

# Year 6 Curriculum Newsletter



**Autumn Term 1 2025-2026**

## Welcome to Year 6!

Welcome back to Wellington as our new Year 6! We hope a lovely summer break was had by all! We have had a fantastic first few days in our new classrooms and year group - already beginning (and enjoying!) our learning journey together. We have an exciting curriculum planned for the year ahead of us where we will be exploring topics including: Titanic, Frida Kahlo, Light and, of course, we will be making our own fairground rides in D.T.!

## Curriculum Overview

Attached to this curriculum letter, you will find a curriculum overview of the topics we will be covering this term. There is also a list of useful websites attached, which link specifically to the concepts that we will be exploring. Please do explore these at home, if you have internet access. They are very useful and will give you a greater idea of what your child is doing at school and how you can support and enhance their learning at home.



## School Timings

Just a quick reminder that the school gates will be opened at 8:35am and our external classroom doors will open at **8:40am**. School finishes at **3:15pm**. If your child arrives **after 8:50am**, please bring/send them to the school office first - thank you.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school **every day** and **on time**. Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time, pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that this brings.

## Physical Education

P.E. will be on **Wednesdays** for the first half-term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. Appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days



and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.

### Home Learning

Home learning plays an important role in bridging the relationship between home and school. Children will be expected to complete the following home learning each week:

**Reading:** 3x weekly (minimum) - recorded in reading records (see below for more details).

**Spellings:** learn 5 spelling words. These will be set by the teacher on **Mondays** and weekly tests on **Fridays** to check and address gaps.

**Maths:** TimesTable Rockstars - 'little and often' throughout the week (roughly 10 minutes per day), aim for an hour over the week.

We thank you for your support with this.



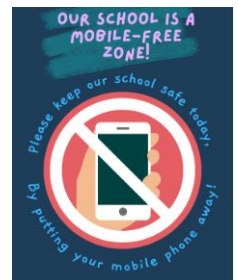
### Reading

Regular reading will support your child in all areas of their learning. In Year 6, we want to inspire a love and enjoyment of reading. Their book should encourage them to ask questions, wonder and express opinions as well as expanding their vocabulary and knowledge. Children must be reading at least **three** times a week for **20 minutes**, which needs to be recorded in their reading record alongside an adult comment or signature. Reading records will be collected **every Friday** to check if they are able to move up our reading challenge wall!



### Online Safety

We are increasingly concerned about the impact of smartphones on our children, in-line with many other schools in Hampshire. Acknowledging the alarming amount of evidence and research about the negative effects of smartphones and social media, we are committing to making Hampshire primary schools smartphone free. **Please note that your child will not be permitted to have a smartphone in school, regardless of their transport home.** "Brick" phones without internet connectivity may be accepted on a case-by-case basis. In addition, we ask for your support in making the school mobile phone free in general. Thank you for your support in this.



As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Osborne, Mr Davies & Miss Tugwell**  
Year 6 Team



## Diary Dates

*These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term. Please check on the school website and letters for any changes.*

## Autumn term

Event	Date
<b>Year 6 Chessington Trip</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>
Autumn term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Individual photos	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
<b>Year 6 Parent's Welcome Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 6.15pm-7pm</b>
Cultural Afternoon	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025
INSET day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Autumn half-term break	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
INSET day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
<b>Parents' Evenings</b>	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>
<b>Year 6 visit to the Panto!</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 1.30pm-4.30pm</b>
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
<b>Year 6 WW2 Workshop</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
Spring half-term break	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March - Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
World Book Day	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Class photos	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Last day of Spring term	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
INSET day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
Spring Fair	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
Summer half-term break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Uniform Expectations

We know the impact that pride in our uniform has on the pupils' learning attitude. We ask for your support in ensuring that children are Wellington Smart by ensuring they are in the correct uniform each day. Being Wellington Smart is important in helping your child understand their role and responsibility at our school. Here is a guide to our uniform. If you need support with your child's uniform, we are here to help.



Purple school jumper or cardigan (can be branded from our school Arbor)

White polo shirt

Black skirt, shorts or trousers

**Leggings are not school uniform.**



Indoor PE: white t-shirt (plain) and black shorts

Outdoor PE: as above, with purple or black jumper. Leggings or tracksuit bottoms can be worn. Socks and trainers.

**Earrings:** These should be single studs only. Your child will be asked to remove them or you will be asked to remove them if they wear other earrings. Children cannot wear earrings for PE as this is a health and safety issue.

**Bracelets/ other jewellery:** Please ensure that your child is not wearing other forms of jewellery. These are not safe to wear in school and your child will be asked to remove them.

# Year 6 Weekly Timetable

Autumn 1 example

	8:40 – 8:55	8:55-9:40	9:40-10:30	10:30 – 10:45	10:45 – 11:00	11:00 – 12:00		12:15-13:05	13:05-14:00		14:00-14.55	14:55 –15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling	Lunch	PPA			KS2 Assembly
									Music/Spanish		Music/Spanish	
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling		Art	Computing		Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Spelling		Indoor P.E. Dance	Outdoor P.E. Fitness		Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Handwriting		PSHE/Geography		RE	KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Maths Fluency	Maths	Handwriting		Spelling test	Library	Science	

## Our learning this term

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Topic	<b>Seven Seas</b>	
English	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Survivor</b> (fiction story linked to Titanic topic day)  <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Blue Planet</b> (TV manuscripts)  <b>World's Worst Parents</b> (fiction story)  <b>Russian Dolls</b> (poem)  <i>Please see the medium-term plan for more detailed information</i>
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> <b>Fiction novel:</b> Boy with the Butterfly Mind <b>Poetry:</b> Overheard in a Tower Block <b>Non-fiction:</b> Blue Planet Wondergarden <b>Poetry:</b> Enchanted Christmas Tales <b>Practice SATs papers</b>  <b>Class reader:</b> Kensuke’s Kingdom	
Maths	Place Value, Addition & Subtraction	
Science	Light	Electricity
Spanish	En la cafeteria	¿Que tiempo hace?
History/ Geography	History: <b>Titanic: Belfast</b> Geography: <b>Economic Activity: Belfast</b>	
PSHE	<b>Democracy</b>	<b>Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds</b>
Art	Painting: <b>Frida Kahlo (links to PSHE unit)</b>	
Design and Technology	<b>Circuits/Fairground rides</b>	
Religious Education	Christianity: <b>Imagery</b>	Christianity: <b>Pilgrimage</b>
Computing	<b>Online Safety</b>	<b>Programming:</b> Creating variables and blocks
Physical Education	Dance (Specialist) Fitness	OAA Football
Music	Baghdad	Short Ride in a Fast Machine
Trips	Titanic Launch Day Chessington	Panto



# **Learning Links**

Alongside home learning, we have put together a list of website links that include activities/games which will allow your child to explore their learning further.

## **Maths**

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zykvwsg>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

<https://www.transum.org/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

## **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling**

<https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-5>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zbwg7v4>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

[https://www.spellzone.com/word\\_lists/folder-63](https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/folder-63)

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-practice>

<https://www.mrmcgrammar.com/>

## **Reading**

Use the websites below to find aged related and genre categorised books which could be great for your child.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>