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4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Year 6 Parents,

A very warm welcome to Year 6!

It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back to school and getting to know them over the first few days of the new school year. They have made a really positive start, and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to take on the challenges that Year 6 brings. We are particularly looking forward to our upcoming residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. I am sure it will be a memorable experience for everyone and something the children will look back on fondly.

I am very fortunate to have a fantastic team supporting the children this year. Mrs Ventress, Miss Smith and Miss Boulton will provide additional support in class throughout the week, while Mrs Ventress will cover my PPA time.

Year 6 is an important year for the children as they begin to take on greater responsibility and prepare for the move to secondary school. We will be encouraging them to become increasingly independent, organised and responsible for their own learning. Each child has been given a planner which will be used to record important dates, spellings, reading and homework. The planner should come home each day and be returned to school each morning. Please encourage your child to use it independently and to keep it safe, as developing good organisational habits will be particularly valuable as they move on to high school.

It has already been wonderful to see the children embracing their new responsibilities around school. They are clearly excited about their new jobs and roles, and there has been lots of interest in this year's applications for House, Vice and Sports Captains. It is fantastic to see the children keen to contribute to school life and take on responsibilities within the wider school community.

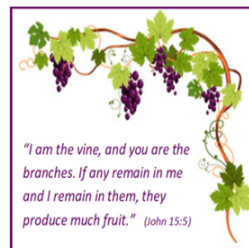




Scotforth St Paul's CE Primary and Nursery School

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Reading will continue to be a very important part of Year 6. The children have a Year 5 and 6 Reading Challenge Sheet, which they should already have brought home. They will earn 20 team points for every five challenges completed, and once they have completed the full challenge, they will be able to take part in a special treat alongside the younger children who have earned their black karate reading bands.

Homework will follow a regular weekly pattern. Spellings will be given out on Mondays and tested the following Monday, so please encourage your child to practise these regularly throughout the week. On Wednesdays, the children will bring home a Maths 'Flashback 4' activity sheet, which should be returned the following Wednesday. These activities revisit a mixture of current and previous learning and are designed to keep important mathematical skills fresh. They should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

As the year progresses, the children will work towards their KS2 SATs, which are scheduled for the week commencing Monday 10th May next year. While these assessments are an important part of Year 6, they are just one element of what promises to be a very busy and exciting year. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to develop their skills and confidence outside the classroom too, including Enterprise Week, Bikeability, Citizenship Week, trips, visitors, sporting opportunities and chances to represent our school within the wider community.

Above all, I want Year 6 to be a positive, rewarding and enjoyable experience for every child. I will be encouraging them to challenge themselves, take pride in their achievements and make the most of every opportunity that comes their way. I am very much looking forward to working with your child this year and to seeing them grow in confidence, independence and ability.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Taylor

