

Uplands Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome to Uplands Primary School. We have prepared a pack of information to help support for your child's transition to school. Please keep an eye on the Starting School in September 2026 tab under Information on our website where we will post any further information that arises.

We are pleased to detail our induction process into Year R. The main purpose of the following timetable of events is to ensure that both you and your child become familiar with, and settled within our school, without being rushed. We recommend that children attend all transition events.

Pre-school visits

We will be contacting your child's pre-school to gain transition information from them such as: likes, dislikes, friendships, routines, developmental milestones, self-care needs and medicals. We will be visiting pre-schools at the end of May and beginning of June. Please make sure that our office has received the pre-school information form (enclosed with your registration email) which informs us which days and sessions your child attends.

Home visits

We realise the importance of learning as much as possible about your child's routines; this is best gained by seeing your child in their home environment and meeting the important people in their family. Each home visit is attended by two members of the Year R team where we spend 20 minutes meeting you and your child. We are happy for the home visit to take place indoors or in a garden area whichever is more suitable for you as a family.

Home visits for all families will be on Wednesday 2nd September, Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September.

Please can all families call the school office from Monday 15th June to arrange a home visit time. On this phone call we will be able to inform you if your child will be in Ladybirds or Bumblee Class!



School visits – own clothes

We would like to invite you and your child to school for short stay and play sessions. It is important to build these up to increase separation. Please see the outline below.

Monday 29 th June	1:30pm – 2:15pm	Ladybirds class stay and play session in the school hall. It is a chance to meet the teachers, meet other parents and your child's first steps into school!
Monday 29 th June	2.30pm – 3.15pm	Bumblebees class stay and play session in the school hall. It is a chance to meet the teachers, meet other parents and your child's first steps into school!
Thursday 9 th July	1.15pm – 2pm	Ladybirds class children accompanied by one parent/carer stay and play in the outdoor classroom.
Thursday 9 th July	2.15pm – 3pm	Bumblebees class children accompanied by one parent/carer stay and play in the outdoor classroom.
Monday 13 th July	3.40pm – 4.10pm	Ladybirds class children accompanied by one parent/carer stay and play in the indoor classroom.
Tuesday 14 th July	3.40pm -4.10pm	Bumblebees class children accompanied by one parent/carer stay and play in the indoor classroom.

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Half days and full days – uniforms

We will then begin with half days. This will be your child's first few days at school where you will drop them off, in **uniform** and they will enjoy making new friends. Following the half days, each class will come into school in the morning and stay for lunch. We would like all children to then begin full-time from Monday 14th September. If you have concerns about this, a meeting can be arranged to discuss a programme that best suits your child's needs.

	AM 9am to 11am	PM 1:15pm to 3:00pm
Monday 7 th September	Ladybird Class	Bumblebee Class
Tuesday 8 th September	Bumblebee Class	Ladybird Class
Wednesday 9 th September	Ladybirds class. Children come to school at 9am on this day and are collected at 1:15pm. They will be having lunch in school for the first time.	
Thursday 10 th September	Bumblebees class. Children come to school at 9am on this day and are collected at 1:15pm. They will be having lunch in school for the first time.	
Friday 11 th September	All Year R children in school. Children come to school at 9am on this day and are collected at 1.15pm after having lunch!	
Monday 14 th September	All Year R children in school. Normal school timings apply 8:40am to 3:20pm	

Drop off for all sessions is the small playground. The teachers will greet the class and ask them to line up, they will then take them into the classroom. If your child is a little nervous, don't worry. We will take the other children inside and come back out to support your child to come in. For safeguarding, and so that we can settle the class, we ask that parents do not enter the classrooms in the mornings.

Please refer to our school website: Starting School in September 2026 under the 'Information' tab for lots of additional information, including:

- Attendance Policy
 - Breakfast Club information and Registration Form
 - Sprouts After School Club
 - Information from School Nursing Team
 - Uplands Parent Teacher Association (USA)
 - Toilet Train Information
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The Year R team look forward to meeting you and your child at the transition sessions. Being parents ourselves, we also know that it is an exciting but often also daunting time! Please do contact the school office if you have any questions or worries and one of the Year R teachers will return your call as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Year R Team
