

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It's been a busy start to the new school year at Uplands! Our new starters have settled in really well and are already enjoying their time at school.

We're looking forward to our 'Meet the School' event on Wednesday. It will be lovely to meet our parents, have a chat and answer any questions or queries you may have.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please check the dates in the diary below or visit our website calendar to keep up to date with what's going on.

MEET THE SCHOOL

Wednesday 30th September between 6-7pm

This year we will be repeating our very successful 'Meet the School'. This will take place on Wednesday 30th September between 6-7pm. This event will provide parents with the opportunity to hear from the teaching staff, the Governors and the PTA members about how Uplands School operates. There will also be a chance to ask any questions. Please ensure you inform the office if you are able to attend by Monday 28th September.

We hope as many of you as possible can attend this informative evening.

MDSA VACANCY

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

Many thanks

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES



Our Celebration Assemblies will now be held in school once a month.

If your child has been awarded a Star Award, parents will receive a message via Studybugs inviting them to attend the assembly at midday on a Friday, where they will have the opportunity to see their child receive their award.

We appreciate that this time may not always be convenient for everyone. However, due to logistical reasons, we have had to change the assembly time from our usual slot.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

EAGLES SWIMMING

Eagles swimming lessons began on
Monday 14th September.

Please can Eagles parents ensure you log onto ParentPay to settle the payment.



'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>



UPLANDS NURSERY

We currently have places available at Uplands Nursery

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.

A FANTASTIC FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR OUR YEAR 5 AND 6 BOYS!

What a fantastic day of football for our Year 5 and 6 boys at the Small Schools Football Tournament at Painswick Rugby Club!

The boys were absolutely brilliant from start to finish. They showed incredible determination, worked tirelessly for one another and demonstrated fantastic teamwork in every game. Their attitude and sportsmanship were equally impressive, with the boys showing great respect towards the opposition throughout the tournament.

The team got off to a flying start in the group stages, going unbeaten and conceding just one goal, while scoring an impressive nine goals! This fantastic run saw them finish top of their group and secure their place in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was a real nail-biter! After a hard-fought game ended in a draw, the boys had to keep their cool in a penalty shootout. They showed tremendous composure under pressure and came out victorious, booking their place in the final.

The final was another fiercely contested match against a team the boys had already beaten 2-1 in the group stages. They battled right until the end, but unfortunately conceded a brilliantly worked goal late in the game. Despite the disappointment, the boys can be incredibly proud of their achievement, finishing as tournament runners-up.

A huge well done to all of the boys! 🏆 They represented our school brilliantly and should be extremely proud of everything they achieved. Their teamwork, resilience, determination and sportsmanship were outstanding.

Congratulations, boys – what a performance!



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 COMMUNITY HUB HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Uplands Community Hub are collecting donations for the Harvest Festival next week.

If you would like to contribute, please bring any non-perishable food items, such as tins or longer life vegetables (e.g. pumpkins or butternut squash), and leave them in the collection box outside the school office by Friday 2nd October.

The collection will be taken to All Saints Church, where the donations will be displayed as part of the festival before being distributed to various food banks around Stroud.

Many thanks for your support!



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

Yours sincerely

Mr James Powell
Head Teacher



Diary Dates	
Monday 14 th September	Eagles Swimming 10am – 10.30am
Friday 25 th September	Eagles Hub Sports Day at Maidenhill School
Wednesday 30 th September	Meet the School – 6-7pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Whole School Individual Photographs
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term Break
Thursday 5 th November	Stroud Book Festival Eagles & Kestrels 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 6 th November	Stroud Book Festival Owls 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Friday 6 th November	We the Curious Trip - Eagles
Tuesday 10 th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 th December	KS1 Nativity 2.30pm & 5.30pm
Tuesday 15 December	KS2 Performance 2.30pm & 6pm
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School Trip to the Panto Stroud Sub Rooms - 1pm Beauty & the Beast
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Break
Monday 4 th January 2027	Children return to School and Nursery
Wednesday 6 th January 2027	Kestrels Swimming lessons begin – 2pm

PJD Productions return for a Sixth Sensational Season

Beauty and the BEAST

Tickets from £17



The Spellbinding Family Pantomime

**Friday 18th December 2026
to Sunday 3rd January 2027**

This Christmas at the Sub Rooms promises to be bigger, better and more beautiful and beastly than ever before!

Join us for the spellbinding story of Belle, the spirited and headstrong village girl who enters an enchanted castle and melts the heart of the monstrous beast who dwells within its walls.

It's time for more music, magic and mayhem in a fantastic festive treat for the whole family.

PREVIOUS PANTOS AT THE SUBS FROM PJD:

"Absolutely hilarious! Don't miss it, Stroud should be proud!"

Keith Allen

"Its modern, current and quite simply hilarious, so if pantos aren't your thing, I urge you to give it a go – you'll look forward to it every year from here on out"

The Stroud Times

Date	11am	3pm	5pm	7pm
Fri 18 Dec 2026			5pm	
Sat 19 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	5pm	7pm
Sun 20 Dec 2026	11am	3pm		
Mon 21 Dec 2026	11am	3pm		
Tue 22 Dec 2026	11am	3pm		
Wed 23 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm	
Thu 24 Dec 2026	11am	3pm		
Sat 26 Dec 2026		4pm		
Sun 27 Dec 2026	11am	3pm		
Mon 28 Dec 2026	11am (R)	3pm		
Tue 29 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm	
Wed 30 Dec 2026		1pm	5pm	
Thu 31 Dec 2026	11am	3pm	8pm (AO)	
Sat 2 Jan 2027		2pm	8pm (AO)	
Sun 3 Jan 2027		2pm		

Gold Band Shows
Adults from £25
Child from £28

Silver Band Shows
Adults from £20
Child from £18

Preview Shows
Adults from £17
Child from £15

Adult Shows from £25

PJD PRODUCTIONS

(R) Relaxed Performance – Monday 28th December at 11am
A performance specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment, including people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders or learning disability.

(AO) Adults Only – Thursday 31st December and Saturday 2nd January at 8pm
Our Adult Only performances offer the chance to leave the kids at home and experience panto with no filter whatsoever! Absolutely not for the faint hearted or easily offended.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your child is receiving Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) in school through Gloucestershire Music, we are delighted to extend this amazing offer. Through this scheme, our ethos of making music fun and accessible will enable your child to benefit from affordable instrumental hire and music centre membership allowing them to continue their enjoyment of music outside of the classroom.

We've lit the musical spark, now let us show you how exciting the next stage can be!

Visit www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk or call our team on **01452 427242** for more information.

Happy Music Making

Nick Steel
Music Service Schools Manager

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