



Year 6

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Year Six Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

Tuesday 6th January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very happy new year to you all, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to working with the children again in 2026 and all agree that they have made an extremely positive start to Year 6.

Routines and Expectations

We continue to expect hard work, focus and determination from our pupils. The children continuously show us in their behaviour how they have embraced our school's 'GRACE' values, and how they display our three core school rules ('Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Safe') – we look forward to seeing this positivity continue throughout Year 6.

As a reminder, for children in Year Six, the school day begins at 8:40am and ends at 3:10pm. Children are expected to come to school for a prompt 8:40am start, wearing school uniform which follows our uniform policy (please note that this stipulates jewellery, nail varnish, hair colour and cut and that hair should be tied back if possible). On **Monday** and **Wednesday**, your child will need to come to school wearing their P.E. kit. Please could you ensure that your child wears the full and correct school P.E. kit (including a good pair of trainers) only on our PE days.

We will also begin our work with Exmouth Community College when we visit the Science department for a Science lesson. Every child will go to one of three sessions – Monday 12th January (Ospreys), Monday 26th January (Kingfishers) or Monday 9th February (Kestrels) – where they will have the opportunity to explore what a secondary Science lesson is like. Even if your child is not likely to attend ECC, this is a great opportunity for them to experience a secondary setting and to enthuse and excite their learning in Science. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about these visits.

Our Topics

Our topic for the first half of this term is based upon the census and is an exciting new area of learning for us in History. Our focus for the second half of the term will be The Battle of Britain, which focuses on the experiences of people during WW2. Much of our work in English will link to this unit of learning too. The attached curriculum web shows some of the areas of learning that your child will undertake. We are planning to hold an in-school enrichment day for our WW2 topic on Wednesday 4th March – further details regarding this will be communicated closer to the time.

Home Learning Requirements and Reading

We will be continuing to use Seesaw to set home learning tasks. Your child will have various home learning tasks across a range of subject areas. Please support your child to complete these, but remember that we do need to gather an accurate picture of what your child is capable of. If you experience any issues with home learning, please let us know. Spellings will continue to be set using Spelling Shed – it has been great to see such great engagement with this throughout the Autumn term. If your child has a Doodle Maths account, please continue to support them to use this each day wherever possible. If your child has a Doodle Maths account and does not use it, we will have to reallocate the account to a child who will use it and get the benefits that it brings.

It has been great to see so many children in Year 6 getting hooked on their reading. It is extremely beneficial if children are given regular opportunities to read for pleasure and also to read with an adult, focusing on skills such as: 'retrieval' (find the answer to questions by skimming and scanning in a passage) and 'inference' (find an answer to less literal questions, based on evidence and reasoning). Please ensure that as well as this, you sign your child's Reading Record at the end of every week: this tells us that you have acknowledged any messages from school to home and that you are an active participant in your child's reading journey. Those children who read for fifteen minutes at home at least five times a week and have their Reading Record signed will be rewarded with extra play.



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We would also recommend some of the following links:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number/>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/spelling_grammar/

Maths and English Booster Sessions:

A series of booster sessions – in both Maths and English – will run from January, up until the middle of May 2026. These will occur after school, between 3:10pm and 4pm in the Year 6 classes.

Only specific children will be invited to these booster groups – they will bring home a separate letter with a permission form on Monday which must be returned by Thursday 15th January. These children have been carefully identified by teachers and sessions are targeted at those who will benefit most from some extra support in these subjects in an after-school booster session.

English boosters will take place each Tuesday (starting 20th January 2026, last session 5th May 2026).

Maths boosters will take place each Wednesday (starting 21st January 2026, last session 6th May 2026).

There will be no booster sessions in the week before half term (10th and 11th February), due to Parents' Evenings.

If you receive a letter and would like your child to attend, please return the slip to your child's class teacher, confirming your child's attendance by Thursday 15th January. If your child does not have a letter, but would really like to attend boosters, please get in touch and discuss this with us further.

Parent Helpers – Reading

We would love to invite some parents into school to help us with a variety of things.

As a school, we are committed to providing our children with as many opportunities to read as possible, aiming for each child to read with an adult at least once a week. Reading is of the utmost importance to children's development as learners and is the key to unlocking their full potential.

To support us in this aim, we would like to invite anyone who might be available (including parents, carers, grandparents etc.!) to come into school during in the afternoon, to hear some of our children read. You do not need to commit to every afternoon and do not need to commit to being available on a weekly basis (although this would be helpful!). If this is something that you, or a family member, would be interested in doing, please contact your child's class teacher who will be able to give you further information and begin the process of completing a volunteer request form (including police/DBS check) for you.

As always, please do contact us if you have any questions, we will always do our best to help. Please use the relevant email address for your child's class (kingfisher@wrpschool.org, osprey@wrpschool.org, kestrel@wrpschool.org) if you should wish to contact your child's teacher. Emails will be monitored regularly and responded to as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope that your child has a really happy and successful term.

With kind regards,

The Year Six Team