

# Year 5 & 6 Newsletter April 2026



## Dates for the diary

4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
8<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> SATs breakfast for Y6 (letter to follow)  
11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs  
21<sup>st</sup> May - Sports Day  
22<sup>nd</sup> May - TD Day  
25<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term

## Reminders

**Snacks** are not provided in KS2. If you would like your child to have a morning snack they need to bring one from home - fruit, a cereal bar or another healthy choice.

**Correct uniform**, including black shoes, needs to be worn. Make up and jewelry are not allowed. Please remind your children to wear clothes that are appropriate for cold or wet weather.

**PE Kit should only be worn on PE days.**

## Reading

Children should be aiming to read at home at least 5 times a week - either to an adult or independently. Children will have a book that they choose to take home.

**Please support your child with their reading and record home reading in their reading record books - either you or your child can do this.**

The reading record book should be brought into school each day with the child's reading book. Each Friday their total number of reads for the week will be recorded.

## PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit. Millbrook fleece or sweatshirt for outdoor PE - branded sports jumpers are not school uniform. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed if possible.

**Please wear kit suitable for outdoor PE in cold weather!**

**Monday** - Woodpeckers outdoors

**Wednesday** - All classes inside

**Thursday** - Eagles and Robins outdoors

## Welcome!

**Welcome back Year 5 and Year 6.**

Robins - Miss Webb

Woodpeckers - Mrs Gurupatham

Eagles - Mr Adams

If you need to contact your class teacher please email the correct class:

Eagles- [eagles@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:eagles@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk)

Robins- [robins@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:robins@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk)

Woodpeckers- [woodpeckers@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk](mailto:woodpeckers@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk)

This term's topic will have a *Geography* focus as we explore maps. In English, we will be reading 'The Fastest Boy in the World' by Elizabeth Laird. In Science we will be learning about inheritance and adaptation.

In DT we will be sewing our own drawstring bags using upcycled materials. **Please ensure your child has brought their t-shirt to school to upcycle.**

## Learning in Y5/6

As we move closer to the Y6 SATs, we will be supporting the children to complete practice tests and questions.

## Homework

### **Spellings:**

The children will be given a week to learn each list. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. **Please ensure spelling books are returned to school each week.**

### **Mathletics:**

We are so proud of how many children have earned their Mathletics certificates so far this year. Keep up the hard work!

### **Times Tables:**

A reminder that times tables are a fundamental skill that children need to be secure with in order to be successful at Maths in Year 5/6.

### **Revision Books:**

Thank you for supporting your Y6 children to complete these at home - they have been fantastic for supporting their learning.