



# UPLANDS MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

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The last six weeks have really flown and once again, we have fitted lots in at Uplands Manor!

SATs went well, and our Y6 pupils were amazing! They have worked so hard; the test results are not what's important, the effort and attitude to preparing is what matters. The Y6 teachers, support team and SLT were all fabulous in ensuring the week went smoothly.

We have welcomed two new teachers to school this term - Miss Bone in Y6 and Miss Kauczok to Reception. They have had such a positive start to their time at Uplands.

We continue to invest and improve our school site. This term we have renovated the EYFS classrooms with new wiring, ceilings, painting and carpets. The external fire stairs on the playgrounds have also been given a well needed lick of paint. Roofing surveys have happened to prepare us for the next round of new roofing, to keep our school in great order for the future.

Our work with attendance and safeguarding continues to remain strong, with attendance in line with national expectations and our rigorous safeguarding procedures ensure pupils and families remain safe. This only comes as a result of great working relationships with parents and carers, so thank you for your partnership in supporting your children. Our lead DSL, Ms Fox, has completed Relationships Matter training with a group of parents that has been well received, and assemblies with pupils so they know how to keep themselves safe.

We have continued in usual Uplands style, to offer lots of wider experiences, trips, visits and clubs. Reception have visited the allotments, Y1 have been to the local library, Y2 have done a local area walk, Y3 went to Frank Chapman and Y5 went to Bristnall Hall's dance event and the Black Country Museum. All of which link with their current curriculums. Our music workshops with Mr Williams have also continued with several with parents attending and Garage Band and Ukulele workshops. Our weekly music assemblies are such fun, and we all benefit from such an uplifting start to the morning!

## Awards

We are delighted to share the news that we have recently been awarded the Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark and the Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award. Our after school club also won an award this term for being the best after school club. Well done to Mrs Durnall and her team!

Wishing everyone a lovely Whitsun holiday. We return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Very best wishes

Mrs R Keen  
Headteacher

**Don't forget to look at the Calendar on the school website for dates of upcoming events and the Community Information page for local events, activities, clubs and support services.**





**First of all, congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing their SATs.**

**As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, [The Big Future](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture).**

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

**Your students should complete the survey here:**

**<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.**

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

**To support you to do this, I have created a pack of resources which include an introductory video, a lesson plan, and FAQs, which are available on [my website](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture). I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school or college has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23 October.**

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Dame Rachel de Souza**  
**Children's Commissioner**