

Welcome to Year 6

Summer Term Newsletter

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Welcome back from the Easter break! I hope that all of the Year 6 children and their families were able to enjoy a restful and fun break. I cannot wait to get back into class with the children and pick up where we left off. The summer term is always a busy one in Year 6, with so many exciting trips and leavers' events planned. The Year 6's attitudes and desire to learn have been excellent from day one and we need to get even better this term. As always, please just get in touch with me at school if you ever need anything, or if you have any questions or queries. The class email address is

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SATS WEEK 2026

Here is a reminder of the dates of the SATs this year. We only have three weeks (14 school days in fact) before the tests, so we will be working extremely hard to be as prepared as we possibly can.

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)

OUR SUMMER CLASS NOVEL

WHEN THE SKY FALLS

Our class novel this term is a really brilliant story called *When the Sky Falls*. It tells the story of 12-year old Joseph, a boy growing up as World War Two ravages the world around him. His Dad has been enlisted to fight, his mother has passed away and he is sent to London to stay with a carer, right as The Blitz begins. He stays with Mrs F, who runs the local zoo and is trying to protect the animals there as the war escalates. Joseph develops a bond with a gorilla, called Adonis, who one day escapes the zoo. The novel is based on true events and uses the setting of World War Two to test each of the main characters' strengths and weaknesses.

PE KITS

Our PE Day this term is Monday. A reminder that the children will need to **COME TO SCHOOL WEARING THE CLOTHES THEY WILL USE FOR PE.** As we enter the summer months, hopefully it is going to get a lot warmer and we will not need to wrap up quite as warm as we did last term! Please ensure that the children are always dressed appropriately for both indoor and outdoor sessions.

After May half term, the children will begin swimming sessions on a Friday morning. More information will be given out about this closer to the time.

Please also ensure that your child has a water bottle with them every day to remain hydrated.

PEN PALS UPDATE!

The Year 6 children continue to make fantastic pen pals to the Reception children in our school, looking after them and mentoring them so well. I continue to have staff from Reception and across the school comment on how fantastic Year 6 are with them. We do have several events/ trips planned together with the Reception pen pals before we get to the end of term:

- A pen pal trip to the beach
- An end of term pen pal picnic

Keep up the brilliant pen pals work Year 6!

End of term

As we approach the end of the children's time in Tudhoe Colliery, there will be lots of time to reflect upon and celebrate the time they have spent with us.

Friday 15th May – End of SATs celebration/ party

15th June – Children will be joining their pen pals on a trips to the beach.

2nd July – Children will be heading to ROF 59 in Newton Aycliffe for their leavers' trip.

There will be a leavers' ball on the evening of Thursday 16th July where all pupils are invited to celebrate with us.

The leavers' assembly will be held on the last morning, Friday 17th July, where loved ones are invited in to school to celebrate.

The children will also receive a leavers' book to help them remember their time at Tudhoe Colliery.

More information will be sent out about all of these events closer to the time.

SATS Prep

The after school study club, held on a Wednesday, will continue for the next 3 weeks, ending the week before SATs.

As mentioned in the SATs meeting, there will be a free breakfast club for all children to attend if they wish. This is to help the children feel less nervous and ease the stress they may feel on coming in to school on test days. More details around this will be sent next week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping prepare your children for their SATs.