

# Weekly Updates From Uplands



## *HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE*

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have already volunteered to share their career experiences on 29th June during Careers Week. We are still looking for a few more volunteers to come in and talk to the children. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

A quick reminder to please return the family obstacle course form to school as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

## CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. Co-opted governors do not need to have a connection with the school, but in the opinion of the governing board have the skills and experience required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

If you know someone living in the community or a grandparent/friend/colleague that may be interested in this role, please contact the school office.

Thank you.

## 'WHAT'S ON'

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

<https://uplandsprimary.web11.juniperwebsites.co.uk/whats-on-2>

## STAFF ARRANGEMENTS

We are in the process of organising staffing for the next academic year. As soon as arrangements are confirmed, we will share an update with parents and carers. We anticipate being able to provide this information by the end of June before the transition session takes place.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

## Children's Commissioner Survey Your Child's Voice Matters

We are supporting the Children's Commissioner for England with their national survey, *The Big Future*, which aims to gather pupils' views on their experiences, hopes and aspirations.

It is important that children from our school have the opportunity to be heard and contribute to shaping future decisions that affect them. We encourage all pupils (with support from parents/carers where needed) to take part by completing the survey here: Take part in The Big Future survey. Thank you for your support in helping ensure our pupils' voices are included.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-future/>

### PUPILS THAT HAVE REPRESENTED THE SCHOOLS CORE VALUES 'UNIQUENESS'

*Amelia, Asger, Leo, Rowan, Alfie L, Theo,  
Andriana, Cooper, Florence, Finn, Minne,  
George, Sofia*

*Well done everyone!*



### CONGRATULATIONS!

*The Attendance Cup is awarded to  
Merlins!*

*Team Points are awarded to  
Folly!*

## STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT

*During today'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: Mirai & Gigi*

*Owls: Murray, Asmahan & Louis*

*Kestrels: Ned & Jemylia*

*Eagles: Daisy & Caoimhe*



**Congratulations Everyone!**

**Keep Up the Good Work!**

# SUMMER SIZZLE

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 3.30pm - 5pm

The PTA are now requesting donations for the upcoming Summer Sizzle. We would greatly appreciate any of the following:



- Any unwanted gifts
- Nice unopened toiletries
- Bottles of wine, beer, spirits.
  - Sweets & chocolates
  - Good quality unread books
    - Unused toys
- Homemade crafted items and presents
  - Locally grown plants
  - Any other suitable donations.
- Cakes and bakes (freshly baked) (to be handed into the school office the morning of the Sizzle). Please drop these into the school office.

We are in need of volunteers to help on the day. If you could spare an hour or so, it would be really appreciated. Please let the school office know, or speak to any member of the PTA.

Many thanks in advance, and thank you for your support!



## HOLIDAYS OR ABSENCE DURING SCHOOL TIME

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. We do chase up any child not in school from that morning because 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 then there is a form to fill in from the office or to be downloaded from the school website. 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 circumstance' 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.

We are sending out this information due to the increase in holiday requests.

More detailed information can be found on our school website:

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/attendance-absence>

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

## SPORTS DAY

### WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July in the morning at Uplands playing field. Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and watch. Please ensure your child/ren comes to school in their team colours and they must bring a sun hat, sun lotion and a drink. The children will return to school for their lunch.

We hope you will be able to join us at this fun event!

There will also be a 'Sponsored Family Obstacle Course' so get practising!

### Sports Day Lunch Menu

There is a change to the lunch menu on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July for Sports Day.



Hot Dogs  
Cheese Whirl



Both served with vegetable crudité



# **CAREERS WEEK**

## **MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

Careers Week will take place from Monday 29th June to Friday 3rd July. Throughout the week, children will explore different jobs through fun, hands-on activities. Classrooms will become workplaces, and children will work in groups to experience a variety of careers.

We would like to invite parents and carers to talk to the children about their jobs on Monday 29th June (afternoon). Each talk will last around 15 minutes (about 1 hour total). If you are available, please let the school office know by Friday 19th June.

On Thursday 2nd July, children are invited to dress up as a job or career of their choice.

Children will also have the chance to apply for simple jobs around the school, including a short interview, helping them build confidence and communication skills.

We look forward to an inspiring and enjoyable week for all.

**Hope you all have a lovely weekend!**  
**See you all next week!**



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J Powell', written in black ink.

Mr James Powell  
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES - Summer Term 2026	
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Kestrels Trip to Cadbury World
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Kestrels trip to St Laurence Church 9.30am – 11.30am (History Workshop)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr5 Activity Morning at Archway School 9.15am -12.30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr5 & Yr6 Hub Sports Day at Maidenhill School
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Careers Week
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Owls & Merlins trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	PTA Summer Sizzle
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day & Sponsored Family Obstacle Course 9.30am – 12.30pm
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Eagles Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge 9.15am – 3pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Uplands Got Talent
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term – early finish 2pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day

*Are you ready for the summer festival season?!! 🏠*

*Come along to our work shop - make and design your  
head wear, bracelets or whatever you fancy! 🧠*

*Musical entertainment from croc n roll music*



*There will be range of cakes, snacks and tea and  
coffee available ☕ 🍰*

*All welcome 😊*