



YEAR 6

Curriculum letter Autumn 2026

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I hope you all had a brilliant summer and enjoyed a well-deserved break. I am looking forward to teaching this lovely class in their last year at St. Joseph's and seeing what they will achieve. It has been great to see everyone coming into class with a lovely smile. I know the children will work very hard this year and give their best and rise to all the challenges the year will offer.

This will be a very busy year for the children and one which I hope they will enjoy. Here is an overview of what we will be learning during the Autumn term:

RE

Creation and Covenant

- The story of Adam and Eve and why Christians are born with original sin.
- The Prologue in John's Gospel and what it teaches about Jesus as the New Covenant.
- What the words in the Nicene Creed mean.

Prophecy and promise

- The importance of women from the Old Testament in the salvation history.
- Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises.
- What the words to The Magnificat mean.



English

We will be looking at a number of texts during the Autumn term that our writing will be based on. The different genres we will look at are:

- Non-chronological report
- persuasive writing
- descriptive writing
- narrative writing

Reading will be a top priority throughout the term. We will read every day in class both independently and read our class book



Maths

- Place value into the millions
- Rounding, ordering and comparing numbers up to 1 million
- Decimal numbers and money
- Reasoning questions

Arithmetic including:

- Column addition and subtraction
- Long multiplication
- Long division
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing by fractions
- Percentage of amounts
- BODMAS



Science: Evolution and inheritance and Electricity

PE: Tag Rugby, Dance (Carnival), Netball, Dodgeball

History: The Tudors

Geography: Rainforests

RSHE: Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco, Friendships and Relationships

Art and DT: Painting and mixed media and Drawing

Music: Samba

Computing: Spreadsheets



PE

This will normally take place on Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that P.E kit is in school every day, as it may be required for additional games activities and that all kit is named. A change of socks, a plastic bag for wet trainers and a roll-on deodorant are all important to have as well.



Reading

Reading is so important and it is vital that the children read or are read to every day. My expectation is that the children read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Children need to record their reading in their diary and parents are to sign it at the end of each week. Reading diaries are collected in every Monday. Please encourage your child to a variety of genres.



Homework

The children will have Maths and English homework every week. It is important that the children are organised in handing it in on time and completing it to the best of their ability. If they do not hand it in, they will be completing it during their lunchtime. I am free most lunchtimes, so please encourage them to come and ask if there is a problem or they need some support; I am more than happy to help. Homework will be set on Friday to be in for the following Thursday. This will help to prepare them for secondary school.



SATS

Year 6 will be sitting their KS2 SATS this year. They are taking place this year in the week beginning **Monday 10th May 2027**. Please speak to me if you have any questions about SATS. There will be an information evening in January

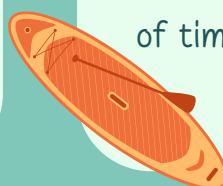
School trip

We are very lucky to be going on a school trip during the first half-term. As part of the children's history learning on Tudors, we will be going to **Hampton Court Palace** on **Thursday 14th October**. We have been able to secure funding for this trip, so there will be no cost. I will be sending a letter out with more details in the next couple of weeks.



Avon Tyrrell

Year 6 will be going to Avon Tyrrell for a 5 day, 4 night residential next June. The dates for the visit are booked for **Monday 12th – Friday 16th June 2027**. The residential will cost approximately £380. I appreciate this is expensive, but I have researched other places, which all cost more. I will be sending out more information about this in the next couple of weeks, as soon as I have confirmation of the costing, to give plenty of time to budget and pay for the trip.



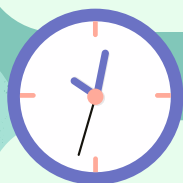
Christmas Carol Service

This year, Key Stage 2 will be leading us in a Christmas Carol Service on the evening of **Wednesday 16th December** at 6pm, which will be held at school. Please keep the date free.



Expectations

A big part of my role this year is getting the children ready for secondary school. Two very important qualities for the children to have are **resilience** and **independence**. Part of this means taking responsibility for their actions if something goes wrong, speaking to an adult in school if they are not happy about something and learning that sometimes we have to get on even if we don't like something. In Year 6, children are responsible for bringing their PE kit into school and homework in, not parents. Please encourage your children to be resilient and independent.



Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. Children should not be wearing smart watches for school. If you have any questions, please ask.



Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day. Arriving at 9.00am each day for 4 weeks, is the equivalent of missing **5 hours** of learning.



Walking home

Children in Year 6 can leave school independently at the end of the day. In order to prepare them for secondary school, please consider either letting them walk or cycle home independently or meeting them at a designated place a little further from school. Obviously, you are welcome to still pick them up from the school playground. Children who are cycling or scooting to school, **must** wear a helmet.



Most of you already know me from either me teaching an older sibling or from talking to me on the gate. I'm looking forward to meeting you all properly at parents' evening this half-term. If you need to speak to me about anything, please make an appointment through the office.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Thomas

