

# Weekly Updates From Uplands



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Welcome back after the half term break, it's been an action packed week at Uplands including lots of the classes going on trips.

Important dates for the countdown to Christmas and essential information regarding these events coming soon.

Have a great weekend!

## 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/2024/09/>

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.



Gloucestershire  
Healthy  
Living and Learning

Uplands Community Primary School has had their Gloucestershire Healthy Living & Learning Healthy Schools Award approved by the Quality Assurance Group. This demonstrates the schools commitment towards promoting a healthy lifestyle.

A big thank you to Mrs McCaughey for all of her hard work.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be taking part in Children in Need next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please send your child to school wearing spots or non-uniform, whatever they would prefer with a suggested donation of £1.



Thank you for your support.



## PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November

If you need reminding of your appointment time, please contact the office.

## EAGLES SWIMMING

Eagles swimming lessons begin on  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

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

Thank you.

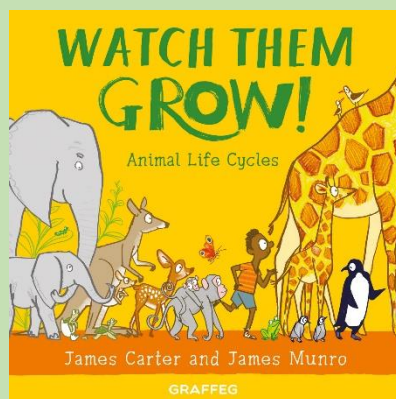
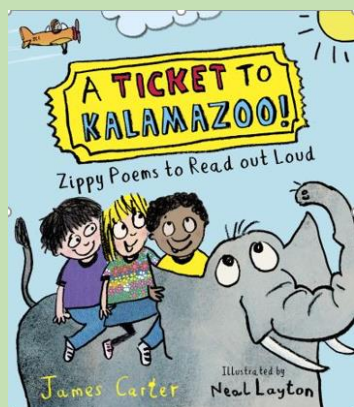


## STROUD BOOK FESTIVAL



Kestrels trip to see the author Sufiya Ahmed at the Stroud Book Festival. Sufiya told us that she used to work in the House of Parliament and her first 'Time Travellers' book begins there. She read us some of the book about the characters going back to the time of the suffragettes and Georgie B volunteered to act in a suffragette parade around the room! The children also did a worksheet to plot their own time travel story and came up with some very exciting ideas.

All of Eagles class went to see a Costa Award winning children's author yesterday, Jasbinder Bilan at the Stroud Book Festival. She told the children about her life in India and some of the books she has written. Asha and the Spirit Bird, Nush and the Stolen Emerald and Tamarind and the Star of Ishta



Owls went to the Book Festival today and heard James Carter share some of his classic poems and they got to hear his new poem which the children loved.

## THE SENSATIONAL SEVEN!

Before the half term break we took seven Y5 & 6s to take part in the Atlas Small Schools Netball Festival. The team played amazingly - only losing one match all morning to finish in second place in their group!

In the end they finished in what they felt was a frustrating fourth, but we think it was a FANTASTIC FOURTH! The whole team gave their absolute all, really pulling together in a show of strong defending and the scoring of some really incredible long-range goals! Everyone played their part and Mrs Knight was extremely proud of their performance. Well done all of you!



### 'PE STAR OF THE WEEK'

*PE Star of the week is awarded to:  
Leo & Edwyn - Merlins*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

*w/c 21<sup>st</sup> October*

*The Attendance Cup for this week is awarded to Kestrels!*

*Team Points awarded to Thompson!*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

*w/c 4<sup>th</sup> November*

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

*Team Points awarded to Folly!*



*Home-Start Stroud and Gloucester are a local charity supporting families with young children within the community experiencing a time in their lives when they need a little extra help and support, practically and emotionally. Parenting is not always easy, but with the support of a trained volunteer, together we can really make a difference. Our volunteer training provides people with the skills and confidence to share their parenting experiences to help make that difference when it's needed the most.*

*If you are thinking about volunteering and have as little as 2-3 hours a week spare, please visit our website for more information and to apply [www.homestartsd.org](http://www.homestartsd.org) or call 01453 297470 for a chat.*

## DIWALI

*A big thank you to Louis Saha's parents who bought in lots of exciting Diwali bits and pieces to Merlins class to really help bring our RE learning to life! We looked at photos of Louis' family celebrating Diwali, made Diwali cards, firework pictures Rangoli patterns and decorated our own 'Diwali house'!*



# OWLS TRIP TO HAWKWOOD

The Owls had lots of fun at the Growing places project at Hawkwood!

We did some painting and printing after we were inspired by the animals on the farm.



## PTA

Preloved Uniform Sale

Thursday 14th November

All proceeds go towards helping the school.

Please bring cash!

Thank you for your support.

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

Yours sincerely,

*J Powell*

Mr James Powell  
Head Teacher



LEST WE FORGET

DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2024	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Kestrels trip to Stroud Book Festival 11.30am – Sufiya Ahmed Eagles trip to Stroud Book Festival 1.30pm – Louie Stowell
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Owls trip to Stroud Book Festival 1.30pm – James Carter
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Eagles Swim (1)
Wednesday 13 November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Eagles Swim (2)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Eagles Swim (3)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Internet Safety Evening - 4pm start
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Eagles Swim (4)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Disco
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Eagles Swim (5)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Quiz at The Vine Tree
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Merlins and Owls Nativity Performance for parents/carers 2.30pm & 6pm School Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Kestrels & Eagles Christmas Concert Performance for parents/carers 6pm All Saints Church, Uplands
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to the Panto, Stroud Sub Rooms- 1.30pm Hood
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to school