

Year 6 at St. Peter's
RC Primary School.

Welcome to the Year 6 family! We are delighted to be teaching your children this year and have enjoyed getting to know them during the past few days. We can already see that they are eager to learn and that this year will be one to remember!

It doesn't seem two minutes since the children were starting in Nursery and here they are embarking on their final year at Primary School. Year Six is a challenging year; the best way to describe it is like a roller coaster ride with lots of highs!

We want to ensure that your child reaches their full potential - emotionally, socially and academically - and we feel that this is best achieved when we work alongside parents. We have put together some information that will hopefully answer many of your questions and give you a clear overview as to what your children will be doing in school. However, if you have any worries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes

Mr Marley

Miss Whitfield

Growing Up



- Year 6 is an important year and we ask children to be responsible. We also expect them to set an example to the younger pupils in our school. We expect them to be role models.
- Your child only needs to bring a mobile phone to school if they are travelling home on their own, please ensure these are turned off.
- Year 6's cannot take a sibling home.
- Please ensure they don't bring nuts in – we are a nut free school. Traces are fine if not avoidable. On birthdays, please make sure individually wrapped sweet treats only are brought in.
- If your child is going home alone then please write a letter/email to your child's class teacher telling us.

We cannot let them go without this.

Attendance

- Year 6 is an important year and we want to make sure that we make the most of every opportunity. Please ensure your child is in school every day and on time.
- If your child's attendance is lower than 95% this is a cause for concern that the school will need to address with you.



Punctuality

- Please make sure your child arrives on time, they should be ready to enter the school gates at **8.45**.
- We prepare morning work every day which aids your child's learning, please make sure they do not miss out.

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PE Arrangements

PE is an essential part of the curriculum; please ensure your child has their PE kit in school, no earrings are allowed during PE lessons. Both classes have P.E. on a Monday and Friday.

Homework

Homework is an important part of your child's learning and is an opportunity for you to get involved in their school work. Please make sure your child is completing the tasks, and if you are helping them please could you make a note on the homework. All homework will be given out on **Friday** and needs to be returned for the following **Tuesday**. Topic based homework will be due in every half term.

Reading

Even though at this stage your child will be becoming a competent reader, it is still important that your child reads regularly, both alone and to an adult, please sign the reading records to support this. Reading regularly improves fluency and accuracy and develops good comprehension skills. We will also be asking the children to create topic based projects each half term.

Raising Standards.

As part of our commitment to raising standards your child will be involved in formal end of year assessments in the form of SATs. We try to make these as stress free as possible and with commitment from ourselves, the children and you we can all strive to fulfil each child's potential.

There will also be **Booster Classes starting after Christmas holidays** for certain groups in both Maths and Reading, where children will be invited to attend once we have assessed what help is needed. In support of this please work with your child to ensure that they know all their multiplication tables and division facts, as this is a big boost in helping to learn more difficult concepts in Maths.

SATs

Your child will be assessed in Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar.

At the end of the academic year, you will receive your child's end of Key Stage 2 results.

These are presented as :

- Working towards the national standard
 - Working at the national standard
- Working at greater depth within the national standard.

Scaled Scores

- A scaled score of 100 will always represent the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a scaled score on the scale ranging from 80 to 120.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.
- At the end of the year each pupil will receive:
 - A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).
 - A scaled score in each tested subject.
 - Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.



Reading

There are many ways in which you can support your child with their reading. Listening to your child read can take many forms.

- **First and foremost, focus developing an enjoyment and love of reading.**
- **Enjoy stories together – reading stories to your child at KS₁ and KS₂ is equally as important as listening to your child read.**
- **Read a little at a time but often, rather than rarely but for long periods of time!**
- **Talk about the story before, during and afterwards – discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.**
- **Look up definitions of words together – you could use a dictionary, the internet or an app on a phone or tablet.**
- **All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.**
 - **Visit the local library - it's free!**



Maths

- During the first half term we will be focusing on number and place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals and geometry.
- Please encourage your child to log in to Mathletics every week as we will be setting tasks based on what has been taught during that week. Login details are inside your child's reading record. Mathletics is a fantastic resource so please take the opportunity to use it.

The logo for Mathletics, featuring the word "Mathletics" in white, sans-serif font inside a blue, rounded rectangular shape with a slight shadow effect.

Mathletics



Writing

Writing at St. Peter's.

Writing is not tested through a SAT's paper. Instead, this will be assessed by your child's class teacher at the end of the year with all of their writing being assessed, graded and moderated.

We particularly focus on individual skills that they learn in Year 6 and how they put these into extended pieces of writing throughout the year.

Judging the standard they are writing at throughout the whole year makes sure that every child achieves exactly what they are capable of and that they leave St. Peter's as good a writer as possible.

PSHE: RSE Curriculum

- The Year 6 curriculum includes sex education and we use the Catholic Scheme TentTen Life to the full to cover this topic.
- You do have the right to withdraw their child from these lessons, but we strongly advise not to as this is a very important topic and is very sensitively handled.
- To withdraw your child you need to make an appointment with the Headteacher to discuss further.
- For more information, our RSHE policy is on the school website.

Parents' Evening

- Parents' evenings will take place on 10th and 12th October.
- There will be two days with different slots for Parents' Evening to make sure all parents are able to attend.
- Letters will be sent out closer to the time with more details, please sign up for the best slots for you and we will fit you in.

Dates for your diary

- Stubbers on Thursday 14th September: **letters need to be handed in by tomorrow!**
- 6W's assembly will be on Monday 18th September
- 6M's assembly will be on Monday 2nd October.
- KS2 SATs Week – Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May.
- Trewern – 5th – 9th June, £260 (meeting closer to the time for this)
- Lots of other trips and experiences will be booked nearer the time!

Contacting us...

- Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have questions or concerns!
- You can email us on: yearsix@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk

We will reply as soon as we can.

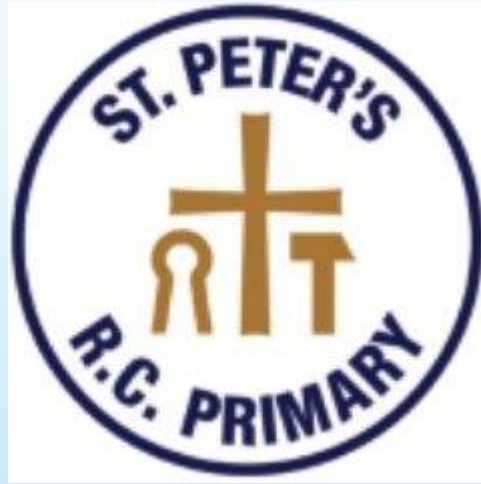
- If you want to speak to us directly, contact the office who will arrange a time.



The General Message ...

- Listen to your child read often.
- Sign your child's reading journal.
- Read over your child's homework.
- Test your child on their weekly spellings and multiplication tables.
- Help them to enjoy and love coming to school to learn!

We look forward to working with both you and your child this year to achieve amazing things!



Thank you!