

# MAY NEWSLETTER

## Dear families,

As we come to the end of a short but busy half term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It has been lovely to see so many of you attending our events, workshops and parent meetings. I hope you have enjoyed hearing about all the things your children have been learning in school.

## Important dates

School will be closed from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May for the half term holiday.

Main school will also be closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for staff training and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

The Lodge will be open on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## These are some of the things we have done in the first half of the Summer term:

- ❖ Inspire workshops—making maths games
- ❖ Make Music workshops
- ❖ Year 5 visited Bristnall Hall Academy for their Dance Extravaganza
- ❖ Year 5 visited the Black Country Living Museum
- ❖ Year 3 & 4 learned about road safety
- ❖ Our Eco-Committee have been busy each week helping to keep our school site tidy and free of rubbish
- ❖ Reception visited Bearwood allotments
- ❖ Year 6 took the SATs tests
- ❖ Induction meetings for parents and children starting Reception in September



We have now had half a term of finishing lessons at 3.20pm. We hope it is working well for you.

Thank you to the majority of parents and carers for collecting children on time.

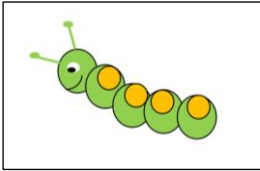
## Free school uniform

Our preloved uniform is available to all Uplands families. The clothing rail is in main Reception. Please come in, have a look and take what you need. You don't need to ask our Receptionists.

If you have any school uniform, school shoes, PE kits, coats that you would like to donate, please send them into school. Thank you very much to everyone who has already donated items.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We try to share information about as many local organisations as possible on the Community Information page of our school website. You can find it on the Parents tab at the top of the home page or by clicking <https://bit.ly/3Re3Q9T>



## Spotlight on The Lodge

The fantastic staff and children in The Lodge have been working on a topic called 'Bugs and Beasts' and have been learning about different minibeasts.

They have enjoyed listening to 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'Superworm' and doing lots of literacy activities based on the stories.

The children have also been working on developing their independence and taking part in cooking activities. There have been plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning and everyone in the Lodge accesses the Trim Trail and Forest School each week for outdoor learning, alongside outdoor PE sessions.

The children continue to enjoy their weekly music sessions with Mr Williams too. In Maths, the children have been working on developing their understanding of number, addition and subtraction, as well as learning about positional language.

## Year 5 visit to The Black Country Living Museum



Year 5 recently visited the Black Country Living Museum. Throughout the day, they experienced the shops, jobs and homes of a Victorian child.

They experienced old-fashioned schooling and saw some of the industries available to people in this time. The children were curious historians throughout, showing interest and asking incredible, thoughtful questions. They were even lucky with the weather, enjoying a sunny lunch outside!

## Make Music Workshops

Children and their families have been enjoying attending our Make Music workshops.

They have been joining in with African drumming, Ukuleles and digital music making.



# **GREAT WORK AND WELL DONE YEAR 6!**

We are so proud of our Year 6 children, who have been working extremely hard in preparation for SATs tests.

We look forward to celebrating their time at Uplands with them in July as they prepare to move on to secondary school.

## **A NEW ADVENTURE FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER**

It is lovely to be able to welcome lots of new families to our school for induction days for Nursery and Reception. We still have places available. If you are looking for a place for a 3 or 4 year old child and would like to look around our school, please ring the school office on 0121 558 1602 to make an appointment.



## Dates for your diary Summer 2

### June

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Main school closed for staff training The Lodge open
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	School reopens for all pupils
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception visit to Forge Mill Farm 2.30 – 4.30pm Sandwell Family Hub van visiting school
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 2 visit to Botanical Gardens
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 VR experience in school
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Class photographs
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception Hands and Teeth talk by the School Nurses Year 2 Pants talk by the School Nurses Year 5 Puberty talk by the School Nurses
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 3 & 4 Healthy Eating talk by the School Nurses Year 6 Emotional Health talk by the School Nurses
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9am RO class assembly Y3 visit to Frank Chapman Centre
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 1 visit to Dudley Zoo
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9am Year 6 Sports day 2pm Year 5 Sports day
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Year 4 Sports day 9am Nursery induction for children starting in September 2pm Year 3 Sports day 4pm Nursery induction for children starting in September
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Year 1 Sports day 2pm Year 2 Sports day Year 6 trip to Hollywood Bowling (6M & 6B)
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Junior PCSO's visit to the Police Museum 9am Reception Sports day 9am 5H Make Music Workshop Year 6 trip to Hollywood Bowling (6A & 6T)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	3.30pm Summer Fayre

## July

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Nursery sports day
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	9am RJC class assembly 9am 4E Make Music Workshop
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 6 transition days at secondary schools (day 1) <i>(Check with your child's new school for the correct dates in case any are different)</i>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Children spend the morning with their new class teachers
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	9am New Nursery stay & play (children starting Nursery in September)
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	9am New Reception stay & play (children starting Reception in September) 1H visit to Bearwood Allotments 2.30 – 4.30pm Sandwell Family Hub van visit school
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	9am 4B Make Music Workshop 1W visit to Bearwood Allotments
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	9am 5S Make Music Workshop 1C visit to Bearwood Allotments 2.15pm 3G Make Music Workshop
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Y3 parents meet new Y4 teachers</b> ) 2pm Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Y5 parents meet new Y6 teachers</b> )
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Year 2, 3 & 4 ABC Awards Assembly ( <i>invitations will be sent to parents of children receiving and award</i> ) 9am Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Reception parents meet new Y1 teachers</b> ) 2pm Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Y1 parents meet new Y2 teachers</b> )
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Reception & Year 1 ABC Awards Assembly ( <i>invitations will be sent to parents of children receiving and award</i> ) 6 – 7.30pm Year 6 disco
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Y4 parents meet new Y5 teachers</b> ) 2pm Meet the Teacher meeting ( <b>current Y2 parents meet new Y3 teachers</b> )
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly <b>Last day of term</b>



## **2025-2026 DATES**

<b>AUTUMN 2025</b>		
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>	<b>Training day</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>	<b>Training day</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025		School open
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>	<b>Training Day</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2025		School open
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Christmas holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>SPRING 2026</b>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026		School open
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026		School open
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Training day</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>Easter holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>SUMMER 2026</b>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2025		School open
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026		School open
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>Half term holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026		School open
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last day of term	School open
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Training day</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>	<b>Summer holiday</b>	<b>School closed</b>

School will be closed for staff training on:

- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025**
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026**