

# Welcome to Year 6

## Spring Term 2026 Newsletter

Mrs Pickard and Miss Hackers

Welcome back after the Christmas break! I hope you all had a wonderful time and are ready to hit the ground running! There will be a change to the staffing in Year 6 for the remainder of this year. Mrs Cullen has decided to take early retirement and will not be returning to school. Instead, we will have Miss Hackers supporting the children. Miss Hackers has worked in Year 6 and with the children before and is very excited for what the year has in store. This term, we will also be stepping up our preparation for the SATs in May, but with the excellent attitudes you all showed last term, we have no need to stress about them. You made a stunning start to Year 6 in the Autumn and this was spotted by people throughout school. Now, we need to take it to the next level and really show them what we are made of. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

### CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

This term, the **Class Championship** will still run each week, with the expectation of what it takes to win getting even higher! Each week, the children can earn **independence points** for showing different learning and life skills we value at Tudhoe Colliery, with the person who earns the most by each Friday afternoon becoming **CLASS CHAMPION**. It is always very tough at the top of the league table due to how stunning every member of our class has been so far this year, so remember to always give the best version of yourself all the time, in every lesson! The reward remains the same: dress down for the week or bonus bouncy castle minutes.

## Spring Term Topics

History World War Two

Geography Journey Through School

Science Electricity and Light

RE What can we find out about a local Jewish community?

PSHCE How can the media influence people?

D and T Cams

Art Manga Art and Fruit Pinch Pots

PE Gymnastics, basketball and Rugby

Music How does music shape our way of life?

How does music connect us with the environment?

Computing Text adventures and Networks





## WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that as a school, we encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated. It is important to ensure a bottle is provided as sometimes, the children can get very hot and we do not have enough spares in school to loan one to all of the children who have forgotten to bring one in.

### PE KITS

**Year 6 will have continue to have PE every week on Wednesday Children can continue to come to school in their PE kit meaning they do not need to get changed. PE kit is shorts/leggings/ joggers, a T-shirt and trainers. This term, our lessons will be both inside and outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a hooded top or a sweatshirt for outdoor sessions.**

**Children will be encouraged to be as active as possible during playtimes, so suitable shoes should be worn everyday.**

**PE will start this Wednesday**



## OUR NEXT CLASS NOVEL

### THE HAUNTING OF AVELINE JONES

Our first class novel of the new year is called 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones'. This is a novel that I am sure the children are to love! It is a fantastic story that tells the tale of Aveline, a curious, horror story loving girl, who visits her Auntie Lillian during the school holidays. Aveline becomes obsessed with solving the case of a missing girl from the town and through this, becomes wrapped up in her own real-life horror story. The novel is heart-warming, but also action packed and terrifying! Even better, if you do love it, the sequels are called The Bewitching and the Vanishing of Aveline Jones, which are equally as good, if not better!

Phil Hikes

## HOMWORK

The children have really been embracing Times Tables Rockstars over the last half term and it has been fantastic to see the improvement in their overall speed! They have given 100% to the challenge of becoming quicker. This has really helped with their arithmetic work.

Following on from our Learning Together, we will be using Learning By Questions a lot more both in class and tasks will be added for the children to do at home. Log ins will be sent home during the first week back, with the first task being set before the end of the week.

Reading stamina is still a key area that we need to work as we approach SATs and a great way for you to help your child at home. For those of you who were able to come to the Learning Together, you saw the volume of text that the children will be expected to read and answer questions on in the time limit that they will have. If you were not able to attend, don't worry, we will look at this again at the SATs information meeting.

## SATS INFORMATION

Just a reminder that SATs week this year takes place in the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 11th February at 4pm to provide you with more information on the SATs and how you can support your child at home as well as ask any questions about the tests and how the week runs. More details about this will be sent closer to the time.

We will be stepping up our preparation for the tests in class as this term goes on, with more work focused specifically on how to do well in them.

Monday 11th May

**Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation Test**

Tuesday 12th May

**Reading Test**

Wednesday 13th May

**Arithmetic Test and Reasoning A (Maths)**

Thursday 14th May

**Reasoning B (Maths)**