

YEAR 6 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Welcome back to school and to your new class –Year 6! This newsletter will give you some useful information about this fun filled and action-packed Autumn term! I promise you an exciting and busy year, where I will stretch your learning to enable you to reach your full potential, whilst making cherished memories to keep with you forever.

Expectations of a Year 6 child

There is a great deal expected of a Year 6 pupil-you are now the top class in our school and so are role models to all the classes below you! You will shine with your important responsibilities, showing the rest of the school that you are leaders.

A great deal of responsibility is upon you and with these responsibilities, we will be preparing you for high school! Firstly, you have a reading record which needs to be brought in to school daily. You will use it to record homework assignments and key dates throughout our school year. Also, here is where you should record your daily reading and ensure it is signed by a Parent/Carer.

You will need to bring in your own water bottles from home filled with fresh water (no juice)-remember to also bring in a piece of fruit for playtime. Please do not bring in your own pencil cases- we have provided each of you with your own pencil pots and these must be tidied away at the end of the school day.

Class Prefects & Head Pupils

This year, you will earn your role as a Class Prefect and you will be entrusted with extra responsibilities. You must wear your badge with pride and always fulfill your duties to the best of your ability, in a

sensible, respectful and mature manner. Your role as a prefect is extremely important!

For those of you who wish to apply to be our Head Pupils, a new task will be set at the start of each half term. Our Head Pupils will be changed every half term and monitored with behaviour permitting. More information on how to apply for our Head Pupil role for this half term will be sent out shortly!

Special friends

You have been paired with a child from Reception and they are your special friend. Your role is to welcome them into the family of Our Lady of Lourdes and guide them on their journey through Reception. We have lots of exciting activities planned for you and your special friend throughout the year!

Extra-Curricular Activities

There will be many opportunities outside of school hours for you to make the most of your final year at Our Lady of Lourdes - you should endeavour to sign up to as many as you can! It is an honour to represent our school badge and to extend our first-class reputation-something you should be very proud of taking part in! We really appreciate the time you give up for competitions and other school events!

Year 6 Curriculum

We will continue learning through our fantastic curriculum! In English, we will be studying a range of narrative genres and reading a range of texts to inspire our own writing. We are continuing our focus on handwriting at school and expect all work to be presented creatively and beautifully.

Throughout the year you will be taught by myself, Mrs Wilson, as well as other fantastic teachers at our school such as Mrs Lindley, Mr Kemp and Madame Birtwistle. This is great preparation for high school and we promise to keep your learning fun and fresh! The teachers will plan and assess together to ensure the highest quality of teaching, which will be taught in exciting but challenging ways to ensure each child's needs are met.

Two-week timetable

Our Two-week timetable shows when we will be exploring each subject area. The timetable can be found on our class page under 'Information for Parents'.

Reading

You should read at home (at least 3 times a week) and ask an adult to record this in your Reading Record. It is lovely to share your book with an adult and a great opportunity to practice reading aloud, although you may also wish to read your books on your own. If you would like to change your reading book, you must inform myself or Miss Duffy as we keep a record of the books you are reading and will encourage you to access a range of genres throughout the year.

Times Tables and Number Facts

When you start Year 6, you should be secure in your times tables/ division knowledge and number facts- you should know them for immediate recall! It is vital to practice these at home as much as possible –the sooner you know them, the easier Maths will become! I will be sending out lots of resources to support your learning of these facts.

Physical Development

Your PE sessions will be on:

Week 1: Monday and Tuesday

Week 2: Monday

On the days that you have your PE session, we would like you to come to school in your PE kits.

Please refer to our PE policy for our PE kit overview. Earrings must be removed and hair tied back for safety.

Forest school

Our Forest School slot is during week 2 of the two-week timetable: Thursday. On this day we would like you to come to school wearing your Forest School clothes. Please ensure you do not wear your muddy boots/shoes in the classroom- these can be brought to school with you where you will change into them before your session. Please see further information below regarding Forest School.

Website

Throughout the year, I will upload a list of some super websites, which will support your learning through games as well as through tablet 'apps'. The list is not exhaustive and there are some really fantastic resources currently available. The revision guides (available online and in all good super markets) are also a great way to practice the basics to secure all areas in English and Maths.

I will be adding lots of important information regularly to our class pages so you can keep up-to-date with our learning and see first-hand what adventures we get up to in our fun lessons and in our extra-curricular clubs!

Spellings and Homework

Expectations for the completion of homework is the same as in Y5.

- Our spelling assignments for the half term will be set weekly on Spelling Shed. These will be set on a Monday and must be completed by the following Monday. A copy of the spelling bank for this half term can be found on the homework page on the website.
 - An arithmetic, reading and SPAG homework book has been provided, this will be set on a Monday and must be completed by the following Monday.
- Reading must be completed at least three times a week and a signature is required from an adult.
- Throughout the year and in preparation for May, study packs will be given out allowing children to practice SATs styled questions. We encourage children to complete these independently before going through it with an adult.
Please inform me of any problems regarding homework.

***Please note, the Year 6 production will be in the final summer term this year.
SATs week: Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May
The Year 6 residential has been booked for Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd November.
Further information will be sent out in due course.**

Contacting school

- I am more than happy to discuss any questions or queries you may have throughout the year. I will answer any questions you have through Seesaw or alternatively, if you would like to meet with me or would like to arrange a

phone call, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Walking to and from school/mobile phones

If your child is walking home from school, please notify myself or the school office about this. Your child can bring their mobile phone to school on the condition that they are walking home independently- this must be handed in to me at the start of the school day.

If there are alternative arrangements for collection of your child then you must inform a member of staff. If we are not notified, we will not release your child until we have had confirmation from you.

A message from Mrs Wilson

Year Six will be a new and exciting year for each and every one of you. We have an amazing new learning environment that will enable our talents to shine even further. I promise to work extremely hard to ensure we have a fun year together! Remember, if you dream big, you can achieve anything you put your mind to- I am already so proud of each and every one of you- you are all going to achieve amazing things!

A message from Miss Duffy

I am really looking forward to working with you during your final year at Our Lady of Lourdes. We are going to have a great year!