

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a busy week it has been at Uplands and the final two weeks of the academic year are shaping up to be just as exciting, with a full calendar of fun activities for the children to enjoy. We're looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming events as we wrap up the year and head into the summer holidays.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome four new members of staff who will be joining Uplands in September.

Mrs Chloe Lamb - Year 5/6 (2 days a week)
Miss Jessica Biddle - TA
Miss Shauneey Gobey - TA
Miss Deanne Bennett - HLTA

FAREWELL MRS POLTOCK

We are very sad to inform you that Mrs Poltock will be leaving us at the end of term. A big thank you for all her hard work within the school and we wish her all the very best for the future.



ICE CREAM SALES

The PTA will be selling ice creams every Friday after school. So pop along for a delicious summer treat!



Thank you!



WELL-BEING

As we approach the end of term and look forward to the summer holidays, please remember to look after your well-being and contact the school if you need any pastoral support.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL & NURSERY.

The last day of term is Friday 18th July - a day which will be full of mixed emotions.

We will be saying "goodbye" to our amazing Year 6's and wishing them all the best on their new venture.

Please note that school & Nursery will finish at **2pm** on Friday 18th July.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Leavers' assembly is on Thursday 17th July at 2pm. We hope you can come along and say goodbye and good luck to our amazing Year 6's.

Enrichment week – week beginning Monday 7th July

During Enrichment week the Yrs 3 & 4 and Yr 5 will be rehearsing and making props for the play with the drama teacher - Rosie. Reminder that the performance of Icarus takes place on Monday 14th July at the Cotswold Playhouse. Don't forget to get your tickets.

Yrs 1 & 2 and Merlins will be taking part in various activities. The tooth fairy, dentist, ambulance crew, and Police will all be visiting to share their important roles and help the children learn in fun way. In addition to these visits, the children will be exploring topics such as healthy eating and mindfulness. It will be a fun packed week.

TEACHSPORT AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PROVISION

The After School Club Provision currently operated by TeachSport, will not continue beyond the end of this academic year. The club will therefore close at the end of the Summer Term in July 2025. This decision has been made by TeachSport following careful consideration of the club's ongoing viability, including low and static attendance numbers. We appreciate that this news may come as a disappointment to some families and we would like to thank the team at TeachSport for their work and commitment to the club over the past year.

Following this decision, we have decided to trial opening our own after school provision run by Uplands staff and we are very excited about this opportunity. The provision will open on Tuesday 2nd September and the sessions will run Monday-Thursday from 15:25-17:25 term time only at a cost of £10 per session per child. This cost will include optional healthy snacks and a range of activities will be available for the children.

Sessions for September onwards will need to be booked before the end of the summer term, a link to book and reserve your child's space will be sent out shortly.

Please be aware that there will be limited sessions available and if there is not enough interest the provision may not be able to open.

For any further information, please speak to the school office.

AMAZING ATHLETICS!

We've had a bumper week or two of athletics here at Uplands! Kicking off with the Y3/4 Quad Kids Athletics, where some excellent efforts saw the team finish in a really fantastic 5th place - out of 20 schools! This was followed by the brand new KS1 District Sports competition, and we finished off with the flagship event of the year - The Small Schools KS2 District Sports! The children were absolutely fantastic throughout these events, giving their all in running, throwing & jumping activities which for some of the younger children, were unfamiliar.



A big thank you to the children who took part in the KS2 District Sports - this event is extremely busy and fast paced, and with a few unexpected gaps in the team it could have been a tricky morning. But the positive have-a-go attitude of every single child saved the day and was a huge help when we had to quickly fill empty spaces on the team sheet!



We had a number of children making finals this year, but a special mention must go to Alayah & Arley for winning their individual throwing events - Alayah doing so with a fractured wrist!

A massive thank you to those children who took part in extra events to make sure we could still earn points for our team. An extra HUGE thank you to Sonny (Y4) and Ned (Y3) who, unbelievably, volunteered to take part in Year 5/6 races, with Ned holding a strong second place in his leg of a relay, and Sonny actually making it into the Y5 boys individual sprint final!!



Seriously well done, and thank you, to every single child who took part in these events - you are the very embodiment of our School Values. Your positivity and perseverance made me incredibly proud, and meant my last sporting events ever, have left me with some very special memories of how completely incredible the children of Uplands School are. Keep it up in September!

Mrs Knight, over and out ☺

KESTRELS DO DODGEBALL!

On Wednesday, Kestrels had a fantastic afternoon with the brilliant Kim from Atlas, who came in to give Kestrels their very own Dodgeball tournament! It was fantastic to see every single child talking part and really enjoying the event - there were big smiles all round! Well done team Kestrels!



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:
 Merlins: Charlie & Murray
 Owls: Poppy & Rafe
 Kestrels: Sonny & George
 Eagles: Ameila*



Congratulations Everyone!
Keep Up the Good Work!

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Attendance Cup for week ending is awarded to Kestrels!

Team Points awarded to Capel!



**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY
 WEEKEND!
 SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!**

Yours sincerely,

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Mr James Powell
 Head Teacher

DIARY DATES - 2025	
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Trip to Stroud Bowl (morning)
Friday 11 th July	School Reports issued
Monday 14 th July	Yr 3/4/5 Playhouse Performance
Thursday 17 th July	Yr6 Leavers Play – 2pm
Friday 18 th July	Last Day of Term – 2pm finish
Monday 21 st July	Inset Day
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Monday 1 st September	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	Children return to school



Glory

Feeling Cute

Are you interested in a cool, exotic pet?

1 day

1 month

2 months

2 years

3 years

Contact Mrs. Day-Lewis

for one or several free giant African land snails, or questions before receiving them.
(serious future pet-owners only please)
Please check with your parents!

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