



Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 6 Summer Newsletter

We can't quite believe that we are now in the final term of primary school for your children. It's an action-packed term and this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the events ahead. Transition and preparing the children for the next stage of their education will be a big part of the work we do in school. This will include liaising with secondary schools.

Despite SAT's being imminent, there is plenty of the primary curriculum still to be taught and enjoyed beyond SATS week. The topics being covered are:

Summer 1	Summer 2
Science – Animals, including humans	
History – World War 2	
Computing – Spreadsheets	Computing – Spreadsheets
Art - Perspective	DT – Shelters
PSHE – Being your Best Self	PSHE – Growing and Changing - Puberty (details of coverage will be shared with you prior to teaching)
RE – Creation stories	RE - Identity
PE – Rounders	PE - Athletics

Homework - SATs revision – continue to complete until Friday 6th May

Before Easter, the children were given extra SATs buster books to complete in the remaining weeks leading up to SATs. For every completed book that the children bring in, they will receive ten merit marks. We hope you will find these a useful tool for areas your child has found challenging or for general revision. If any are incomplete, children can still hand them in throughout this term for their rewards.

Homework – Purple Mash – these will start week beginning 16th May

In preparation for transition to secondary school, homework will now be set on Purple Mash. Logins will be printed and given to all the children to ensure they have access.

Tuesday – Maths tasks – Login to Purple Mash and click on the set 2dos. Each task has a deadline that it needs to be handed in by.

Thursday – English tasks - Login to Purple Mash and click on the set 2dos. Each task has a deadline that it needs to be handed in by.

Please feel free to explore Purple Mash for other ways to challenge your child as there are many tools and reading books to enjoy.

Gems will be awarded for children who consistently hand in work on time and to a high standard. We will contact parents when we start to see a pattern of children not completing their homework.

Reading

We are still expecting children to use their reading journals as a daily planner. The children are encouraged to attach their weekly spellings in there as well as keep a record of their personal spelling progress through the spelling lists in the middle. It is essential therefore that the children can access their journal everyday as part of their learning.

We expect children to read 4 times a week and for at least 15 minutes per session to build up reading stamina ready for secondary school. We would like to use the reading journals to capture the breadth of reading from the scheme books so we expect high-quality written comments from the children, linked to the scheme books. For example, it could be a summary of what they have read, questions raised from the reading, a prediction of what might happen next, words they have 'magpied', glossary of unknown words. These journals will be monitored regularly.

PE

Thank you so much for your support in conforming to the uniform policy. We would like to reinstate the children wearing their PE kit to school on a Tuesday and a Friday, continuing to uphold the high standards of presentation. **This will change from Monday 9th May.** Please continue to bring kit into school until this date.

Fresh Air Friday

We will be continuing to develop our outdoor learning skills each week. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather on the day.

SATs – Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May

As you aware SATs begin the 9th May. Please see the timetable below for your information.

	Monday 9 th May 2022	Tuesday 10 th May 2022	Wednesday 11 th May 2022	Thursday 12 th May 2022	Friday 13 th May 2022
8:40	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
8:50	Snack	Snack	Snack	Snack	
	Punctuation and Grammar Test (45 mins)	Reading Test (1 hour)	Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 mins)	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning (40 mins)	No scheduled SATs TESTS
10:45	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00	BREAK 10:45 – 11:00
11:00	Snack		Snack		
	Spelling Test (approx. 15 mins)		Maths Paper 2 Reasoning (40 mins)		
12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30					

If you would like to know more about SATs we have arranged a Zoom meeting for parents on Wednesday 4th May at 5.45pm. Simply click on the link below to join the meeting.

Catherine Bull is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85013657930?pwd=QzhIM3NvU0VPSG8xU1Bac0E1amZLZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1365 7930

Passcode: 332097

It would be helpful if you could rename yourself as your child. The PowerPoint will also be available on the website.

Key Dates

It's a busy term but here are some of the keys dates for Year 6.

9th May- SATS week

19th May – Newbury Weekly News Leaver's Photo

11th July – Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal

12th July – Year 6 afternoon performance – time tbc

12/13th July – Year 6 Production evening performances 6-7.30pm

19th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2pm & Leaver's Party 6-8pm

You should have been notified of secondary transition days by your child's secondary school.

There will of course be further communication regarding other dates, the Production and Leaver's events as the details are finalised.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hayward, Mrs Neumann and Mrs Blair and Mrs Billings
Year 6 Teachers