

Y6 Highlights

Year 6 is an amazing year! If you've had a child in Year 6 at St. John's before you'll know it's a bit of a rollercoaster—especially in the summer term!

Here's an outline of what we'll be up to...

Autumn Term

PE Morning and Open Evening at Wallingford School

IMPS and Junior Citizen

Yenworthy

Spring Term

Pancake Race

Sports Tournaments

Summer Term

SATs Assessments

Dragons' Den

Y6 Bake Off

Transition Days

Y5/6 Production

Yearbook, Awards Ceremony and Leavers' Assembly

Useful Dates

Y6 PE Morning Friday 21st September

Yenworthy Parents' Meeting Monday 24th September at 6:30 pm

Y5 / 6 Trip to Oxford Wednesday 3rd October

Yenworthy Week

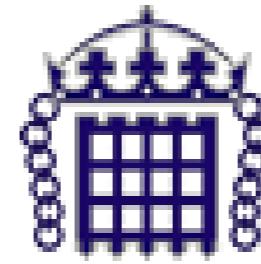
Monday 29th October—Friday 2nd November 2018

SATs Week

Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May 2019

Y5/6 Production Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th July 2019

Y6 Leavers' Assembly Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 12:45 pm



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Welcome to Y6

Kit for School

Each week, the children will have two PE sessions, and after half term, a weekly Forest School session. Please help them to remember the appropriate kit they need for each session. For Forest School, the children need long trousers, warm top layers, a waterproof jacket, sturdy boots or wellies and a hat (for sunny sessions!). They should NOT wear shorts or cropped trousers as they will not be able to access all areas on the Forest School site safely. For PE, the children should have, in a PE bag, the following items; a plain white t-shirt, a pair of blue or black shorts, a pair of blue, grey or black joggers, a blue, black or grey sweatshirt, and a pair of sports trainers (not Converse type shoes please!) Children with earrings will need to remove them independently for all PE sessions – a little container to keep them in would be useful on PE days! In addition, please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day, and brings outdoor clothing appropriate to the weather, including a waterproof coat or sun hat as needed!

Communication

We use the 'Class Story' feature on Class Dojo – which means we share photos showing what the children are up to, and examples of class work. Please remember that our Class Dojo needs to be, for safeguarding reasons, a 'closed' system—please don't share the photos we post to other social media platforms.

We also use the messaging feature to pass on (hopefully!) helpful messages and reminders when appropriate. Although the messaging feature on Class Dojo is a two-way service, we have as a school decided to not use the messaging service as a method of communication by parents to teachers and ask you to continue to contact us through the office (via phone or the office email account) if you need to contact us, or pop in and see us before or after school.

Home Learning

As the children move through Year 6, the homework they receive becomes more important as a way to practise key skills independently, and to better prepare them for the greater independence and self-organisation they will need next year. Each child has a Homework Diary which I hope will help them with this – we'll record homework details, messages and reminders in it, so it is important that they have it in school each day.

They'll also have a Homework Book for written tasks. There are five elements to the homework in Year 6, the details of which are stuck into the front of their homework diaries. Homework will be given out on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday.

Helping Out

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 6; specifically, we would really like parent helpers to help supervise the children undertaking Cycling Proficiency training; parent helpers to come listen to individual readers or other learning tasks, and occasional help when we go out on local trips. In the summer term, there will be lots of opportunities to help—especially with creating the yearbook and organising end of term events! Please come and speak to one of us you can help – we will really appreciate it.

In particular, we really need adult support to run Cycling Proficiency—at least two adults every week, usually on a Thursday—this REALLY important programme can't run without enough adults to ensure the children are safe.

Independence

An important part of the 'Year 6 experience' is encouraging the children to be more independent. Over the course of the year, we will be encouraging them to take more responsibility for their own learning, possessions and homework—it's really good preparation for Year 7!

One way you can support this is encouraging your child to be sure they have everything they need for school every day—and making sure they know it is THEIR responsibility not yours—so that we don't get 'My Dad forgot my PE kit'! Another way you can support their growing independence is by encouraging them to come and talk to us themselves if there is a problem to solve—a lost jumper, forgotten homework etc—rather than asking you to talk to us for them!

Social Media

As part of our Computing learning in Y6, we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe and happy online. This is an increasingly important element of our learning as more and more of our children have access to social media. Later in the term there will be an opportunity to attend a parent workshop about how to keep your child safe online.

In recent years, some Y6 children have struggled with using social media in a positive way, leading to some children feeling very unhappy and excluded. Many social media platforms have a minimum user age of 13 for this reason. If you are aware of any inappropriate use of social media within the class, please do let us know as these situations can have a very negative impact on in-class relationships.