



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you have all had a lovely summer and that you and your children are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year! I would like to welcome our new reception children to Upper Beeding Primary; I am sure they will have a fantastic time at our happy and exciting school. As their classrooms are near my office, the Reception children often like to pop in and show me their latest piece of whizzy writing or an amazing model they have created – it's a lovely way for me to get to know them and I'm really looking forward to it.

Welcome also to our Y1 to Y6 children, we are so happy to have you back! The children will find the school slightly changed since the summer as Y5/6 have moved out of the Old Building and are now in the Blue Building and the main building. Whilst we love the Old Building, the Victorian classrooms are not entirely suited for modern education and we feel the move to the newer classrooms will help our Y5/6 children with their learning.

I look forward to seeing you all at drop off time at the start of school, please come and say hi, especially if you are a new parent/carer.

Best wishes,
Mr Andrews, Head Teacher

Attendance Update

The Summer 2 attendance award went to Kenya and the children were awarded with a golden play and the chance to wear their own clothes to school for the day.



OPAL Update



From Monday, please can all children have waterproofs and wellies in school as they will be going outside at lunchtime whatever the weather as part of the OPAL scheme. We are looking to develop our OPAL offer even further this year and would like to put our boat (currently in the staff car park) on the school field for the children to play in. If you have a small digger that you would be happy to volunteer to use to dig a hole for the boat to sit in, we would be very grateful!

Health and Safety News

Our new electric gates were installed over the summer holiday and we have been really pleased with how much safer the start and end of the school days feels for our pupils. If the car park gates have opened to let a car in or out, please can those parents who are on foot not enter or exit the premises using the open vehicle gates. Please use the pedestrian gate at all times.

School Uniform

Our new PE hoodies are proving very popular with pupils and will definitely keep them warm during games this Autumn term. Please note that the hoodie is for PE only and cannot be worn as normal school uniform. Please may we also remind you that children should not wear jewellery other than a watch and ear studs/sleepers (which must be removed or taped over for PE).



Sports

If you have an interest in sport and feel that you can offer some time to provide our children with a club, before or after school, please let the office know. We offer a wide range of clubs, but we also compete in all the sporting competitions available to us in our locality. Sometimes it is a challenge to provide the children with all the practice they need for these events, so any help would be gratefully received.



General Information

Class Assemblies Assemblies start at 2:45pm for families of the relevant classes – we look forward to seeing you.

Autumn Term	Monday 18th November – Mrs Gilpin and Kenya Class
	Monday 25th November – Mrs Stringer and France Class
	Monday 2nd December – Mr Jones and USA Class
Spring Term	Monday 10th March – Mr Long and Brazil Class
	Monday 17th March – Mr Marsh and Scotland Class
	Monday 24th March – Mrs Duguid and Italy Class
Summer Term	Monday 9th June - Miss Underdown and Mexico Class
	Monday 16th June – Mr Hughes and Ecuador Class
	Monday 23rd June – Mrs McKay and Iceland Class



Transferring to Secondary School applications for secondary school are now open and the deadline to apply is **31st October 2024**. Please apply in good time at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/>. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Gilliam in the School Office.



Birthday Celebrations We always celebrate birthdays in school in both the classroom and in assembly. I know that some parents like to give their child something to share with their class, which is lovely, but please do not send in sweets – healthy alternatives are much more acceptable. Thank you for your support with this.

Extra Help for Low Income Families – Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Eligibility Just a reminder to everyone that extra help could be available for families who receive certain benefits. This could help with assistance towards the cost of school trips, school uniform/shoes, and hot school meals. It could also mean extra funding for school. If you feel you might qualify, please speak in confidence to Christine Gilliam in the school office.

Census Day – Autumn Term is on **Thursday 3rd October** and is an important day where we would like to encourage as many children as possible to have a hot school meal; the numbers of meals taken on Census Day will identify the level of funding we receive from the Government. We would be very grateful if as many parents as possible could support us by ordering hot school meals on this day by the deadline of 19th September, if you are happy to do so. Thank you.



Milk If you would like your current Reception child to continue to have milk in school when they reach the age of 5, please visit www.coolmilk.com to order and pay for milk. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Gilliam in the School Office. If your child is **under 5** we will register your child on your behalf as they are entitled to free milk.



sQuid Payment System Our school continues to operate as a no cash environment, and we use a payment system called sQuid. Children new to the school will receive details in due course for parents to set up a sQuid account. Each child has an individual one, newbies can't be added to a sibling's account. sQuid is currently used for everything such as trips, swimming, production tickets, pre-loved uniform, and charity donations. We also set up sQuid with instalment schemes to help you budget with school expenses, as we appreciate sometimes everything seems to come at once.....



