

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has finally come to that moment when we have to sadly say farewell to our fantastic year 6's who will be winging their way to pastures new in September. We are all very sad to see them go, but we hope they leave filled to the brim with confidence, skills and knowledge that will last them a lifetime. Year 6's - please remember to visit us if you are passing school, you will always be welcome. I would like to thank all the staff, governors, parents and children for all their support and hard work over the past year and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer break!

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>

SCHOOL REPORTS

Thank you to everyone who returned their reply slips and took the time to share their comments. Your feedback is greatly appreciated, and we are delighted that the responses received this year have been overwhelmingly positive. We value your support and suggestions, which help us to continue providing the best possible experiences for our children and families.

SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY OBSTACLE COURSE

Despite the hot weather, the feedback we have received from parents following Sports Day and the Family Obstacle Course has been overwhelmingly positive. Every child demonstrated exceptional determination, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the day, giving their very best in each event. Congratulations to Capel who were crowned this year's Sports Day champions!

It was also a real pleasure to see so many families taking part in the Family Obstacle Course with such enthusiasm, teamwork and enjoyment. The event created a wonderful atmosphere and proved to be a highlight of the day, with participants of all ages embracing the challenge and supporting one another along the way.

I thoroughly enjoyed watching everyone get involved, and I am delighted to announce that the Family Obstacle Course will now become a permanent feature of our annual Sports Day celebrations. Thank you to all of our families for their support and participation, which helped make the day such a memorable success.



Careers Week

It was fantastic to see all of the children exploring the world of work during Careers Week. Throughout the week, they participated in a wide range of engaging activities, including listening to parents speak about their careers, completing job applications, taking part in mock interviews, undertaking various job roles around the school, and enjoying hands-on experiences in a mock restaurant and a mock crime scene investigation.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the week and gained valuable insight into the many different career opportunities available to them. These experiences helped to develop their understanding of the skills, qualities and qualifications needed for a variety of professions.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who generously gave up their time to visit the school and share their career journeys with our pupils. Your support, enthusiasm and willingness to inspire our children played a significant role in making the week such a success. We are incredibly grateful for your contribution.



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.



UPLANDS NURSERY

We currently have places available at Uplands Nursery for September.

If you are interested in a nursery place for your child, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact the school office for further information or to discuss availability.

We look forward to welcoming new families to our nursery.

FAREWELL TO OUR LOVELY YR6

It is always with mixed emotions at this time of the year, when our current year 6 begin the final preparations for transitioning to their secondary schools. It is lovely to reminisce about the individual difference each one has made to the school community over the 7 year journey and celebrate their personal achievements. We know that they are all looking forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead but we do hope that they keep fond memories of their Uplands journey close to their heart.



Martha Lightfoot Illustration Workshop

Tuesday 18 August 2026
13:00 – 15:15

Join writer and illustrator Martha Lightfoot for an illustration workshop.

My Weird World ~ come and draw your own imaginary land: you get to name it, map it, and invent what goes on there! Is it a magical place full of unusual creatures, a mysterious alternate universe, or a newly discovered country with a language that only you can understand? Who or what lives there? Explore it through drawing, writing, maps - or bring your own suggestions and see what happens!

Aimed at children 8 and above.

There are two time slots 13:00–14:00 & 14:15–15:15.

Tickets need to be booked in advance from brimscombe-mill.org.uk

Yr 6 LEAVERS PERFORMANCE

Yesterday afternoon
the Yr6 children
performed
amazingly in their
end of school
performance.



UPLANDS GOT TALENT



The children performed amazingly on Monday during Uplands Got Talent, we hope you enjoyed a fun packed afternoon with us.



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: Florence, Oakley

Owls: Gideon, Rafe, Aubree, Rowan

Kestrels: Albert, Immy, Josh, Theo, Charlie JL

Eagles: Riley, James W, Jayden, Arley

Congratulations Everyone!

Keep Up the Good Work!

MDSA VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor, for further details please contact the school office.

Many thanks

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY
SUMMER BREAK!
SEE YOU ALL NEXT TERM!**



Yours sincerely,

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Mr James Powell
Head Teacher

Reminder

Tuesday 1st September - Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September - Children return to Nursery & School.

Monday 13th July	Uplands Got Talent
Tuesday 14th July	Yr6 Celebration Trip to Stroud Bowl
Thursday 16th July	Leavers Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Term – early finish 2pm
Monday 20th July	Inset Day
Tuesday 1st September	Inset Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Children return to school (Nursery & School)