

WELCOME TO YEAR SIX

Meet the Teacher meeting
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Year 6 Staff Team

- **Mr. Jerram Brewin** – Class Teacher
- **Miss Mandy Pullinger** – Teaching Assistant
- **Mrs. Elaine Edwards** – Computing Teacher
- **Mrs. Lynn Medlycott** – Teaching Assistant

Curriculum

- Children study all National Curriculum subjects – English, Maths, Science, PE, RE, PSHE, Geography, History, Music, Art, D&T, and French
- Our topics this year include:

History	Industrial Revolution and the Victorians, WWII
Geography	Local Fieldwork, Enough for Everyone, Born in the USA
Science	Living Things & their Habitat, Animals inc. Humans, Electricity, Light, Evolution

Routines

- 8.45 – classroom door opens
- Children come in independently – please feel free to come down to send messages
- There will be a morning activity on the whiteboard
- Children hang up their coat, put their lunchboxes on the trolley etc.
- 8.55 – registration and mark the independent task
- 9.00 – Assembly
- 11.40 / 12.15 – Break time / Lunch
- 15.15 – Children go home

School Jobs

- Part of being in Year 6 is the added responsibility! There are many jobs that need to be done, and we would love for all the children to have an opportunity to have a go.
- We swap the monitors every half term, so everyone gets a chance at some point in the year.

Dojo Points

- I'm bringing Dojo Points back to Year 6!
- I award dojo point based on positive behavior and work and make sure that children understand why it is they have received a dojo point.
- Children may receive dojo points for hard work, positive behavior, being prepared to learn, and kindness.
- Children receive special rewards for their dojos. At 25 dojo points, they can change their monster.

Mobile Phones

- We're aware that most children have smart phones at this point.
- I've found that the largest cause of issues in Year 6 is what's happening in WhatsApp groups outside of school hours.
- Please encourage your child to hand in your phones at school if they are bringing them.

PE

- PE sessions – Thursday & Friday (this half-term)
- PE kit: shorts, t-shirt, jogging bottoms, jumper, pumps, trainers and socks!
- Earrings must be removed – we cannot assist with this! So, children should be able to remove them by themselves if they wear them to school.
- Please encourage your child to prepare their kit independently and organise their belongings. Please label **all** your child's PE kit.
- Children need their kit in school **all** week. Our timetable can change at short notice, especially with winter weather approaching.

Forest School/ Trips

- We'll be visiting the Isle of Wight on 22nd of September! Remember the early departure time! Arrive at school between 7 and 7.15 for a 7.30 departure.
- Bikeability has been changed to November 3rd and will run for 2 weeks.
- We'll have our swimming lessons after half-term.
- We will be visiting Warning Zone after the half-term.
- After SATS, we have a trip to Drayton Manor to celebrate. Our trip should take part in the w/c May 18th, 2025 (The week before half-term).
- Year 6 will have Forest School sessions in the final half-term.

Reading

- At Woodstone, we're proud of the work that we do to encourage a child's love of reading. We believe that reading underpins everything and developing a child's reading comprehension has benefits across the curriculum.
- At school, we try our best to listen to children read independently during the week. We also have ERIC sessions from Monday to Thursday to ensure that children have time to read a book of their choosing at school.
- We encourage children to read books from school as we have a large selection of appropriate ones here. Children are welcome to bring books from home to read, we want to encourage a love for reading!

Times Table Rock Stars

- TTRS uses a smart training program to help children develop their speed and confidence with their times tables.
- As the children start to answer the questions quicker, TTRS will automatically move them on to the next question.
- Please remember to ensure children are focused whilst playing at home. TTRS should be treated like reading to help them make the most progress.

Homework

- Homework is an important part of the children's education – consolidation of learning, developing independence, important link between home and school.
- Remember, we're also helping to prepare them for next year.
- This year, we're asking that children read for a minimum of **3 times a week** for 20 minutes. Children don't need to read to an adult anymore, but we do ask that someone at home initials or signs their reading record so that we can monitor their work.
- Children are asked to complete **20 minutes** of TTRS each week.
- There will also be a quick worksheet to complete each week. Homework will be set on Fridays and is expected back on Thursdays. We switch between spelling practice and maths homework which complements our schoolwork. This will change after half-term, as we assign homework which will support children in their upcoming SATS.
- If your child has not completed their recommended TTRS or reading, then they will be asked to make up that time during break time on Fridays.

SATS & Booster Groups

- SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) will take place in the week commencing **11th May 2026**
- Please do not worry about SATs - especially not yet! We will be doing lots of practice and preparation for these.
- After October half term, some of your children will be invited to attend booster sessions after school. These are not compulsory, but for you to decide if you want your child to attend.
- More information about these will be given closer to the time and discussed at parents evening.
- Remember, this year isn't just about the SATs!

Communication

- Class email – year6@woodstone.leics.sch.uk
- Call the office to arrange for a phone call after school hours.
- Website
- Letters
- Newsletter

Finally...

- Thank you all for coming!
- We're really looking forward to this year and we hope that the children will enjoy it too.
- We hope to see you at the Oak Class Golden Book on **Thursday 16th of October**
- Any questions?