Changes to Pick Up Arrangements Just a reminder that if you need to advise any changes to pick up, and it is AFTER 12:00 noon, please telephone the office, leaving a message if necessary, rather than sending an email, as we cannot always guarantee an email is seen after midday.



Music Tuition at School If your child is interested in learning to play an instrument, we offer the following lessons that take place here at school. Please contact the external instructors directly for further information, prices, and the availability of lesson places – see list below:

Guitar/Bass/Ukelele	Mr Anthony Barrett	contact details to follow
Piano and Violin	Miss Natasha White	natasha.c.white@outlook.com
Drums	Mr Blake Mostyn	blake.mostyn@googlemail.com
Recorder/Flute	Mr Dom Smith	dominic.smith@westsussexmusic.co.uk

Pre-Loved School Uniform You may have seen the row of beach huts that have appeared at the front of the school, decorated in our house colours. The pre-loved uniform is now stored in the Ditchling (green) and Roundhill (red) beach huts and will be available most days for your convenience – why not have a browse at drop off and pick up while you are waiting! All items are still just £1.00 each so there are bargains to be had. Items can be paid for by cash in the school office, or via your sQuid account. We are always happy to take in donations of good condition, outgrown uniform to keep the shop full and the stock rotated – please hand into the office.



Topic Costumes and Pre-Loved Steyning Grammar Uniform



We hope to build up a supply of costumes that can be hired for a £1.00 for topics, Wow Days, World Book Days, nativities etc. These will be stored in the Truleigh (yellow) beach hut and will be payable by cash or via sQuid.

If you have any outgrown costumes in decent condition at home, we would be very happy to accept them for the costume store. **If anyone also has a spare clothing rail we could have, that would be appreciated.**

We also have a small selection of Steyning Grammar uniform which may be of use if your child is due to move up – this will also be stored in the Truleigh beach hut.

Book Beach Hut This is opening soon in the Chanctonbury (blue) beach hut. We have a large selection of books and U category DVDs. Children will have the opportunity to pop in and borrow a book or film before and after school. Children can then keep the book/DVD, or read it/watch it and donate it back to school. As you know we love to encourage reading, and we hope the children will be as excited as we are for this new venture. And it's absolutely FREE!



If you have any children's books or U category DVDs in decent condition at home, we would be very happy to accept them for the our library, our classrooms, or the book beach hut. Please hand into the office, thank you.



Communication Box To save you queuing at the office at peak times, our red communication box is in the entrance hall if you just need to hand something in. This box is emptied late morning every day. It can be used for letters/forms/FUBS items etc.



FUBS News



Thank You FUBS thank you all again for your ongoing support, helping them to raise much needed extra funding for the school. Details of FUBS events coming up will be issued nearer the time, but check the dates listed in the diary dates further down this newsletter.

FUBS are always looking for new faces to join them, so if you would like to get involved, would like more information about what they do, or have some fundraising ideas to share, please message them on FUBScontact@gmail.com



UBPS School Lottery Don't forget to get your school lottery tickets! Tickets for the lottery cost £1 per week. There is a guaranteed cash winner for our school every week, and the chance to win a £25,000 jackpot. The draw takes place every Saturday, and winners are notified via email.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/upper-beeding-primary-school>

Easyfundraising Friends of Upper Beeding School are registered with Easyfundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use Easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help **SO MUCH**, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long <https://tinyurl.com/EFUBPS>



Governing Body News

Would you like to be a School Governor? Upper Beeding Primary School currently has a vacancy for a



Governor. This is an exciting opportunity to join our Governing Body and be part of a dynamic team helping to shape and facilitate the strategic future of our school.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor of this school, please contact the Clerk via email on louise.brown@upperbeedingprimary.co.uk for further information. Applications will be accepted from community, parents, and grandparents. Please pass on this message to anyone you think you would like to join our team – we look forward to hearing from you!

Eco and Recycling News

Thank You Thank you so much for the amount of recycling you are sending in – the children love putting it in their special class bin in the hope that they will collect the most each term and win the prize! It is also good to know that these items are being kept from landfill, AND you are raising money for the school. The updated list of what we can collect will be issued under a separate email. Please only send in items that are on the list as we are unable to recycle other things for cash. Thank you for your continued support.



Congratulations to **JAPAN Class** (again) who are the recycling champions for the Summer term – they have won another £25 to spend in their classroom. Well done Japan! Who is going to be the winner this term?



Clothing and Textile Recycling The clothing bank has already had lots of use since it appeared on site here at our school. Please think of this green bin when you have a Spring clean or a sort out in those wardrobes! Not only are we saving all these things from landfill, and fulfilling a need for second-hand clothing and textiles, we get paid by the kilo – win, win! Please can items be bagged before being put in the green bin – thank you.



