



Welcome to Year 6

Dear Parents or Guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Year 6. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience at Holywell.

We look forward to a fantastic year

The Year 6 team

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STAFF



- Mrs McLaughlin Phase Leader
- Miss Patrick Class Teacher of Elder Class
- Mrs Shah Teaching Assistant
- Miss Akhtar Teaching Assistant



Curriculum

As is required by law, we follow the National Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potentials. The children will cover:

Maths	ICT	Humanities
English	PSHE	RE
Science	DT	PE
Art	Music	Spanish

For more details, please see your year group termly overview.

The children will be given opportunities to work in mixed groups and also grouped according to ability for the Guided Reading, English and Maths sessions to help them achieve their targets. This is to ensure that each child's needs are met.

Themes for the whole school area:

Autumn Term – Great Britain

Spring Term - International

Summer Term – Local area



Attendance and Punctuality:

Please ensure that your child is in the playground and lined up by 8.55 am. Teachers will be outside to collect the children at 8:50 and will be available from 8:45 to talk to parents if needed. The children are expected to come into class independently. It is important that your child arrives on time, since our first lesson of the day will begin promptly at 9.00 a.m. If your child is absent from school, they must bring a note or parents must inform the teacher either in person or by telephone. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, since they will miss some vital work that has been planned. This will then mean that they will be working to 'catch up' when they return.

Children should line up at 8.55 am in the playground outside Key Stage 1 (or in the hall on rainy mornings). The children are to be collected from their classroom doors in the same area and will remain in class until their name is called by the class teacher. Children who are not collected will be taken to the school office.

Please inform the office if your child will be collected by another adult.

Clubs

The school run a range of before and after school clubs. Letters for clubs go out at the start of a half term and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Holidays

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted. Your child may be removed from the school roll if you do take an unauthorised absence.



Expectations

In Year 6, we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential. Work set will be matched to suit the varying abilities within the year group. Children are expected to try their best and behave appropriately in the classroom and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.



Handwriting

The school uses cursive script handwriting scheme.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to bring in mobile phones unless other arrangements have been made with Mr van Straaten.



Home Reading/Homework

The children will be given a reading book to read. They can also read books that they have at home to offer a range of texts that your child is being exposed to.

There is an expectation that the children read every night for at least 20 minutes. Reading records are checked daily. Homework goes home on Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. One day a week there is a 'homework help club', which takes place during morning break or at lunchtime.

Please comment about your child's reading in their reading booklet. It is crucial to sign in your child's reading record so the class teacher is aware that the child is reading daily at home.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



Assessment

In Year 6 assessments are carried out half termly.

SATs

Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests in the Summer Term (Week beginning the 8th May). These will comprise of Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG). As this is an incredibly important year for the children, it is vital that they attend school and ensure that they complete their homework. Further revision material and revision sessions will be provided, however any help you can give your children at home is very useful.



Uniform and P.E. Kit

It is school policy that all children wear uniform. This consists of white top, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore and the school jumper. We expect children to wear appropriate black school shoes, not trainers. Hoodies are not permitted as school jumpers. **Please ensure all items of clothing including shoes are labelled.** Children must not wear jewellery, however, studs are acceptable. If children are wearing earrings, these must be removed or covered up for PE, ear tape must be provided by parents.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a compulsory part of the curriculum and important for the child's physical and social development. It is school policy that all children wear the correct P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. activities safely. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, maroon shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children are to wear their PE Kits to school on the day's they have PE. **Please ensure that all P.E. kit is permanently marked with your child's name and class on it.**



Dinner Money

Dinner money is currently £12 a week (£2.40 a day- subject to change). We are now a cashless school so all payments for dinner money will be paid online.



Trips

The children will be able to attend either a workshop or a school trip each term, information will be shared nearer the time. As we are a cashless school, all payments will need to be made online.

Parents Evening

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

Festival of Learning

Each half term children showcase their work where parents are invited to come to school. This also takes the form of Christmas Fete and Community Evenings, for which you will receive more information about on a later date.

Assemblies

Each class in the school takes part in a class assembly on a weekly basis. The parents of the class completing the assembly will be informed of when their child's assembly will take place and the parents are invited to come to school to watch. This begins promptly at 9:10 on a Friday morning.

Transition

Transition to Secondary school is an incredibly important part of Year 6. In the Autumn Term, children will be invited to sit entry exams for some schools. In September/October, schools will hold open evenings where pupils can visit the school. The deadline for application is the 31st October. Allocation shall be e-mailed to you on the 1st March and parents can then accept schools or remain on a waiting lists. Children will then have a transition day to their new school in July.



Thank you

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to a successful working partnership.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team