

Year 6 Newsletter January 2026

Happy New Year! Welcome back to what will be another hard-working term. We would like to say a big **Thank-you** for all the lovely presents at the end of term. ☺

GUIDED READING

This term our guided reading text is 'Skellig' by David Almond. Guided reading will begin again in the week beginning 5th January; thank you to our parent helpers for your help and support with this.

PENCIL CASES

Can we please remind all children to make sure their pencil case contains at least two blue ink writing pens (not a biro please), a pencil, green pen, a glue stick and white board pens. This stationery can be bought from the BHJ shop on Thursdays. Glue sticks and whiteboard pens do run out, so please replace these when needed.

PE KIT

This term, year 6 will have their long PE sessions on Mondays (up to half term) and Thursdays (after half term). The children will be participating in badminton, fitness and gymnastics. All children should wear their PE kit which is black jogging bottoms or leggings with their red sweatshirt.

HOMEWORK

In addition to the maths and English homework, please support your child with their weekly spellings. They also need to practise their times tables (Times Table Rockstars) and read at least 5 times a week including once to an adult to increase their understanding of the text.

The children have a Reading Record (orange) and a Homework Diary (green) that need to be in school each day. We ask that parents sign the reading record weekly after hearing their child read.

Please note, all homework is posted on Google Classroom each week. In the event of a child being absent from school on a Friday, homework can always be accessed here. Homework should be completed each week except in exceptional circumstances.

SHOES

Please ensure your child has 2 pairs of shoes – one for inside and one for the playground (trainers). We need your support to ensure that the classrooms remain as mud free as possible.

YOUNG VOICES

The concert is rapidly approaching (Wednesday 21st January) so please encourage your child to rehearse the songs and actions.

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding Parents Evening on Thursday 12th February /Wednesday 25th February and ask that every effort is made to come in and discuss your child's progress.

SATs

SATs are slowly approaching and we will be beginning to prepare your children for the upcoming tests. We aim to make them as stress free as possible. SATs week begins on Monday 11th May. During SATs week it is essential that all children are present. WE EXPECT 100% ATTENDANCE. The tests will include Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation, Reading Comprehension and Maths. Writing is assessed continuously over the year.

NORFOLK

Just to confirm we will be going to Norfolk on Wednesday 3rd June. There will be an information evening on Thursday 14th May at 7pm. During this time, essential information will be given out and there will be the opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Each child should have at least one parent or guardian in attendance. Thank you to all the parents who have been making regular payments.

For children not attending the Norfolk trip, parents will receive a letter about alternative arrangements for that week closer to the time.

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Mortimer, Mr Lovett, Mrs Withers & Mrs Williams