

# Weekly Updates From Uplands



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Hello all, just wanted to make you aware that Uplands works closely with five local schools, Stroud Valley, Thrupp, Brimscombe, Cashes Green and Chalford Hill and the partnership is called Eunoia. We have been working with these schools for a couple of years and every school can see the benefits. The partnership really makes a difference to all involved.

Hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break!

## 'NEW MEMBER OF STAFF'

After half term, we will be welcoming Mrs Bright to work with us as our new SENCO for two days a week. Miss Dempster has made the decision to step back from the SENCO role to focus on her other responsibilities as deputy head, English lead, curriculum lead and class teacher. There will be a thorough handover with Mrs Bright and she will make contact with all parents of children with special educational needs in due time.

## School Lunch- Price Increase

We have been informed that as from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025** the cost of a school lunch will be **£2.85**.

## KESTRELS SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for Kestrels begin on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** from 10.30- 11.00am and continue every Wednesday for 6 weeks.

Please can you ensure you have given your consent and paid via parentpay.

Please remember swimming kit on these days.

Thank you.



## ELSA

(Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)

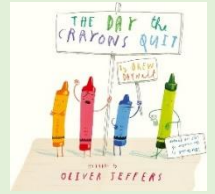
After half term, Mrs Clements will be taking over the role as the Elsa Lead. She is looking forward to working with the children and parents.

Mrs Clements will be holding an afternoon drop-in session on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** at **2.45pm** in the Nest. If you would like to know more about ELSA support at Uplands, please come along for a chat and a cup of tea.

We look forward to seeing you there!

# World Book Day at Uplands

THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



We will be celebrating World Book Day at Uplands on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All parents and carers are invited to come into school at 9am to enjoy a breakfast with us whilst sharing books with your child(ren). We also asked the children to vote for what sort of dressing up they would like to do, based around a book.

The children voted for 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and so can come into school dressed all in one colour instead of their school uniform for the day.



## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM BREAKFAST CLUB!

*This week the children have enjoyed some Valentines crafts including cards, wands and a beautiful heart wreath.*

*Today they enjoyed a special sweet breakfast complete with a red rose!*





## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Attendance Cup for week ending 7<sup>th</sup> February is awarded to Kestrels

Team Points awarded to Capel.

The Attendance Cup for week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February is awarded to Eagles.

Team Points awarded to Thompson.

## 'PE STARS OF THE FORTNIGHT'



PE Star of the fortnight  
is awarded to:  
Louis & Max B

## STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT

During 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: Edwin

Owls: Gideon, Atti & Max

Kestrels: Lilly R & Sahas

Eagles: Dahlia, Idris



Congratulations Everyone!  
Keep Up the Good Work!



## 'WHAT'S ON'

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

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/whats-on-2/>

HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY HALF  
TERM BREAK  
SEE YOU ALL NEXT TERM!



Yours sincerely,

*JPowell*

Mr James Powell  
Head Teacher

Inset Day Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Term 4 commences on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

## DIARY DATES - 2025

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Inset Day</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Kestrels Swimming (1) - 10.30am -11am
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTA Jumble Sale 10am – 12pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Kestrels Swimming (2) - 10.30am -11am
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Kestrels Swimming (3) - 10.30am -11am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Kestrels Swimming (4) - 10.30am -11am
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Enrichment Week – French Week
Kestrels Swimming (2)	Kestrels Swimming (5) - 10.30am -11am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Inset Day</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Kestrels Swimming (6) - 10.30am -11am
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Eagles (Yr5 & Tr6) PGL Residential Trip
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Inset Day</b>

**SUNDAY 2ND MARCH 2025**  
**10AM-12PM**  
**UPLANDS SCHOOL**  
 THOMPSON ROAD,  
 STROUD, GL5 1TE

# JUMBLE SALE

CLOTHES, SHOES  
 AND ACCESSORIES.  
 BOOKS, TOYS AND  
 GAMES.

**DONATIONS WELCOME**  
 DROP OFF TO UPLANDS SCHOOL  
 25TH-28TH FEBRUARY

## WANTED!

If you have school uniform that is no longer needed, then please consider donating to the PTA **Pre-Loved Uniform** stock.

We are particularly low on school logo jumpers, P.E. t-shirts and summer dresses but would welcome any uniform.

**Please leave donations at the school office.**

All proceeds from selling pre-loved uniforms go towards supporting the school with activities and resources for the children.