



Year 6 Class Newsletter Spring 1 2026

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and that the children are well rested ready for another busy half-term. This is the start of a very important year in your child's education. Let's hope that 2026 is a year full of joy and opportunity for everyone.

Routines - *Please Read for new PE information.*

P.E for this half term will be on a **Monday** -

Orienteering outside and a Thursday -

Gymnastics inside.

Your child is expected to have a full indoor school PE kit for gymnastics and a suitable warm outdoor kit for orienteering. Wellies may be required weather dependant. I will post on the dojo if/when they are required. 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.

I have noticed that a number of children have returned to school wearing make-up and jewellery (including smart watches). Unfortunately, these are not part of our school uniform. We do ask that these items are not worn for school. Your child will be asked to remove any jewellery and hand in to a teacher for safe keeping. They will also be asked to remove any make-up.

Break time snacks: 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



Our English focus will be Classic Fiction.

We will use the text
The Wizard of Oz by
Frank L Baum

Reading in Year 6

Regular reading is crucial to your child's academic and life success. We give reading the highest priority in school and would ask for your continued support with this.

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.

Home Reading Books - 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.

Homework

Now that the children have settled into the routines of Year 6 they are expected to become independent learners and to take responsibility for their own learning. These expectations also apply to homework. All homework that is set is compulsory. Children will get Maths, English and Reading Plus every week. It is vital that all homework is completed and handed in on time. Homework will be set on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Children will be asked to stay in at breaktimes to complete any missed homework. Any login details and passwords can be found in their homework journals.

Homework Club will run again this half-term. Mon 3.20 - 4.15pm. Tues 12 - 12.25pm.

Managing homework is a good habit to get into before starting high school. 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.

Diary Dates - further information to be posted nearer the time.

Wednesday lunchtime - 12:20-12:50pm Wellbeing
Wednesday mindfulness sessions led by Tanya from South Ribble.

Thursday lunchtimes: School Choir rehearsals.

Beginning Weds 7th Jan. Yr5/6 After School Dance (for those with letters)

Tuesday 13th January - Year 5/6 Athletics event (for those who have had letters).

Thursday 15th January 9:05am Year 6 Whole School
Worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Friday 16th January - SATs information meeting @3:20pm

Monday 19th January pm - Bike Fix session in school (no bikes required)

Tuesday 20th January pm - Road Safety talk in school from Fire Brigade.

Monday 26th January - Individual and family photos.

Monday 26th January - Bikeability Day 1

Monday 2nd February - Bikeability Day 2

Thurs 5th and Friday 6th February - Visit from the Word Guerrilla

Tuesday 10th Feb - Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th Feb - School closes @3.20pm for half-term



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

"Everyone, and I mean everyone... falls,"
said the horse



"But we help each other up."