# WELCOME TO YEAR 6 2025.2026

# Getting Secondary Ready

High levels of attendance and punctuality

Children will have to work hard and put in 100%

Our aim is to get the children Secondary ready

Independence
Not being reliant on adults

Organisation
Homework, PE kits and RR

# PE

- Wednesday and Friday for both classes with Mr Sansom up until Christmas.
- Please make sure they have the right kit in school on the day.
- We will not be phoning home if kits are forgotten.

# Sport in Year 6

- Last year's Competitions:

| Event | When | Who? |
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| St Michael's Tournament | During School | Whole Year |
| Basketball | After School | Selected |
| Indoor Athletics | During School | Whole Year |
| Hockey | After School | Selected |
| Dynamo Cricket | During School | Whole Year |

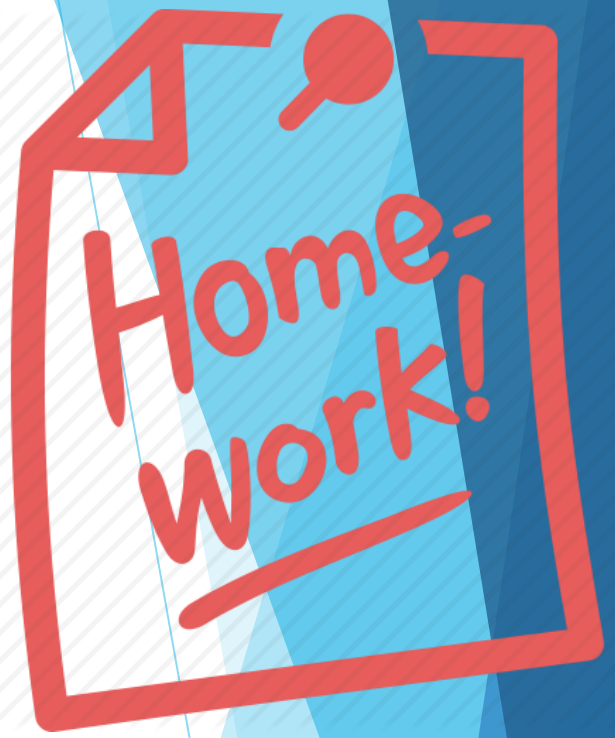
- Year 6 Boys Football Club – Mondays 3:15pm-4:15pm TBC
- Year 5/6 Girls Football Club – Thursdays 3:15pm-4:30pm TBC

- Team Selections

- Additional events:
  - One off football tournaments
  - Gaelic Football ABCs
  - Watford HT Penalty Shoot-Out

Just a note that children need to be collected from after school clubs rather than walk home.

# Homework




- Spellings 15 -20 words (Spelling Test Fridays)
- Maths task
- English task
- Reading/Bedrock
- Half Termly Task

- Please ensure you and your child can access
- Google Classroom

# Reading

- At least 15 minutes, 6 times a week
- Scheme Books with an adult as much as possible
- Most children will stay on levels Dark Red/Black for a while.
- Free Readers and Confident Readers (Readers on Dark Red and Black Books) are able to read by themselves and record what they have read.
  This needs to be confirmed with an adult's initials/signature.
- Books changed as and when needed. Children will be reading longer texts. Free Readers may choose a labelled book at school and change their book themselves. They can also read a book from home but need to check it with a teacher. These need to be challenging texts.
- Bedrock – Children will receive log on details in class. They will be expected to complete one hour a week (they are welcome to do more). We reward the children with house points for completion and will run Bedrock Club – at lunchtime- if children are unable to complete a minimum of one hour each week).

# Reading lists

- Suggested books in info pack
- Birthday books in class library

# Key Parts of Y6

- Buddies
- Play leading
- Walking Home/Phones (a phone is only required if children are walking all the way home)
- Trips - Bentley Priory
- SATs Monday, 11 May to Thursday, 14 May 2026
- PGL (in May)/Staying away from home
- Production
- Leavers' Mass

# Online Safety

Encourage the use of technology in a central family area. This will make it easier to keep an eye on your child's activities. **The best protection still remains that of adult supervision.**

Encourage your child to consider the possible consequences of their online actions. If you wouldn't say it in person then don't say it online.

Talk to your child(ren) about not accepting 'friend requests' from any strangers. Ensure they know to never give away any personal information such as their name, address, personal details etc.

Social networking sites such as Instagram, Facebook, TikTok or Snapchat (which most have an age restriction of 13+) have sharing and privacy controls to manage who sees their personal posts, photos, videos, etc. It is good practise to ensure that all profiles are private – that way you can manage who sees your child's/ children's content.

Children copy what we all do and they like to set up Whatsapp groups. Over the past two years, we have encountered many problems with these groups that have caused major disruptions.

# Few things to note

- Earrings – children must remove earrings before coming to school.
- Hair needs to be completely up with a grey, black, blue hair band.
- Bows and hair decoration – children will be asked to remove these.
- Jewellery etc – children will be given a warning and asked to remove the item.  If it returns, it may be held onto until the end of the half term.
- No nail polish.

# Further support

- Look over their homework with them
- Practise and review their weekly spelling pattern in preparation for their Friday test
- Make sure your child gets adequate sleep (10-11 hours)
- Ensure your child can spell their middle name(s) for SATs and know their DOB.
- Monitor their online activity.
- Encourage them to organise themselves – pack bags, remember kit, get reading records signed, drink bottles, school uniform.

# Any questions

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