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Welcome to Year 6



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Dear Parents and Carers,

After another school year draws to a close, the Year 6 team thought it would be helpful to inform you and your child of some of the key topics and events that we have planned for Year 6 before the children join us in September.

We will be reviewing and revising those key skills that form the foundations of academic success at secondary school: reading, spelling, sentence construction, grammar and punctuation; addition, multiplication, subtraction and division; problem solving using whole numbers and fractions. Our aim will be to strike a balance between firmly embedding these skills and igniting a passion for creativity and exploring new topics.

We are always here to help:

Year 6 is made up of a lovely team of people who are always ready to listen to any worries or concerns you or your child may have. We are Miss Stephens and Miss Wilson. We will also be welcoming Ms Randall and Miss Ayling to cover in 6S & 6W on a Monday morning.

Keeping in touch:

The Communication Book is an ideal way to contact us on a daily basis. These are collected every morning, checked and signed ready for the children to use during the day. Please feel free to write feedback regarding homework tasks, ask any questions or queries, and inform us of appointments etc. The children will write their homework tasks in their Communication Book every Monday. Alongside the task, there will always be the date it has been given out and the date it must be handed in.

Daily reading is a priority in Year 6 and we encourage the children to provide their own commentary, recorded in the Communication Book, of their reading at home. We enjoy hearing about what the children are reading each day, as this is a good skill to have in preparation for reading comprehensions.

We will also use the Communication Book to record the weekly spelling tests, so that you have an idea of your child's progress within spelling. It is vitally important that these Communication Books are brought to school every day, please.



Homework and spellings

All set homework must be handed in to be marked every Monday and new homework will then be set on a Tuesday, along with spellings. Children will receive a piece of Maths, English and spelling rule homework every week to refine skills in preparation for SATs. Spelling tests will be carried out each Monday and children will be provided with an overview of their spellings at the start of each half term.

Getting ready for the journey to High School:

We aim for Year 6 pupils to take more responsibility for their own learning, to be independent thinkers and to respect and understand one another's points of view.

We recognise that Year 6 can be a tricky year emotionally and socially for children owing to the added pressures of SATS testing, High School and age-related hormone changes. We spend a lot of time listening and chatting to the children, offering help and advice when necessary.

Most importantly, we have a lot of fun with an interesting and varied curriculum encouraging children to demonstrate their talents in all areas of school life.

Our main aim in Year 6 is to encourage our pupils to become mature, organised, confident young people ready to start their journey into secondary school. To do this, we encourage the children to take responsibility for their possessions, including remembering their PE kit and homework each week. PE kits will need to be worn on Monday and Thursday.

To help the children get used to working with different children and adults, we often mix our classes, work in mixed teams and have a number of exciting challenges mixed with other year groups for the children to work together on.

Year 6 children take on a number of responsibilities in school and we look forward to choosing children for these in September. In the meantime here are examples of just some of the roles available: House Captains, Librarians, Cloak Room Monitors, Pupil Leadership Team, Councils and other exciting roles to follow!

What do I need for my first week back?

You will need your PE kit and a bag to carry home your reading book and Communication Book.

We provide all the stationery necessary. However, if you would like to, you can bring a pencil case with: black ballpoint pen, pencil, rubber, purple ballpoint pen, glue, ruler, highlighter and colouring pencils in. We ask this is a suitable size due to the limited space in the trays (books also go in there). We understand some children enjoy using their own stationery, but we do provide it.

End of day routine:

Should you wish for your child to walk home unaccompanied, please fill in the form previously sent home.

Year 6 is all about SATS right? WRONG!

A lot of Year 6 is about the SATs, but certainly not all of it. We endeavour to offer an exciting varied curriculum that appeals to all. Our Geography topic for the Autumn Term is UK and is all about exploring major cities and identifying the physical characteristics. In History, our topic is The Egyptians and Science is based around light. These topics will be used as a stimulus for writing arguments, newspaper reports, diary entries, stories and biographies. The school website is well worth a visit, with "class pages" and pages on each subject of the curriculum which provide additional information about what your children are learning at school.



† In your light shall we see light

But what about SATS?

The achievement of children in Year 6 are assessed by sitting national test papers. The results of these tests reflect the level at which the children are working compared with the rest of the country.

The children will complete a Reading Test, a Grammar and Punctuation Test, Spelling Test, a Maths Arithmetic Paper and two Maths reasoning papers. There is no test for writing as writing is assessed by the teacher throughout the year. From our very first piece of writing in September, we assess against national standards to create a 'portfolio' of writing ready for June 2026. The statutory key stage tests are timetabled from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2025. The timetable of the week can be seen below:

Date	Exam
Monday 11 May 2026	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 12 May 2026	English Reading
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 14 May 2026	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

English and Maths:

The standards that children are expected to achieve in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Maths are clearly set out in the National Curriculum and all of our teaching and marking is aimed at enabling children to meet those outcomes. The 'key performance indicators' (KPIs) against which we assess pupils' progress in Maths, Reading and Writing reflect these outcomes and they are attached. We will discuss with you how your child is progressing against these outcomes at our first Parents' Evening early in the Autumn Term.

You will see that spelling features on the list of KPIs for writing. A sound grasp of spelling rules and an ability to apply these rules both in spelling tests and in everyday writing are key requirements of the National Curriculum. Stumbling blocks have tended to be misspelt homophones (e.g. there, their and they're / your and you're etc.) and misspelt suffixes (e.g. happened, not happend; useful, not usefull). We will continue to focus on these rules in Year 6 where necessary. In addition, though, pupils need to demonstrate that they can spell higher level vocabulary correctly—including those words on the Year 5 and 6 Spelling List (attached). Children will receive a list of spellings to learn at home each week, and these will be tested at various times during the week.

We hope that you have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to working in partnership with you in September.

Class Assemblies 6S – Thursday 23rd October 2025 and **6W** - Thursday 6th November 2025

Best wishes,

Miss Stephens, Miss Wilson and the Year 6 Team

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