



Welcome to Year 6

Welcome to Year 6, we hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are glad to be back in school. We are so excited to be back in school ready for a great year!

A Few Reminders

The school day: The school day begins at 8.30am. The gates will open at 8.30 am. Registration will close at 8.35am. We begin our morning work at 8.30am so please make sure your child is in school on time.

Names in clothing: Jumpers, PE kits and coats can get mixed up or lost so please make sure all items of clothing are labelled. It is your child's responsibility to make sure they do not lose any items of their uniform and that they bring them home each day.

Jewellery: Watches can be worn for school and small stud earrings if your child's ears are pierced, however other jewellery is not to be worn in school. Smart watches can be worn but should not be connected to a cellular network and provide access to the internet during the school day.

Swimming: Our swimming slot this term is Thursday afternoon. Children will need to bring a towel, swimming costume for girls and fitted trunks for boys. Swimming caps are needed for everyone including the boys. Jewellery is not permitted.

Mobile Phones: Children in Y5 and Y6 are able to bring their mobile phone to school if they are walking to/from school or staying at another home that evening. They are locked securely during the school day. Phones must be switched off before entering school property and cannot be switched on until pupils leave school grounds. Please do not send in your child's mobile phone if this is not the case.

SATS

As you know, Year 6 is an extremely important year as the children are required to take SATs examinations to show their progress. Every Year 6 child in the UK takes these exams in the same week. This academic year, **SATs week is Monday 12th May 2025** and we must insist that you do not book any holidays in the run up to or during this week. The children are tested in mathematics, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. Writing is based on teacher assessment throughout the year.

Preparing for SATs takes a lot of hard work and effort and we do want the children to give their all, but we would like to take the opportunity to say that they are nothing to worry about and in fact many children look forward to the opportunity to show what they have learnt throughout their time in our school.

If you visit our class page, you will also find a link which will take you to an information page outlining information about SATs this year and what to expect.

Booster Classes

Autumn Term

Maths booster classes will run on Tuesdays for the first half term beginning on the 10th September. The booster classes are for all children and provide essential, additional support in preparation for the SATs.

Spring Term

English and Maths booster classes will run weekly for the Spring term. Further information will be provided before Christmas regarding these.

Homework

We give homework throughout the week to work on basic skills or consolidate work in class. We would really appreciate your support on this as they prepare for SATs.

One piece of English and one piece of Maths is usually given per week. A folder is provided to keep these in and should be in their book bag each day.

Spellings will be given out on a Monday and tested on Friday.

Reading – a minimum of 10-15 minutes a night, please sign and make comments in your child's reading record. Homework diaries are collected on a Monday – even if the book has not been completed. Please remind your child to keep their homework diary in their bag each day.

We are restarting the Reading Graduate scheme in school this September. This is an additional book for your child to read for pleasure. We are hopeful that all Year 6 children will be reading graduates by the end of this school year!

If you have any further questions regarding this academic year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks,
Miss Durnin & Miss Smith

Diary Dates

<i>Tuesday 3rd September</i>	Back to school
<i>Monday 9th September</i>	Parents' Welcome Meeting (2.30pm)
<i>Wednesday 11th September</i>	School Council Elections
<i>Friday 13th September</i>	Mass for St Robert Bellarmine Feast Day
<i>Wednesday 2nd October</i>	Play in a Day - Vikings
<i>Friday 4th October</i>	Macmillan Coffee Morning
<i>Thursday 10th October</i>	Hello Yellow for Mental Health Awareness
<i>Friday 11th October</i>	Non-Uniform Day for Unwanted Gifts
<i>Friday 18th October</i>	Y3 Harvest Festival Assembly
<i>Monday 21st October</i>	Parents Evening (1pm-6pm)
<i>Friday 25th October</i>	Give Racism the Red/Blue Card - wear red or blue. Finish for Half term at 3pm
<i>Monday 4th November</i>	Back in Friendship Fortnight Begins
<i>Wednesday 6th November</i>	Flu Nasal Spray
<i>Monday 11th November</i>	School Photos
<i>Friday 15th November</i>	Children in Need - wear pjs
<i>Monday 18th November</i>	Road Safety Week
<i>Wednesday 20th November</i>	DT Day Fairgrounds
<i>Friday 22nd November</i>	Friendship Assembly Odd Sock Day
<i>Friday 29th November</i>	Non Uniform Day for chocolates
<i>Friday 6th December</i>	Non Uniform Day for bottles
<i>Friday 13th December</i>	Christmas Fair - 1pm
<i>Tuesday 17th December</i>	Advent Service
<i>Friday 20th December</i>	Santa Dash, Christmas Party, Christmas jumpers Finish at 1.30pm