Friday 4th September 2026

Newsletter #1

Year 6 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and have enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome everyone back for what promises to be an exciting and memorable year.

A very special welcome to Mrs Osborne, who joins our Year 6 team this year. We are thrilled to have her with us and know she will be a fantastic addition to the team.

Throughout the year, we'll keep you updated with everything happening in Year 6. Please look out for our newsletters, which will include important dates, curriculum information, upcoming events and ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

Groupings

Following the success of this approach last year, we are delighted to continue grouping our Year 6 pupils for maths. This enables us to tailor teaching more effectively, ensuring every child receives the right balance of support and challenge.

Working in smaller, focused groups allows us to build confidence, deepen understanding and provide opportunities for pupils to make the very best progress. We found that this approach had a positive impact on both learning and engagement, and we look forward to building on that success throughout the year.

English

Following the successful introduction of The Write Stuff towards the end of last year, we are excited to continue using this approach to develop pupils' writing skills. During the Autumn Term, children will write historical fiction inspired by Rose Blanche before producing newspaper reports linked to The Blitz. They will also explore the horror genre through A Monster Calls and finish the term by writing persuasive letters based on A Letter from Scrooge. These engaging texts will help children develop their creativity, vocabulary and writing skills while writing for a range of audiences and purposes.

Maths

Our Year 6 maths curriculum begins with place value, providing the foundations for all areas of mathematics. Children will then develop their fluency and confidence with the four operations through a range of mental and written methods, applying these skills to problem-solving and reasoning activities.

Later in the year, pupils will deepen their understanding of fractions before exploring measurement, including converting between metric and imperial units and solving real-life mathematical problems.

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What's happening in Year 6!

World War Two Topic

This term, our history learning begins with a brief look at World War One, helping children understand how it shaped the events that led to World War Two. We will then explore the key events of WWII, from its outbreak in 1939 to its end in 1945, while learning about life on the Home Front and the impact the war had on Britain and the wider world.

In Design and Technology, pupils will make a traditional bread pudding, learning how families used rationed ingredients and leftover scraps to create nourishing meals during the war, before enjoying it with a comforting cup of tea. In art, we will take inspiration from the work of Henry Moore, exploring how artists captured life during wartime. It promises to be an engaging and memorable topic full of opportunities for creative and historical learning.

Reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (named)
- Water bottle (named)
- PE kit including trainers (named)
- Lunchbox (named)
- Healthy snack
- Naming items is especially important!

Thank you.

Religious Education

This term, our Religious Education learning will focus on Judaism, exploring the importance of the synagogue and cheder, and how faith shapes the lives and traditions of Jewish people. Pupils will also consider

significant moral questions and what it means to be human, encouraging thoughtful discussion and reflection.

To complement both our RE and history learning, we are delighted to welcome a speaker from the Holocaust Outreach Programme, who will help pupils develop an understanding of how Jewish people were persecuted during the Holocaust and the importance of remembering these events. This valuable experience will deepen pupils' understanding of the impact of prejudice, discrimination and the importance of respect, compassion and human rights.

Science

In science children will be studying Evolution and Inheritance, where students will explore how traits are passed down from one generation to the next. We will also be investigating into electricity, where we will be experimenting with circuits and discovering how they power our everyday devices.

Homework

Home learning will be set every Friday and should be returned by the following Friday. Homework will be linked to the learning from that week's lessons, helping to reinforce key skills and build confidence. Alongside this, children are expected to read at least five times a week, practise on TT Rock Stars, complete their spelling homework, and work through additional maths and English tasks to support their learning and prepare for SATs and secondary school.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to complete their home

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026 - First Day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th September 2026 - SATs Practise Week

Thursday 10th September 2026 - WW1 Aviation Simulator

Monday 14th September 2026 - Year 6 Parent Meeting (3.30 - 4.15 School Hall)

Tuesday 6th October 2026 - Harvest Festivals (Pupils and staff only)

Friday 9th October 2026 - Non Pupil Day

Friday 16th October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn 1 Term

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Children return to school

Monday 2nd November 2026 - SATs Practise Week

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Parent Consultations: 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Parent Consultations: 4:00 pm- 6:00pm

Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Remembrance Day Service

Monday 23rd November 2026 - Holocaust Educational Trust Outreach Programme Visit

Monday 30th November December 2026 - The Snowman - Essex Youth Orchestra - Charter Hall, Colchester

Friday 4th December 2026 - Duxford School Trip

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Service at St Nicolas Church

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Whole School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 17th December 2026 - Matilda The Musical - London Trip

Friday 18th December 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term

Year 6 Team

Teachers

6O - Mrs Osborne

6S - Mrs Swan

6J - Miss Swan

LSA Support

Miss Elrick

Mrs Pettit

Mrs Shipman

Spelling word list for Year 5 and Year 6

100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 6 (age 11). How many can you spell?

accommodate
accompany
according
achieve
aggressive
amateur
ancient
apparent
appreciate
attached
available
average
awkward
bargain
bruise
category
cemetery
committee
communicate
community
competition
conscience
conscious
controversy
convenience
correspond
criticise (critic + ise)
curiosity
definite
desperate
determined
develop
dictionary
disastrous
embarrass
environment
equip (–ped, –ment)
especially
exaggerate
excellent
existence
explanation
familiar
foreign
forty
frequently
government
guarantee
harass
hindrance
identity
immediate(ly)
individual
interfere
interrupt
language
leisure
lightning
marvellous
mischievous
muscle
necessary
neighbour
nuisance
occupy
occur
opportunity
parliament
persuade
physical
prejudice
privilege
profession
programme
pronunciation
queue
recognise
recommend
relevant
restaurant
rhyme
rhythm
sacrifice
secretary
shoulder
signature
sincere(ly)
soldier
stomach
sufficient
suggest
symbol
system
temperature
thorough
twelfth
variety
vegetable
vehicle
yacht