



Year 6 Class Newsletter Autumn 1 2026



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.

We are also fortunate to have the support of Mrs McCartney this year. Mrs McCartney is wonderfully kind and patient and already knows the children very well.

P.E 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.



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.



Christian Value.

Our Christian Value for this half-term is Thankfulness.

We will spend time thinking about, demonstrating and celebrating this important value in our everyday lives.

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 a weekly spelling test every Friday morning. This will allow children to practise spelling patterns taught that week as well as reinforce statutory spellings for our year group. Please continue to support and encourage your child to practise their spellings..

Diary Dates

Friday 4th September - Whole school visit from the Skipping Ninja.

Fri 4th September - Robinwood meeting for parents and children.

Weds 9th - Fri 11th Sept Robinwood residential trip.

Thurs 17th, 26th Sept and 1st Oct - Yr5/6 Boys Football event - for 3 weeks. At Withy Grove.

Sunday 20th September - FOSPs Autumn Fair

Thurs 1st Oct - National Poetry Day 'Off by Heart' Competition in class.

Friday 2nd Oct - Harvest Festival in church. All welcome.

Mon 5th Oct 9am - Poetry Competition Final

Thurs 8th, 15th & 22nd Oct. Yr5/6 Girls football- 3 weeks at Withy Grove.

Fri 23rd October - Awards.

Finish for half term 3:20pm.

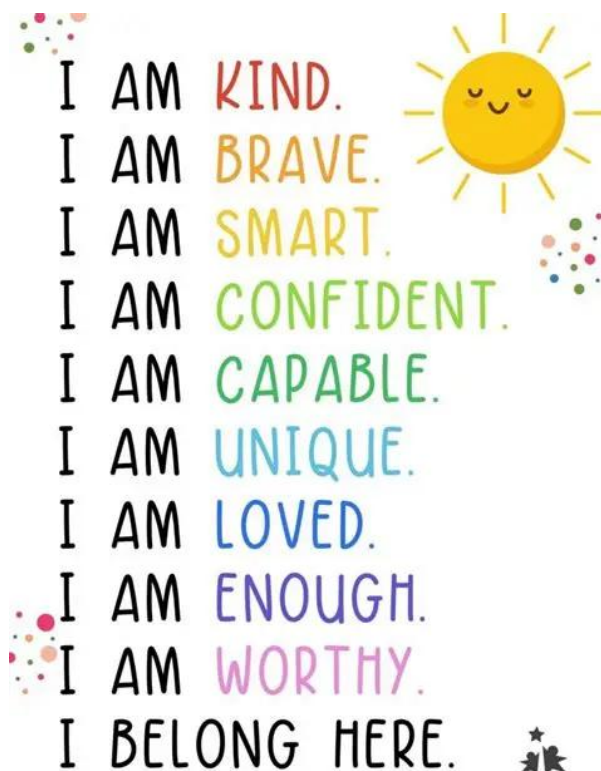
****Please check the Class Dojo regularly as further information regarding all these events will be shared nearer the time. ****

'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.

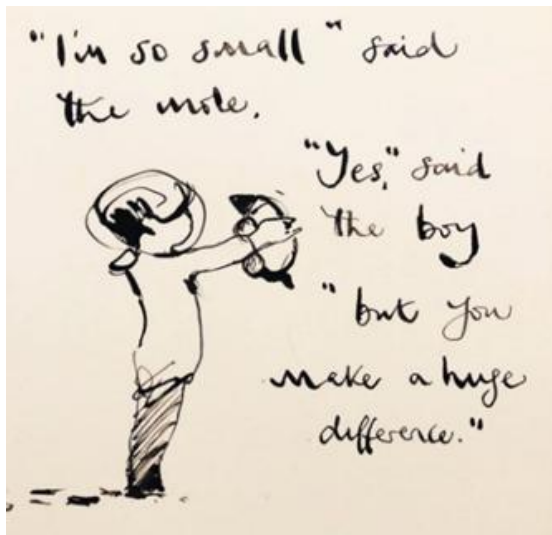


Absence

Minutes late per day	Equals days' worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

Reporting absences

It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school if their child will be absent. Please call the office, not ClassDojo.



There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



**190 DAYS
100%**

Very best chance of success



**183 DAYS
96%**

Off to a flying start



**179 DAYS
94%**

Less chance of success



**175 DAYS
92%**

Harder to make progress



**MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE
LESS THAN 90%**

Persistent absence, not good for your child

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 directly.

Mrs Hayward