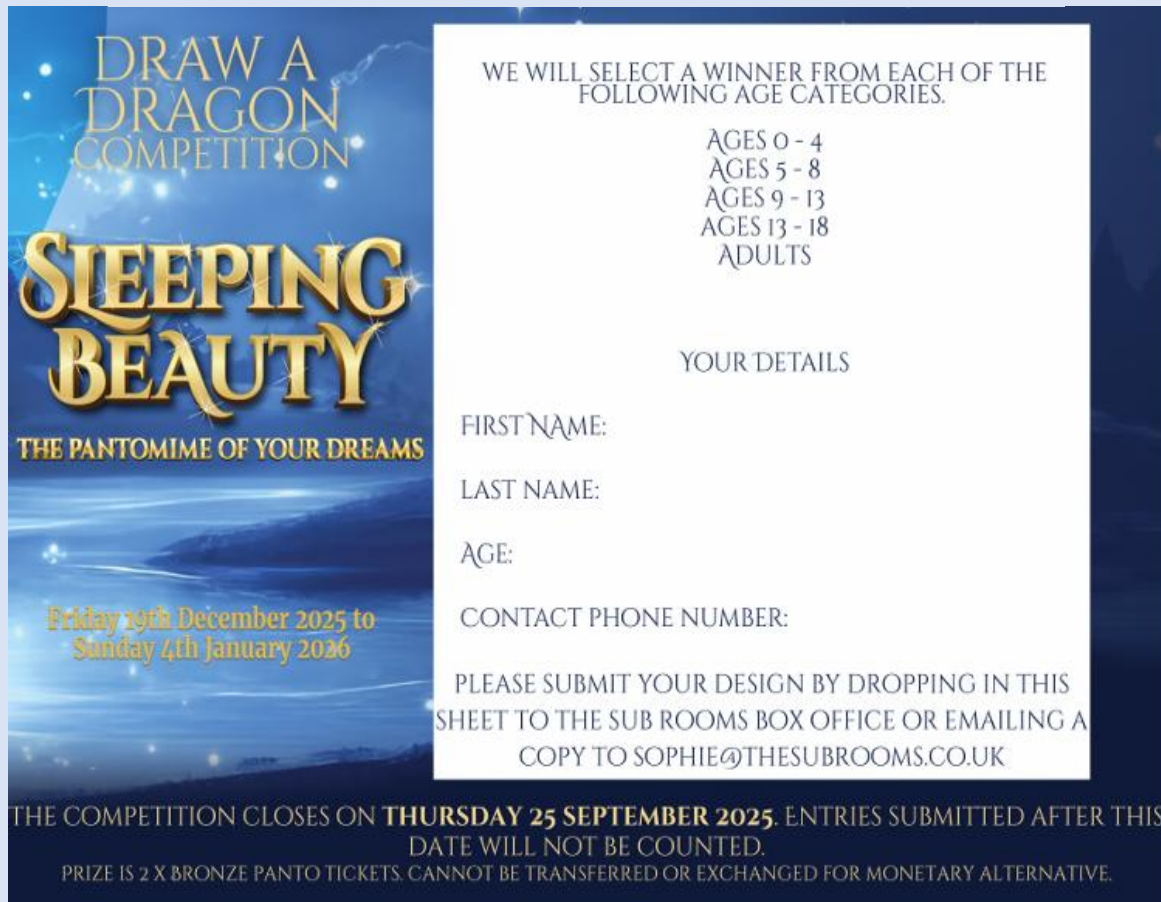
*The Attendance Cup for week ending is awarded to
Eagles!*

*Team Points awarded to
Thompson!*



COMPETITION TIME!

Competition organised by the Sub Rooms, Stroud.



DRAW A DRAGON COMPETITION

SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE PANTOMIME OF YOUR DREAMS

Friday 19th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026

WE WILL SELECT A WINNER FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AGE CATEGORIES.

- AGES 0 - 4
- AGES 5 - 8
- AGES 9 - 13
- AGES 13 - 18
- ADULTS

YOUR DETAILS

FIRST NAME:

LAST NAME:


AGE:

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN BY DROPPING IN THIS SHEET TO THE SUB ROOMS BOX OFFICE OR EMAILING A COPY TO SOPHIE@THESUBROOMS.CO.UK

THE COMPETITION CLOSSES ON **THURSDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2025**. ENTRIES SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE COUNTED.

PRIZE IS 2 X BRONZE PANTO TICKETS. CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED OR EXCHANGED FOR MONETARY ALTERNATIVE.



SLEEPING BEAUTY

DRAW A DRAGON COMPETITION

DESIGN A FAIRYTALE DRAGON TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE OF WINNING TWO TICKETS TO THIS YEAR'S SUB ROOMS PANTO

COMMUNICATION WITH STAFF

We are all very proud of our open door policy at Uplands School and the positive relationships we hold with our parents. We always endeavour to answer any queries as quickly as possible and work in partnership with all parents for the best of every child. However, this year, to consider the wellbeing of staff we will be making a few slight amendments to how parents can contact teachers.

These changes should not affect our open door policy and are as follows:

- Previously parents have contacted teaching staff via class email. With immediate effect, all parent email enquiries must be sent to the school office. The enquiry will then be triaged to the appropriate person. The staff member will endeavour to respond asap and within 3 working days during school opening hours.
- Any teacher appointment requests will need to be organised through the office staff.
- All members of staff are often extremely busy during pick-up and drop off times and their prime responsibility is safeguarding all children. If you need to get a message to a staff member, please speak to the office staff and they will pass any messages on to the relevant person.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support,
it is very much appreciated by all staff.

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: Leo, Ophelia, Murray & Gideon

Kestrels: Finn, Ellis & Letty

Eagles: Felix & Raffy



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 24th September	Meet the School 6-7pm
Wednesday 8th October	Online Safety Briefing 6-7pm -Stroud Valley Primary School
Wednesday 22 October	School Photographs
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	Half Term Break
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Thursday 6th November	Stroud Book Festival – Kestrels & Eagles
Friday 7th November	Stroud Book Festival - Owls
Tuesday 11th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 17th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto – Stroud Sub Rooms (1pm)
Monday 22 December – Friday 2nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 6th 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 (AO)	
Saturday 3 January 2026		2pm	8pm (AO)	
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.