

# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Autumn term is flying by and it won't be long before we are in the rush and excitement of Christmas. We are beginning to gear up for our Christmas Nativities and performances so please check the dates section of the newsletter to find out when your child's performances are being held. The Christmas Countdown will be issued very soon with all of the festive events conveniently in one place.

This term we started our new Phonics scheme, Little Wandle. The children are really getting the hang of the Little Wandle phonics lessons and have been enjoying reading their new phonics books with their class teachers. Thank you to all the Reception and Key Stage 1 parents who have been accessing the e-book version of the phonics books with their child/children. Hearing your child read and reading to them is one of the most important ways of supporting your child's learning. The link below has ideas and suggestions for how to support reading at home.

[https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/production/documents/pages/7\\_top\\_tips\\_to\\_support\\_reading\\_at\\_home.pdf?v=1731474379](https://d2tic4wvo1iusb.cloudfront.net/production/documents/pages/7_top_tips_to_support_reading_at_home.pdf?v=1731474379)

I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events in a few weeks' time!

Best wishes,  
Mr Andrews, Head Teacher

## Sporting Update

Various teams have been representing the school this term in a range of sports, including Basketball, Football and Cross Country. All our teams performed brilliantly and showed great teamwork and effort. Well done to our Y5/6 basketball team, led by Mr Long, who took third place in a tournament held at our school on Monday 11th. Earlier in November, our Y5/6 Girls team played together for the first time and hugely impressed Mr Marsh with their enthusiasm and improvement game by game. Back in October, I took a team of Y5/6 boys to a football tournament at Henfield. The boys showed fantastic team spirit and were rewarded for their resilience in the face of two narrow defeats in their opening games with victory in the final two matches.

## Attendance Update

The Autumn 1 attendance award went to Kenya (again!) thanks to their incredible 99% attendance and the children will be having a golden play and the chance to wear their own clothes to school for the day on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.



FFT National  
Attendance Award  
2023/24

## Safeguarding Update

The BBC recently shared an article regarding the danger of Snapchat being used for online grooming. Snapchat has an age rating of 13+ so primary school aged children who use it are particularly vulnerable. Please click on the BBC link to read the article and on the NSPCC link for information on how to help keep your child safe.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cze3p1j710ko>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>



# General Information

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

<b>Autumn Term</b>	<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Mrs Gilpin and <b>Kenya</b> Class
	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Mrs Stringer and <b>France</b> Class
	<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> – date to be rearranged for Spring term - Mr Jones and <b>USA</b> Class
<b>Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Mr Long and <b>Brazil</b> Class
	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Mr Marsh and <b>Scotland</b> Class
	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Mrs Duguid and <b>Italy</b> Class
<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Miss Underdown and <b>Mexico</b> Class
	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Mr Hughes and <b>Ecuador</b> Class
	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> – Mrs McKay and <b>Iceland</b> 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](http://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 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:

Guitar/Bass/Ukelele	Mr Anthony Barrett	<a href="mailto:anthony.barrett@westsussexmusic.co.uk">anthony.barrett@westsussexmusic.co.uk</a>
Piano and Violin	Miss Natasha White	<a href="mailto:natasha.c.white@outlook.com">natasha.c.white@outlook.com</a>
Drums	Mr Blake Mostyn	<a href="mailto:blake.mostyn@googlemail.com">blake.mostyn@googlemail.com</a>
Recorder/Flute	Mr Dom Smith	<a href="mailto:dominic.smith@westsussexmusic.co.uk">dominic.smith@westsussexmusic.co.uk</a>



**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.



## 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 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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 – a lot of our Christmas ‘rubbish’ can be turned into cash! Please **only send in items that are on the lists** as we are unable to recycle other things for cash. Thank you for your continued support.

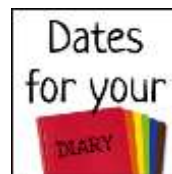
**Clothing and Textile Recycling** The clothing bank has already had lots of use since it appeared outside our school, and has to be emptied every week. Please think of this green bin when you have a Spring clean out or a sort out in those wardrobes! Not only are we saving all these things from landfill, 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.



## Autumn Term 2024

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

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Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov

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Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

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Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Nov

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

Children in Need

1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming

Year 6 Healthy Child Program

2:45 Mrs Gilpin and Kenya Class Assembly

TOPIC Year 3/4 Wow Day – Sticks Stones and Bones

FUBS Donation Day for Christmas Fair – **NOT** non-school uniform

1:00 USA and Mexico Swimming

2:45 Mrs Stringer and France Class Assembly

1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming



Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

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Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

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Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

2:15 KS1 Christmas Production for Parents

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1:30 Year 3 Choir singing at Valerie Manor

TOPIC 10:40 KS1 Ice Man visitor

FUBS Donation Day for Christmas Fair – wear festive or red

9:30 EYFS Christmas Production for Parents

1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming

5:30 FUBS Christmas Fair

FUBS Christmas Gift Sale

2:15 KS2 Christmas Production for Parents

10:00 KS2 Christmas Production for Parents

1:30 KS2 Christmas Production & Tea for Elderly Community

Christingle Services at St Peters

CHARITY Annual Reindeer Fun Run

4:30 KS2 Christmas Disco

1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

Panto Time at Upper Beeding

Last Day of Autumn Term

## Spring Term 2025

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

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Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Mar to Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr

First Day of Spring Term

1:00 Brazil and Ecuador Swimming

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KS2 Choir at Young Voices, O2 Arena

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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

CHARITY Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

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 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May

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Mon 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thu 15<sup>th</sup> May

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> May

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May

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

Yr 6 SATs

1:00 Scotland and France Swimming

Choir at Chanctonbury Music Festival



Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
 Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jun  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jun  
 Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Jun  
 Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jun  
 Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Jul  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jul  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jul  
 Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul

1:00 Scotland and France Swimming  
 HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED  
 INSET Day 3 – 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  
 FUBS Summer Fair  
 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

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

