

# Uplands Junior School

## Newsletter



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### Dates for the diary

**Wednesday 3rd May: Virtual reality workshops for Years 3 and 5 (Geography based)**

**Thursday 4th May: Polling day-school closed**

**Friday 5th May: Coronation celebration day (details sent out in a separate letter)**

**Monday 8th May: Additional Bank holiday for the Coronation**

**Tuesday 9th May: Year 6 SATs week**

**Friday 12th May: Year 6 photographs for leavers' gifts**

**Monday 15th May: French theatre workshop**

**Friday 19th May: Emergency first aid workshop for all Year 6 pupils (funded by school)**

**Wb Monday 22nd May: Arts focus week in school**

**Wednesday/Thursday 24th/25th May: Year 5 Polyphone workshop (funded by school)**

**Thursday 25th May: Summer disco (details sent in separate letter) If any parents are able to help with selling sweets and drinks please ring school**

**Yr3/4 4:30-5:30**

**Yr5/6 5:45-6:45**

**Friday 26th May: INSET day-school closed**

**Monday 5th June: Return to school after half term**

**Dates for second half term are overleaf**

### INSET DAY

#### Friday May 26th

School will be closed to pupils. This is the final INSET day of this academic year.

#### INSET 2023/2024

Monday 4th September 2023

Friday 27th October 2023

Friday 22nd December 2023

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

There is a link on our website to the city council page if you are looking for term / holiday dates for the next academic year

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### Playground re-surfacing

Over the summer holidays we are going to have our whole playground area re-surfaced. Children will give their views about any markings they wish to have.

In addition we are going to add a further structure to our trim trail on the field. Following “pupil voice” we are using funds raised from the Easter raffle and the spring shop to purchase new play/lunchtime resources for the field. Thank you for your support

### Ofsted

Uplands had an OFSTED inspection on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March exactly 6 years since the previous one. Thank you to everyone who submitted a “parent view”-we received 93 which is a high response. Parent views from our own questionnaires were also shared. The report should be out in a couple of weeks once it has been quality assured. As we were a previously “Good” school this was a short “ungraded” inspection.



### Dates for the diary (continued)

Monday 5th June: Y6 Computing workshop

Wb Monday 5th June: Assessment week in Years 3-5

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th June: Year 3 visits to “wild” zoo

Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June: Year 5 Rotary design technology days in school

Wb Monday 12th June: Year 6 residential to Cleobury

Wb Monday 19th June: Sports day mornings (weather permitting)

Monday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 6

Wednesday: Year 4

Thursday: X

Friday: Year 3

Wednesday 21st/Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd June: Year 5 visits to Cardingmill valley

Monday 26th June: Mrs WS to visit Year 2 at Westacres

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th June: Year 6 production (further details to follow)

Wb Monday 3rd July: Art of Brilliance focus week across school

Monday 3rd July: Year 3 teachers to visit Westacres

Wb 3rd July: Summer term enterprise shop led by Year 6

Monday-Y6

Tuesday: Y5

Wednesday: Y4

Thursday: Y3

Wednesday 5th July: Y4 Computing workshop

Friday 7th July: Reports out to parents

Wb Monday 10th July: Year 2 Westacres to visit Uplands (1 afternoon per class)

Tuesday 11th July: Year 3 parent engagement session 9:30-11:45am

Thursday 13th July: Celebration day until 6pm-a chance to come a look at your child’s work

Monday 17th July: New to Year 3 “drop-in” 5-6:30pm

Monday 24th July: Year 6 Leavers’ assemblies-1 per class

Tuesday 25th July: Year 6 inflatables/final day celebrations

School breaks up for Summer holidays at 3:15pm

## Attendance

Class attendance since 1.09.22

3NJH	96.4%
3SW	96.7%
3GD	95.8%
4AS	95.6%
4IM	96%
4OD	93.6%
5JH	93.1%
5JL	91.6%
5FR	94.6%
6NR	94.8%
6FG	94.9%
6SW	92.9%

Whole school attendance to date:

94.7%

Attendance is also being shared on a weekly basis on a newly created area of our website.

We currently offer a range of rewards for attendance such as extra play for the best attending class of the week, entry into a raffle to win a £10 voucher if achieving over 98% attendance in a term and certificates and small prizes at the end of the school year. We are carrying out a pupil voice to let pupils have their say on what rewards/prizes they would like as well as gathering their opinions on possible Attendance Ambassadors in each class.

## Plans for our new Year 3 pupils

After half term I will be going to visit Year 2 at Westacres to introduce myself and lead an assembly for the children. This will be just prior to each class spending an afternoon here at Uplands with their new class teacher.

Year 3 teachers will then spend a second afternoon down at Westacres meeting their new pupils in their own classroom setting and having an opportunity to talk to their current Year 2 class teachers.

Myself and Mrs Walker will visit the Westacres site at the end of some days towards the end of term to informally meet with parents/carers and answer any questions you may have.

Parents are welcome to look at our website-I have added a virtual tour of the school on here-and to join our Facebook page. We will offer an open evening on Monday 17th July 5-6:30pm where new parents can come and visit the school, meet the new class teachers and collect all the relevant paperwork. Lads and Lasses will also be present on this evening for any uniform purchases. We very much look forward to welcoming our new cohort of pupils and parents.



## Celebration day/reports

Annual school reports will go out on Friday 7th July. Year 6 SAT results will not be available at this time as the date has been moved due to the Coronation-results will be sent out to Y6 parents once we have them. On Thursday 13th July we will hold our annual Celebration day. You are welcome to visit school between times shown below and look at your child's work with them. Please note that teachers will be in class and so if you have any questions you will need to attend the after school session. You may also like to visit your child's next teacher and/or classroom-again after school only

9:30-11:45am

1:45-3:00pm

3:30-6:00pm

# Respect For All

## Year 6

We are delighted that Tempest photography will be coming to school to take photos of each Year 6 class.

These will be purchased by school as gifts for our leaving pupils.

In July Y6 will be performing a play called "Pirates of the Curry Bean"-further details will be sent out to you in due course.

Monday 24th July will be Year 6 Leavers' assemblies-each class will lead a short celebration assembly. Following this there will be time for drinks and photographs.

**6NR-9am**

**6FG-10:30am**

**6SW-2pm**

Tuesday 25th July –Year 6 party and inflatables during the school day (funded by school)

## SATS

Year 6 SATS will take place from Tuesday 9th May through until Friday 12th May. All pupils need to be in school promptly please.



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## Year 5 visit to the Molineux

One of our Year 5 pupils, Anaiya in 5JL, won the Wolverhampton city "design a mascot" Fairtrade competition. As well as winning some prizes for herself she also won a trip for her entire year group to go to the Wolves ground. The Wolves Foundation were sponsors of the competition and I met with them to plan a visit with a focus on Careers in sport. A great morning was enjoyed by the children and staff.

## Coronation celebration



On Friday 5th May we will be celebrating the Coronation in school. The children may (if they wish) dress in red, white and blue. Nails, hair and faces may be painted. Myself and Mrs Walker will lead an assembly and there will be a themed lunch "A feast fit for a king". In the afternoon each class will have a party to celebrate the occasion-children may bring a snack if they wish. Each pupil will be given a small keepsake. This is the first coronation any of us will have seen so we wanted to make the event special.

## Wolverhampton Rugby club

I've been asked to signpost anyone interested in Rugby to this local club. The new season will begin in September and if you would like further information please contact:

**Beck Case (school Y3 in September)**

**07540481131**

**Kevin Round (school Y4 in September)**

**07956491980**

**Flyers are available from school**