



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A belated Happy New Year to you all - I hope everyone had a fun and festive holiday. I would like to say a big thank you to FUBS for funding the visit of the panto that was held in school in the last week of term. The children loved it... (Oh yes, they did!)



We are really looking forward to World Book Day this term and have lots of exciting activities lined up for Book Week. More details to follow soon!

Parking in School Road by parents is becoming a safety issue and I have recently had a number of emails from residents and parents, worried about the safety of the children. Parking at the junction of Church Lane and School Road in particular has been dangerous of late, with cars parked on the corner. Please do not park on the yellow lines at pick up and drop off times, or on the zig-zag lines. I would advise parking further away from school and walking from there.

A resident of School Road contacted me to say that they had politely requested a parent move their car, as it was parked illegally, and unfortunately suffered verbal abuse in return. Please be respectful of our neighbours.

I would like to remind parents and carers of our uniform policy https://upper-beeding.eschools.co.uk/storage/secure_download/bml0eFhJTjY3YU9mRTZDWfDyL1g4QT09

as we have had a number children not coming to school in the correct uniform or footwear. Please remember that children should not wear nail varnish or make up to school. Jewellery items that are absolutely required by a religion are allowed. Other jewellery is limited to a watch and plain ear stud earrings (no more than 4mm wide) or small sleepers. May I also remind you that children should be wearing/have in school a full PE kit for the days they have PE or games, and should be able to remove earrings or bring in micropore tape to cover them.

Finally, I would like to say 'thank you and well done' to you and all the children for raising a fantastic £650 for Chestnut Tree House through the Reindeer Run we held in December. This amount will increase when they claim the Gift Aid that so many of you kindly agreed to.



Best wishes,
Mr Andrews, Head Teacher

Attendance Update

Key Stage 1 classes dominated the attendance charts last term with Italy Class the very deserving winners of our Autumn 2 attendance award and Iceland and Kenya very close runners up. The challenge is on, come on Key Stage 2! As winners, Italy Class will get to have a day wearing non-school uniform and a golden play at a date to be confirmed.

Safeguarding Update

Please be aware of a music-rhythm game called 'Sprunki'. The game itself is innocent enough, but it can easily be modified to include horror or sexual elements which people then upload footage of on to YouTube. If children search for this game on Youtube, or are directed to it by the YouTube algorithm, they risk being exposed to extremely inappropriate content.



General Information

Disability Register Do you have a young person in your family aged between 0-25 who has a disability? (this includes young people who are on the pathway to a diagnosis, but do not yet have one)

Sign up now to:

- Help influence services and plan events
- Receive regular eNewsletters with local events, activities and information
- Access discounts on local and national attractions
- Find out about free specialist resources

Website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/disabilityregister

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

Spring Term

Monday 3rd March – Mr Jones and **USA** Class

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



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.



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 receive details 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 on the answerphone 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:

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| Guitar/Bass/Ukelele | Mr Anthony Barrett | anthony.barrett@westsussexmusic.co.uk |
| 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 |

West Sussex Music also have a teacher available now for Cello tuition. If this is something you would be interested in for your child (lessons would be here at school), please contact WSM direct on music@westsussexmusic.co.uk

Pre-Loved School Uniform The pre-loved uniform is 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. **If anyone also has a spare clothing rail we could have too, that would be appreciated.**

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. A list of the costumes we use in school will be coming out under a separate email.

We will 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.

Until the Truleigh beach hut is up and running, please enquire at the office.

Book and DVD Beach Hut This is still under development 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 Chanctonbury 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 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.

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



Look out for details of the Mothers' Day Gift Sale which will be coming out soon!





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 vacancies for



Governors. 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. Please keep a look out for updated details of what we can collect which will be coming out over the next few weeks. Please **only send in items that are on the lists** as we are unable to recycle other things for cash, and it just fills up our bins. Thank you for your continued support.

Clothing and Textile Recycling The clothing bank has already had lots of use since it appeared outside our school, and has to be emptied every week. Please think of this green bin when you have a Spring clean out 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.





Spring Term 2025

Fri 17th Jan
 Fri 17th Jan
 Mon 20th Jan
 Fri 24th Jan
 Fri 31st Jan
 Tue 4th Feb
 Fri 7th Feb
 Fri 7th Feb
 Tue 11th Feb
 Fri 14th Feb
 Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb
 Tue 25th Feb
 Wed 26th Feb
 Fri 28th Feb
 Mon 3rd Mar to Fri 7th Mar
 Mon 3rd Mar
 Fri 7th Mar
 Mon 10th Mar
 Fri 14th Mar
 Mon 17th Mar
 Mon 17th Mar
 Tue 18th Mar
 Fri 21st Mar
 Fri 21st Mar
 Mon 24th Mar
 Fri 28th Mar
 Mon 31st Mar to Fri 4th Apr
 Fri 4th Apr

TOPIC KS1 Superheroes Wow Day
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
 TOPIC Year 5/6 Victorian Wow Day
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
 KS2 Choir at Young Voices, O2 Arena
 KS2 Rock Day – TT Rockstars
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
 Safer Internet Day
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
 3:30 Parent Teacher Meetings
 3:30 Parent Teacher Meetings
 1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming
 Book Focus Week
 ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mr Jones and USA Class
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mr Long and Brazil Class
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 TOPIC Reception Fairy Tale Theatre
 ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mr Marsh and Scotland Class
 TOPIC Year 3/4 Egyptian Wow Day
 CHARITY Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mrs Duguid and Italy Class
 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 9th May
 Mon 12th May to Thu 15th May
 Wed 14th May to Fri 16th May
 Fri 16th May
 Wed 21st May
 Fri 23rd May
 Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May
 Mon 2nd Jun
 Fri 6th Jun

First Day of Summer Term
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
 Class Photos
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 Year 6 SATs
 Reception NCMP Screenings
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
 Choir at Chanctonbury Music Festival
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming
HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET Day 3 – SCHOOL CLOSED
 1:00 Scotland and France Swimming



Mon 9th Jun
Sat 14th Jun
Mon 16th Jun
Mon 23rd Jun
Wed 25th Jun
Tue 1st Jul
Wed 2nd Jul
Fri 11th Jul
Fri 18th Jul
Mon 21st Jul
Tue 22nd Jul

ASSEMBLY 2:45 Miss Underdown and Mexico Class
FUBS Summer Fair
ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mr Hughes and Ecuador Class
ASSEMBLY 2:45 Mrs McKay and Iceland Class
Sports Day
Back-up Sports Day
Year 6 Transition Day
1:00 Year 6 Leaver's Fun Swim
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

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| 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 |

Academic Year 2025 to 2026

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| Autumn Term 2025 | Starts: Wednesday 3 rd September Half Term: Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October Ends: Friday 19 th December Bank Holidays: None INSET Days: Not yet known |
| Christmas Break | Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January |
| Spring Term 2026 | Starts: Monday 5 th January Half Term: Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February Ends: Friday 27 th March INSET Days: Not yet known |



Easter Break

Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April

Summer Term
2026

Starts: Monday 13th April

Half Term: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Ends: Wednesday 22nd July

Bank Holidays: Monday 4th May

INSET Days: Not yet known

