



January 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the Christmas break. Year 6 have returned rested and re-energised for the coming term. Please read below for further information about this term.

Structure of the Day

Miss Clanchy will teach Year 6 every day, except for the following lessons:

On Monday afternoons, Mr Chamier-Williams will teach Outdoor PE (while Miss Clanchy teaches Year 5 Brass).

On Wednesdays, Ms Davies will teach Science, RE and Indoor PE.

At the start of the day: Gates open at 8.40am and all children are expected in class by 8.50am for registration. Year 6s should enter through the side door at the Coop side of the building (front right gate as you look at the school from London Road).

Lunch time is from 12.00 - 1.00, during which time the children will complete their Year 6 responsibilities as a 'High-Vis Monitor' or 'Lunch-Bite Listener', eat their lunch in the canteen and have time to socialise and interact with friends on the playground. They can choose to bring a packed lunch or order a school lunch.

At the end of the day: Gates open at 3.10pm. Year 6s will leave or be picked up from the side door at the Coop side of the building. Children are expected to be picked up promptly at the end of the school day at 3.20pm. If children are not picked up at 3.20pm, they will be taken to After School Club, where there may be a charge.

Years 5 & 6: A permission slip can be signed to allow children walk to and from school alone. Forms are available here: [Useful Information | St Andrew's Church of England Primary School \(st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://Useful%20Information%20|%20St%20Andrew's%20Church%20of%20England%20Primary%20School%20(st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk))

Key Dates for the Term

- Friday 17th January – Spring Short Reports sent home
- Young Art Oxford
 - Thursday 5th or Friday 6th February – History of Art Workshop with Lizzy Rowe from Magic Lantern
 - Week commencing 9th February – Creating our artwork for the Young Art Oxford competition in class
- Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
- (First week back after Half Term Holiday) Tuesday 24th February – Y6 Trip to the Ashmolean Museum for a session on Early Islamic Art and Design
- (Second week back after Half Term Holiday) Tuesday 3rd March – Y6 Trip to History of Science Museum
- (Second week back after Half Term Holiday) Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Important information

Curriculum

For information on this term's curriculum, please see our topic web.

In Week 3 in PSHE this term, we will have a repeat of Session 1 of the Puberty sessions delivered by Mrs Holmes (please see the attached letter regarding this).

Equipment and Stationery

As a school, we will provide exercise books, stationery and other specific subject equipment. Your child does not need to bring anything to school and is discouraged from doing so, as it can be lost or broken, which causes upset.

Lunchtimes

Children will have a lunchtime play between 12.00 – 1.00 and they will sit down to eat in the canteen for 20 minutes during this time.

Children need to bring a packed lunch or order a school lunch daily. We encourage all children to take up this cooked, nutritious meal in the school day. The lunch options are found on the menu tab on the home page of the website: [St Andrew's Church of England Primary School, Oxford - Home \(st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk\)](http://st-andrews-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

PE

Year 6 has PE on Mondays (outdoor – taught by Mr Chamier-Williams) and Wednesdays (indoor – taught by Ms Davies). Children are expected to have the appropriate PE uniform (see list above) in school. Children in Year 5 and 6 will change for PE after lunch and walk home in their PE kits, taking home their school uniform. PE will take place outside unless the rain is really heavy – please ensure your child has a light waterproof for such occasions.

Library

Year 6 has library on Tuesdays. In addition, all children can leave their completed books in the box in the classroom for Mrs Walker to collect in and can change their library books during the lunch hour Mon-Thurs. Children are expected to take care of the books they bring home from school and borrow from the library. If books go missing or are damaged, the librarian (Mrs Chris Walker) will send a letter home with the book title. If the book cannot be found, the cost of replacing the book can be paid to the school office.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and is expected to be completed by the following Thursday.

Homework comprises of:

- daily reading
- daily Doodle Maths
- two Doodle Maths assignments linked to the week's learning
- one assignment on spag.com
- spellings (set on spellingframe.co.uk and also up on Class Dojo)

Communication

If you have an urgent message regarding your child or need to report any absence or medical / school visit appointments, please email the school office. If you have a non-urgent message, please use Class Dojo and I will endeavour to reply within 48 working hours.

Kind regards,

Miss Clanchy, Ms Davies, Mrs Gray, Miss Blagoderova, and Mrs Johnson