

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

We have thought carefully about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home this term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- **Arithmetic skills** - look over your child's arithmetic test each week and rehearse some of the skills they might be struggling with. For example, if you notice short division questions keep being answered incorrectly, practising a few questions each day can really help. Websites like 'maths bot' are great at generating questions.
- **Money** - have mathematical conversations about calculating the cost of things by talking about mental strategies we use to do this. Discuss how we calculate change and get children involved in doing so.
- **Handwriting** - handwriting remains a top priority in Year 6. Any opportunity to practise a neat, joined script will be extremely valuable.
- **Developing stamina when reading** - encourage and praise personal reading time, particularly for longer periods. Children need to continue to develop their ability to read and remain focused on a text for an extended period of time.

PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day: blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, a grey t shirt, plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside.

Please ensure all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Trips and key dates for this term -

Wednesday 16th September: Buckingham Palace

Monday 12th October - Friday 16th October: School Journey

Thursday 5th November: British Museum

Tuesday 10th November: TFL Junior Citizens Event

Thursday 26th November, 3.20pm: whole school Art Exhibition

Wednesday 16th December, 2pm: KS2 Carol singing

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on **Friday 23rd October at 10am**. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on *Tuesday*. In Year 6 an arithmetic skill will also be set each week for children to work on.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term. In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set, that is fine. We all work at different levels and speeds, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.



- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays - we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class.



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Welcome to Year 6

Autumn Term 2026



Year Six

Class Teacher: Mrs Pagnello

Other teachers working with Year 6: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing), Ms Dias (French)

Our whole team of teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.

Welcome to Year 6 and to a new and exciting school year!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 6 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to meet with me.

Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground - please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day!

Kind regards, Mrs Pagnello

'Try Something New' week!



Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th - 16th October! Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips.

We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!



English



English will be taught through a range of genres this term, including a variety of fiction, starting with a unit based on the Anthony Horowitz book, Stormbreaker. We will explore devices writers use to both entertain and inform the reader. We will write play scripts, letters, character and setting descriptions, a newspaper report and a non-chronological report. Alongside this, we will focus explicitly on grammar, punctuation and spelling rules.

Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Number: Place Value	Recap numbers to 1 million; partitioning; ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to ten million; negative numbers; powers of 10.
Number: +, -, x and ÷	Problem solving with addition and subtraction; long multiplication and division; order of operations; prime numbers.
Number: Fractions	Equivalence; adding and subtracting mixed numbers; comparing and ordering; multiplying and dividing; fractions of amounts.
Measurement Converting Units	Metric measurements; converting and calculating metric measurements; miles and kilometres; imperial measures.

Computing



This term, we will be building on our previously learnt skills in Rodocodo and focus on how we can look for the most efficient code. We will also be using Google Docs to publish newspaper reports that we will write in English. In addition to this, we will continue to work on our touch-typing skills.



We will begin by considering the question, "What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?" We will think about how life is like a journey and learn about the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and marriage. We will also learn what Christians believe happens after we die. Our Christmas topic will consider the question, "How would Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?"

History



We will be learning about how the Ancient Greeks influenced the way we live our lives today. We will learn about the geography of Ancient Greece as well as Ancient Greek Olympics, mythology, democracy, architecture and science! We will also be building on our skills in history by analysing sources. All of our work will be supported by a trip to the British Museum later this term.

Geography



We will be considering how places and people around the world link together. We will learn about longitude and latitude; time zones; six-figure grid references; compasses; and types of settlements. Throughout our topic, we will consider sustainability and the impact humans have on the natural world. Our fieldwork will involve learning about where food comes from.

PSHE



PSHE week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. In Year 6, we will be learning about different types of relationships and how to recognise whether these are positive as well as what discrimination is and how to challenge it.

PE



In PE lessons with Mr Spadaccini, we will be practising ball skills in basketball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will also be learning about key skills in netball, including pivoting and passing. We will continue to develop our leadership skills as well as our game play tactics.

Music



In music lessons with Mr Oliver, we will take part in 'Finish This First': an English National Opera project where children will finish a piece of music by composing an opera inspired style of music. After half term, we will continue our ensemble skills through learning and performing Every Day People by Sly & The Family Stone. There will be a musical focus on changing chords on the offbeat and performing with character and conviction.

Art



In art this term, we will be making our own clay pots based on the Greek pottery we will see at the British Museum; we will practise our drawing skills by completing analytical drawings; and we will be considering scale and proportion, inspired by the Pop artist, Roy Lichtenstein.

Design



+ Technology

We will be creating 3-D, sewn Christmas decorations. We will tinker with stitch types, using both blanket and running stitch and practise these before we sew our decoration. We will evaluate our initial products and consider what went well and what can be improved before making a final product to sell.

French



We will be building on our previous French knowledge and learning to develop both vocabulary and grammar skills, working towards writing short paragraphs in French to describe ourselves and others.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!