



Year 6 Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2025



Welcome to Year 6; a very important and exciting year for you and your child.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know the children and guiding them through their final year here at St Paul's. I am sure that we are going to have a happy and successful year together. Year 6 is an incredibly busy year; it is vital that your child attends school and is on time every day if they are to achieve their full potential.

Please take a moment to read through the new routines.

Routines

Mrs Forsyth will be covering my Planning and Preparation and Assessment time this year. This will be on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Forsyth is a fully qualified teacher and will teach PE, French and Music. She is experienced in teaching the Y6 curriculum. PE for this half term will be on a Thursday and a Friday afternoon. Your child is expected to have a full **school PE kit** for lessons. Any child wearing earrings must be able to remove them for PE lessons (or no earrings to be worn on PE days). All long hair must be tied back for P.E lessons.

Please can I ask that all children with long hair wear their hair tied up for school to avoid unnecessary distraction. A reminder that jewellery, friendship bracelets, smart watches are not to be worn for school.

We are a nut free school, so please do not send your child to school with nut-based snacks. We encourage healthy snacks (fruit) to have at break. Toast is also available to order via School Money.

Any child who brings a mobile phone to school must take it to the school office for safe keeping. It is up to them to remember to go and retrieve the phone at the end of the day.

It is helpful that children bring a bag to school every day, there is usually something to bring to and from school.



Our English theme this half-term will be based around Heroes and Villains.

We will be writing biographies about our own heroes and villains and persuasive speeches about the greatest hero or villain.

Reading in Year 6 - Reading Plus

Children are expected to complete at least 5 sessions of Reading Plus at home each week. This programme is proven to accelerate children's progress in reading; it increases their stamina and improves vocabulary acquisition and language comprehension.

Reading Plus does not replace their reading book. We still expect your child to read at home every day. You could support your child by listening to them reading aloud; this really helps to improve fluency. Regular reading is crucial to your child's academic and life success.

Our Classroom. Our classroom has had a wonderful makeover during the summer. We have a light, calm learning space to enjoy and be proud of. I know that the children will support me in keeping our room clean and tidy.

It is vital that children **DO NOT** bring anything in from home and I ask for your support with this.

Homework Homework set on a Friday must be completed to the required standard and handed in by the following Wednesday. All log-in details can be found in homework journals. Thank you for your support with this. The work that is set is work that reinforces what we have covered in class that week. Therefore, your child should be able to complete independently and they should be encouraged to do so.

Homework club will commence after the trip to Robinwood. It really is good practice to get into the habit of good homework routines ahead of the transition to high school. A letter will follow nearer the time.

A reminder that we are teaching Read Write Inc Spelling again this year. Your child will be taught spelling in class every day. There will be no traditional weekly spelling test, therefore no spelling lists will be sent home to learn. Instead, I may set some extra online spelling practise when necessary. From time to time, some children may have spelling patterns sent home to practise.

Diary Dates

Fri 5th September - Robinwood meeting for parents and children.

Weds 10th - Friday 12th Sept Robinwood residential trip.

Mon 15th - Roald Dahl themed lunch

Thurs 18th, 25th Sept and 2nd Oct - Yr5/6 Boys Football event - for 3 weeks. At Withy Grove.

Thursday 18th Sept - Choir rehearsals at lunch.

Thurs 2nd Oct - National Poetry Day 'Off by Heart' Competition in class.

Fri 3rd October - Harvest Festival in church - 9:30am. All welcome.

Mon 6th Oct - Poetry Final

Thurs 9th, 16th & 23rd Oct. Yr5/6 Girls football- 3 weeks at Withy Grove.

Friday 10th October - Handball Festival.

Fri 24th October - Awards.

Finish for half term 3:20pm.

'Good Work Celebration Assemblies' will begin again after our visit to Robinwood. We look forward to being able to celebrate all our achievements with the whole school community. You will be informed via a text message if your child is being recognised as you are most welcome to join us.



Class Dojo remains my main source of contact. Please be aware that I am often unable to access the Dojo whilst teaching. I will try to post photos and share with you what we are doing in class.

You could also send me a non-urgent message in via your child's homework journal.

More information regarding the curriculum can be found on the school website. If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Hayward

