



Year 6 Autumn Newsletter 2024



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Year 6 Team:

St. Matthew's

Miss Gilligan, Mrs Parker & Mrs Shields

St. Margaret's

Mr Fielder, Mrs Shields & Mrs Williams

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag/rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record which should be kept in your reading folder. We also encourage children to bring in a healthy snack for break times and a water bottle. Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Homework Expectations

Homework is set on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	Religious Education	CLC
Year 6	Reading daily for 15-20 minutes using your library book.	Spelling Shed (<i>Ed Shed</i>) You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can	CGP Grammar Book 2 pages to be assigned by class teacher weekly.	Maths Shed The number of assignments set will vary depending on the topic.	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can)	Complete weekly page in homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.	Complete 1 piece per term (further information to follow)

Where to access the homework:

Spelling & Maths homework: Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

Grammar homework: CGP Grammar book will be sent home weekly.

Pages to be completed will be directed in their homework diaries. (Please only complete the directed pages)

Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).

Reading homework

We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. We expect reading journals to be signed and brought into school on a daily basis and we'll be monitoring this regularly.



Subject Information

RE: In R.E., our first topic is 'Loving' and we will be focusing our lessons around the big question: 'Do you have to earn love?' - This allows children to explore the concept of love and God's unconditional love for all of his Christian family. We will then be moving onto the topics 'Vocation and Commitment' where we look at the vocation of a priest before finishing the term with Advent 'Expectations'. In Year 6, we focus more on making links between faith and scripture and we encourage you to discuss this at home.



English: Our first text in Year 6 is 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and a favourite for many Year 6 children. Children will write poems, letters, newspaper articles and many other forms of writing based on the events in the story. We then move on to study 'The Silver Sword', which is a story that follows the lives of a Polish family seeking refuge during World War II.



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Science: In science, we will be looking at Animals (Including humans) with a particular focus on the impact exercise and diet has on the body's ability to function. After half term, the children will then be moving onto 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

CLC: Our first CLC topic in Year 6 is 'Where shall we sail to?' During this topic, children will be learning how to read maps, study different countries and cultures and using what they have learnt to prepare our International Day, which will be held on Friday 25th October. After half term, the children will then be discovering what life was like in England during the Blitz.



PE: PE lessons will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for St. Margaret's.

PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays for St. Matthew's.

Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit.

Information on what our PE kit should consist of can be found on the following link:

<https://stursulascatholicprimary.co.uk/school-life/school-uniform>

We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle (no single-use plastic bottles please) to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Swimming

St. Matthew's will be taking part in swimming lessons from Thursday 12th September until the end of term, they will be taken by Miss Gilligan and Mrs Shields. Children are to attend school in their PE kit – they will need to bring a rucksack for their swimming kit and towel. They should come to school in PE kit and bring a coat. Please see the swimming letter for further information.

Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office – Addressed to Mrs Butler.

Important dates

Thursday 12th September – New School Year Mass (Yr 2-6)

Friday 20th September – Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents

Friday 4th October – Parent Coffee Morning- Harvest festival celebration

Friday 18th October – 1st Flu Immunisations

Monday 27th October – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening

Friday 25th October – International Day

October Half-Term – w/c 28.10.24 – 1.11.24

Monday 4th November – INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th November – Individual/Sibling Photos

Friday 8th November- Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day

Thursday 28th November – Year 6 Advent Penitential Mass

Wednesday 4th December - Pantomime

Friday 6th December – 2nd Flu Immunisations – Christmas

Disco - Parent Coffee morning

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December – KS2 Christmas Concert

Friday 20th December- End of term reports – Early finish

Prayer for the start of the Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!