

Welcome to Year 6

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 6 and how to support your child.

Timings Year 6 children should arrive in school **by 8:45am (doors open at 8:35am)**. They should be collected at **3:15pm**.

Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 6 are as follows:

Dragons: Miss Butt

Griffins: Mrs Phillips

Mr Dowse provides cover for Miss Butt and Mrs Phillips and also teaches French.

Mrs Phillips is the Year 5/6 Phase Leader.

Mrs Rumble is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant who occasionally provides cover for the Year 6 teachers and also supports in class.

Topics in Year 6:

Autumn term: - Maps and

The Victorians



Spring Term:

The USA



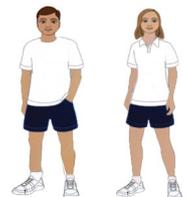
Summer Term -

The Maya



PE/Outdoor Games/Swimming

Indoor and outdoor PE are both on a **Friday afternoon**. Children need to bring to school appropriate indoor PE kit, including trainers. For outdoor PE, we will go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore, dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black) plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months.



All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered (this can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies). If possible, it would be appreciated if children could leave earrings at home on PE days.

SATS:

It is a statutory requirement for all children to sit SATs (standard assessment tests) at the end of Year 6 in English and Maths (unless they are significantly below expectations). Results are shared with secondary schools. SATs week begins 11th May 2026. Children will not be authorised any absence during this week.

Reading books:

Children will soon be able to choose a library book to take home. When finished, these should be returned to school. Y6 Library day is Monday. Children also have access to books in our Year 6 book area.



Homework:



All children in Year 6 are expected to read at home at **least 3 times a week**. In Year 6, it is still really important that the children are reading aloud to an adult and particularly, discussing vocabulary meanings.

Children also need to practise their times tables and spelling lists.

Sometimes, longer projects are set and when this happens, the due date and details will be sent out.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

Trips & Themed Days:

We are currently looking into a possible trip for this term to enhance our geography curriculum. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to visit Testwood Lakes as we have always done in the past so hopefully we will find an alternative. We will inform you if and when we do.

In the 2nd half of the Autumn term, Year 6 children dress up and experience life as a Victorian child and take part in a number of hands-on activities on our Victorian day. More information about this will follow.



The residential trip to Little Canada will take place in March (w/b 16th). Children not attending the trip will take part in some 'off-timetable' fun activities in school. If you would like your child to attend this trip and haven't already signed up and paid a deposit, please contact the school office and they will provide details.

Secondary School Applications : Please note that secondary school applications for 2026 have opened and will close on 31st October at 23:59. You should receive information about how to apply either through the post or by e-mail. Please look out for open evenings/days at potential secondary schools to help inform your choices. Please refer to 'Apply for a school place' on Southampton City Council Website for more information.

TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is always looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.