



Spring Newsletter

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 6



Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very happy start to the New Year. Thank you for all your kind words, Christmas cards and gifts – they were very much appreciated!

The autumn term in Year 6 was filled with so much learning and progress (as well as some brain-pickling moments!) and the children should be very proud of the hard work, determination and perseverance they have shown, as we all are. We have also had plenty of fun along the way, with the highlight of course being our memorable trip to Dol-y-Moch! We have loved, sharing in special events such as our Advent workshop, trips to the cinema, time spent with our prayer friends, and our end of term trip to the ice-skating rink! There is never a dull moment in Year 6 and we are hopeful that the rest of the year continues in a similar way with so much more personal, academical and spiritual growth to come!

The Spring Term

Now that the spring term is upon us already, the summer term will also be here before we know it, along with those all-important statutory end of Key Stage assessments. For this reason and considering how short the term is in comparison to the autumn term, the spring term may feel more intense for the children as they continue to learn and consolidate their learning from KS2. It is therefore important that your child understands how valuable the next few months are for them and that they are fully prepared for school each day, mentally, physically, and organisationally to ensure that they make the most out of every learning opportunity.

Spring Term Curriculum

Below is an overview of the curriculum that will be covered in Year 6 this term. However, like all good plans, there is likely to be some variance as the term progresses; this will be updated as and when necessary:

<p>Maths Decimals Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Area, Perimeter and Volume Converting Units Algebra</p>	<p>English Suspense Narrative Complaint Letter Monologue Non-chronological report</p>	<p>RE Christmas Baptism and Confirmation Lent Holy Week</p>	<p>Science Evolution and Inheritance Light</p>	<p>Multiplication Tables Focus 8x and 11x (Spr 1) 6x and 9x (Spr 2)</p>
<p>History The Maya Civilisation</p>	<p>Geography Protecting the Environment</p>	<p>Year 6 Spring 2025-2026</p>	<p>RSE Religious Understanding Emotional Wellbeing Me, My Body, My Health</p>	<p>PSHE e-Safety</p>
<p>Art Exploring Identity</p>	<p>DT Bridges</p>	<p>Spanish Phonics Culture Shopping</p>	<p>Computing Programming – sensing Data and Information - spreadsheets</p>	<p>PE Gymnastics Badminton Table Tennis</p>

Sacrament of Confirmation



Confirmation is due to take place **in June**. The children are excited about this important step in their faith journey, as they prepare to take on the responsibility of becoming full members of the Church. They have shown an increasing willingness to participate in Mass by volunteering to read and offering prayers of intention. As part of this journey, we encourage families to prioritise regular attendance at Mass, especially at our School Celebration Masses on the first Sunday of every month. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to deepen their connection with the parish and nurture their faith as they prepare for this special Sacrament. Father Paul's Sacramental Preparation programme is designed to support this spiritual growth, and regular Mass attendance is a key part of embracing the full life of the church. Let's work together to help the children take on this responsibility with joy and commitment as they grow in their faith.

To support the children in their sacramental preparation this term, we would like children to complete the following tasks:

- 1) Baptism Photo and Information - to support us in learning more about Baptism and the links between this Sacrament and that of Confirmation, children who have been baptised are asked to complete the attached document and return it to school by **Friday 30th January 2026**.
- 2) Saint Project – see attached information. Due **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

Homework



Homework tasks will continue to focus on children's regular reading and practice of **times tables** and **spellings**. We have also subscribed to Learning by Questions in which children are set '**Independent Study**' tasks to complete at home to support their revision of key learning areas. Homework will continue to be set on a Monday and due in the following Monday, including reading records. Alongside this, children are encouraged to continue accessing Times Tables Rockstars to ensure they retain and improve their recall of those key times tables and division facts. Please support us in encouraging children to complete homework tasks on time and to the best of their ability. Not only will this support their progress this term, but it will also help to prepare them ahead of their secondary school journey. Please note that homework is uploaded to Google Classroom each week so if children ever lose their hard copy, they can check it here.

SATs

All Year 6 children working within National Curriculum requirements are legally obliged to participate in end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) which identify the attainment of children in Reading, Writing and Mathematics for national comparison. These tests will take place on the **week beginning Monday 11th May 2026**; it is crucial that your child attends school during this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please be assured though that SATs are presented to our children in a positive light as an opportunity to showcase everything they have learned throughout their time in Key Stage 2, not something that they should be worried about.; we will continue to focus our PSHE sessions on ensuring children are emotionally ready, as well as academically ready, to give them their best!

Monday 11 th May	Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary paper Spelling test
Tuesday 12 th May	Reading paper
Wednesday 13 th May	Maths arithmetic paper Maths reasoning paper
Thursday 14 th May	Second maths reasoning paper

SATs 'Boosters': We will be using *Learning by Questions* to support our SATs boosters this term. To begin with, the sessions will run from **8.00-8.30am** on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** and will be led by school adults in the Year 6 classroom to support the revision of Maths, Grammar and Reading. We strongly encourage all children in Year 6 to take up this opportunity as, historically, children who have attended booster sessions have made significantly more progress than those who have not. Children are welcome to bring a healthy breakfast snack to consume during or at the end of the session, so that they are ready for the school day. Please note the hall door will be open from **7.50am-8.00am**, after which any children that arrive will not be able to enter the school building due to staffing and safeguarding purposes.

Please do visit our Year 6 blog on the school website regularly to see what we get up to in Year 6! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or make an appointment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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