



Welcome to Year 6!

I hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are ready for the new academic year ahead! I am so excited to share this special final year of primary school with your children before they embark on their journeys to high school. I know we will have a wonderful year filled with exciting learning, memorable experiences and plenty of opportunities to grow. Year 6 is a time of challenge, development and preparation where children build their independence, deepen their learning and take on new responsibilities whilst enjoying a rich curriculum. I understand that this final year can sometimes bring worries for both children and parents so please do not hesitate to come and see me if there is anything I can help with. I am looking forward to working together again this year to ensure your child has a happy, successful and memorable final year at primary school.

Year 6 Staff

Miss Lawrence (Class Teacher)

I am incredibly excited to be starting this new chapter in Year 6 and feel very proud to have successfully completed my first two years as an Early Career Teacher here at BVPS. After two fantastic years teaching Year 5, I am more than ready for my next challenge and cannot wait to continue my teaching journey in Upper Key Stage 2. I am especially delighted to be taking your children up from Year 5 and feel very fortunate to be spending another year with them for their final year at BVPS. I am passionate about creating a classroom where every child feels supported, challenged and inspired to achieve their very best, both academically and personally. Outside of school, I love all things dance and theatre and, with 20 years of performance experience, including performing at Disneyland Paris, I enjoy sharing my passion with the children through extracurricular activities and, of course, our Year 6 leavers' production! I am already counting down the days for Strictly Come Dancing to start! I also love travelling, exploring new places and sunbathing with a good book, something I am looking forward to doing plenty of whilst soaking up the sunshine in Corfu this summer!

Mrs Rice (Class Teaching Assistant) will be supporting the children alongside me throughout the year. She has been a valued member of the BVPS team for many years and brings a wealth of experience to the classroom. Having already built strong relationships with the children, she knows them well and I am sure these connections will continue to flourish as she works closely with them to support their learning and development.

Important Information for Year 6

Walking and Phones

If your child will be walking to and from school without an adult, the signed parental consent form must be provided by emailing the school office. Mobile phones are only permitted for children who walk to and from school independently; phones must be switched off upon entering the school gates and taken directly to the Year 6 classroom, where they will be securely stored until the end of the school day.

PE Days

Year 6 will have PE for the first half term on **Tuesday afternoon (swimming for 4 weeks) and Friday afternoon.** Children should bring their full PE kit and trainers at the start of term and leave it in their locker until the end of the half-term. If at any point PE kits need to go home for cleaning/after-school PE club etc., please ensure that they return to school the next day.

Hygiene

As the children grow and become more independent, we'll also be encouraging good personal hygiene habits – from daily showering to remembering to wear deodorant. It's all part of growing up and feeling confident in themselves.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills. It is important that all children complete the required homework as this will help to prepare them for their SATs and transition to high school.

Maths & English - Children will be receiving one piece of Maths and English homework each week. This homework should be completed on the paper given to them. Homework will be given out on a **Friday** and it will need to be completed and handed in the following **Friday**. Children need to make sure that they look after their plastic wallet provided to them. Please encourage children to come and see me before the due date if they are finding anything difficult and we can go through it together!

Spellings – Every **Friday** children will receive 10 spellings which they will have to learn ready for a test the following **Friday**. A paper copy of the spellings will be given to children to enable them to practice at home. Alongside this, they will work on these spellings during lessons.

Reading – Children should try to read as frequently as possible, especially in preparation for end of KS2 SATs where they will be required to read three long texts. Whilst children will be reading independently, they should be recording when they have read in their reading records. Parents can also support with this so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home. This will be checked each **Friday**.

Online Safety

While the internet offers great learning opportunities for learning, being creative and socialising, it also comes with risks which us as parents need to be increasingly aware of. I have put together a list of suggested top tips for any devices but as a school we will be offering more support with this throughout the year.

Top Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe

- Device use in the same room as an adult
- Set Parental Controls
- Set screen time limitations.
- Check your child's device
- Talk Regularly, offer advice and support regarding situations/conversations
- Balance Screen Time
- Check Age Ratings of apps/games and make informed decisions about this
- Be Alert to In-Game Spending
- Encourage Kindness Online

Important Dates

- Robinwood Residential Trip - Monday 28th September 2026 – Wednesday 30th September 2026
- Year 6 SATs Week - Week beginning Monday 10th May 2027

Having taught the children in Year 5, I know what a wonderful group they are and how much potential they have. I am incredibly excited to continue our journey together in Year 6 and to work in partnership with you to ensure they have the best final year at primary school, supporting every child in reaching their full potential.

Kind regards,

Miss Lawrence and Mrs Rice