



4 September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the wonderful final year of Primary School, Year 6. This is a big year in terms of learning expectations, roles and responsibilities within the school and preparing ourselves for the transition to Secondary School. I am so excited to have the opportunity to share this year with your child!

Staff

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

On Monday mornings, **Mrs Halcrow** will administer the weekly Arithmetic Test and teach Science and Outdoor PE.

On Thursday afternoons, Miss Cagney will teach RE (while Miss Clanchy teaches Year 5 Brass).

Mrs Johnson will work with Year 6 in our maths lessons, and help us with our spellings, reading and arithmetic on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Start of day and end of day dismissal

At the start of the day: Gates open at 8.40am and all children are expected in class by 8.50am for registration.

At the end of the day: Gates open at 3.10pm. Children in Reception class should be picked up at 3.15pm and children in all other years 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.

Reception – Year 4: Adults are expected to drop & pick up the child. If there is a different adult on an occasion, the parent/ carer must have informed the office.

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)) **Please note that a new permission form needs to be completed for Year 6, even if your child had one for Year 5.**

Key Dates for the Term

- Wednesday 2nd September – Year 6 Meet the Teacher
- Friday 18th September – SASA International Evening
- Monday 21st September – Clubs start – these will run for 5 weeks before half term and 5 weeks after half term
- Wednesday 30th September – Flu vaccines
- Tuesday 6th October – Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Church (10.30am)
- Friday 9th October – Year 6 Celebration Assembly (parents/carers invited to join; assembly starts at 2.30pm)
- Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October – Parent Teacher Meetings
- Friday 16th October – KS2 British History Day (Year 6s can dress up as Vikings)
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October – Deep Learning Week
- Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd October – Bikeability Lessons – more information will be sent at a later date
- Friday 23rd October – INSET Day – no children in school
- **31st October** – Secondary School applications need to be made before this date [Year 7 - secondary school applications | Oxfordshire County Council](http://Year%207%20-%20secondary%20school%20applications%20-%20Oxfordshire%20County%20Council)

Important information

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](#)

PE

Year 6 has PE on Monday mornings (outdoor – taught by Mrs Halcrow) and Thursday afternoons (indoor – taught by Miss Clanchy). Children are expected to have the appropriate PE uniform (see list above) in school. On a Monday, PE will take place between break and lunch. Year 6 will change for PE and change back into school uniform before lunch. PE will take place outside unless the rain is really heavy – please ensure your child has a light waterproof for such occasions. On a Thursday, PE is the last lesson of the day. Children in Year 6 will change for PE after lunch and walk home in their PE kits, taking home their school uniform.

Library

Year 6 have their library session on Mondays with Mrs Magill. In addition, all children 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 Mary Magill) 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 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)

In addition, there may be occasional projects which replace the usual set homework e.g. linked to Festival of Faith or the topic being studied.

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, Mrs Halcrow and Mrs Johnson