Acceptable items: all clothing; all shoes; bed linen; towels; accessories such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags; soft toys.

Not acceptable: duvets; cushions; off cuts; used underwear and socks; carpet; rugs; curtains.



Autumn Term 2024

<p>Fri 13th Sep Wed 18th Sep Fri 20th Sep Fri 20th Sep Mon 23rd Sep Wed 25th Sep Wed 25th Sep Wed 25th Sep Wed 25th Sep Thu 26th Sep Thu 26th Sep Fri 27th Sep Fri 27th Sep Mon 30th Sep to Fri 4th Oct Fri 4th Oct Fri 11th Oct Mon 14th Oct Wed 16th Sep Fri 18th Oct Fri 18th Oct Tue 22nd Oct Wed 23rd Oct Wed 23rd Oct Thu 24th Oct Fri 25th Oct Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov Fri 8th Nov Fri 15th Nov Mon 18th Nov Fri 22nd Nov</p>	<p>1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 9:00 Year 6 Open Morning at the Towers CHARITY Jeans for Genes Day 2024 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops Years 2, 5 & 6 2:00 Phonics Workshop for EYFS Parents 2:30 Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents 3:15 Travelling Book Fair 6:00 Phonics Workshop for KS1 Parents 6:00 SGS Open Evening for Year 6 European Day of Languages – whole school celebration 3:15 Travelling Book Fair 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 3:15 Travelling Book Fair Bikeability Training for Year 6 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming Individual School Photos Year 5/6 Restart a Heart Training Flu Vaccinations for Years R to 6 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 9:15 Six Weeks in Meeting for EYFS Parents 9:30 Year 3/4 Harvest Celebration to Parents 1:30 Year 3/4 Harvest Celebration & Tea to Elderly Community 4:30 FUBS Pumpkin Trail 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming 2:45 Mrs Gilpin and Kenya Class Assembly 1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming</p>
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Mon 25th Nov
Fri 29th Nov
Mon 2nd Dec
Mon 2nd Dec
Tue 3rd Dec
Fri 6th Dec
Fri 6th Dec
Fri 6th Dec
Fri 13th Dec
Thu 19th Dec
Fri 20th Dec

2:45 Mrs Stringer and France Class Assembly
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
2:15 KS1 Christmas Production for Parents
2:45 Mr Jones and USA Class Assembly
2:15 KS1 Christmas Production for Parents
9:30 EYFS Christmas Production for Parents
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
5:30 FUBS Christmas Fair
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
Panto Time at Upper Beeding
Last Day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2025

Mon 6th Jan
Fri 10th Jan
Fri 17th Jan
Fri 24th Jan
Fri 31st Jan
Tue 4th Feb
Fri 7th Feb
Fri 14th Feb
Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb
Fri 28th Feb
Fri 7th Mar
Mon 10th Mar
Fri 14th Mar
Mon 17th Mar
Fri 21st Mar
Mon 24th Mar
Fri 28th Mar
Mon 31st Mar to Fri 4th Apr
Fri 4th Apr

First Day of Spring Term
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
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KS2 Choir at Young Voices, O2 Arena
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
2:45 Mr Long and Brazil Class Assembly
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
2:45 Mr Marsh and Scotland Class Assembly
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
2:45 Mrs Duguid and Italy Class Assembly
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
Year 5/6 Residential Visit to Isle of Wight
Last Day of Spring Term

Summer Term 2025

Tue 22nd Apr
Fri 25th Apr
Fri 2nd May
Mon 5th May
Fri 9th May
Fri 16th May
Fri 23rd May
Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May
Fri 6th Jun
Mon 9th Jun
Mon 16th Jun
Mon 23rd Jun
Mon 2nd Jul
Sat 14th Jun
Fri 18th Jul
Mon 21st Jul
Tue 22nd Jul

First Day of Summer Term
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
2:45 Miss Underdown and Mexico Class Assembly
2:45 Mr Hughes and Ecuador Class Assembly
2:45 Mrs McKay and Iceland Class Assembly
INSET Day 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED
FUBS Summer Fair
Last Day of Summer Term (for Children) normal finish time
INSET Day 4 – SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET Day 5 – SCHOOL CLOSED



Academic Year 2024 to 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Starts: Monday 2 nd September Half Term: Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November Ends: Friday 20 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Monday 2 nd September, Tuesday 3 rd September
Christmas Break	Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January
Spring Term 2025	Starts: Monday 6 th January Half Term: Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February Ends: Friday 4 th April INSET Days: None
Easter Break	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April
Summer Term 2025	Starts: Tuesday 22 nd April Half Term: Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May Ends: Tuesday 22 nd July Bank Holidays: Monday 5 th May INSET Days: Monday 2 nd June, Monday 21 st July, Tuesday 22 nd July

