Year 6 Termly Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year! Year 6 have returned to school with a positive attitude and an enthusiasm for learning. They are settling well into their new classes and beginning to embrace their roles and responsibilities as the oldest pupils in the school. This year, it is particularly important that they demonstrate the ability to follow all the school rules and embody our school values – see if they can recall them.

all valued	all achieving	all equal
respect	determination	teamwork
kindness	resilience	acceptance
encouragement	ambition	inclusion

A snapshot of our learning

English:

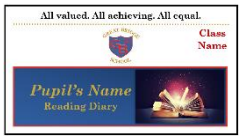
This term in Reading, we are excited to dive into "The Night Bus Hero" by Onjali Q. Raúf, a children's novel about a school bully named Hector who undergoes a major change in perspective after targeting a local homeless man.



In Writing, we will begin by reinforcing essential grammar and punctuation skills. These foundations will be crucial as we encourage students to embed these elements into their own writing as the term progresses.

How you can help at home

Children have regular access to our updated library, so please find time to discuss the books they're enjoying and spend some time reading together.



The children have begun keeping a reading diary – be sure to take a look inside! After reading, why not complete one of the reading activities together?

Additionally, we encourage regular handwriting practice, such as copying weekly spellings and using them in sentences. The expectation is that all Year 6 children write legibly, fluently, and with increasing speed in joined handwriting.

Maths:

We kick off with the year by revisiting Place Value – these essential building blocks set the stage for all the maths adventures ahead.

After this, we'll dive into the four key number operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division! The children will solve increasingly challenging problems. We'll also have fun enhancing our mathematical talk, learning to reason and explain our ideas together.

We want to remind everyone how vital it is for children to know their multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Quick recall of these facts will really help them tackle more advanced maths concepts this year. It would be fantastic if you could encourage them to log onto Times Table Rock Stars for just 21 minutes a week – that's only 3 minutes a day!

We'll also be introducing Prodigy, a free online game that makes practising maths and English skills fun and engaging at home.

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Homework:

Homework will be set every Friday using Learning by Questions (LbQ). You will need an electronic device to use LbQ.

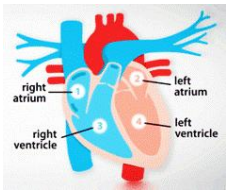
It is an online learning tool which will be used as part of their learning in school, as well as homework.

Question Sets are scaffolded, building on prior skills and knowledge. If LbQ recognises that a pupil is getting a lot of questions right, it automatically moves them onto the next level of challenge. The classroom is fully inclusive, yet every child is working individually - at the right stretch and pace for them.

Children have their login details in the front of their reading diaries.

Science:

Science is a fantastic subject that encourages children to ask questions and understand the world around us. We will investigate the intricate details of the human circulatory system, exploring the roles of the heart, blood vessels, and blood in keeping us alive, as well as the impact of our lifestyles on overall health.



The wider curriculum:

Through Geography, we will learn about where our food comes from and the vital role farms and factories have on providing and supplying food around the globe.

In History, we will begin with an exploration of the ancient Maya Civilisation and what made them such a distinctive civilisation.

In Art, children will express their creativity through photography.

Our PSHE lessons will foster discussions about managing our emotions and building healthy relationships.

In R.E, we will explore how Hindue see Brahman and why people are still drawn to sacred places through pilgrimage.

In outdoor PE, children will develop resilience and teamwork and apply them to indoor badminton sessions. Additionally, we are thrilled to welcome Ms Roberts for music lessons throughout the term.

Dates for the diary – Autumn 1:

- Mon 5th Oct – Whole school and sibling photographs.
- Tues 6th Oct – Whole school and sibling photographs.
- Weds 14th Oct – Flu vaccinations.
- Fri 16th Oct – KS2 Black History Month Assembly
- Weds 21st Oct – KS2 Headteachers Assembly 2:45 (parent invite)
- Thurs 22nd Oct – Halloween Disco
- W.B 26.10.26 - Half Term Holiday

Dates for the diary – Autumn 2:

- Mon 2nd Nov – Teacher Training.
- Tues 3rd Nov – Children return to school.
- Fri 13th Nov – Children in Need.
- Mon 16th Nov – Odd Socks Day.
- Wk beginning 23rd Nov – Book Fair
- Mon 30th Nov – Flu vaccination catch-ups
- Thurs 10th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thurs 17th Dec - KS2 Headteachers Assembly 2:45 (parent invite)
- Fri 18th Dec – Teacher Training Day.
- Mon 4th Jan 2027 - Children return to school.

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Reminders:

- Year 6's PE day is a MONDAY - Please make sure children are wearing the correct uniform each day of the week.
- If you have any questions, please speak to member of the Year 6 team during home time or reach out on Class Dojo. Staff will strive to respond to messages on the same day between 8:30am – 4:30pm.



