

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

Class 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

September 2026

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 6 - I hope you are all well and enjoyed the summer holidays. This term our class topic is 'The Home Front' and we will incorporate this theme through a variety of activities. If parents can help in any way by providing information or resources, I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Attendance

The school day starts at 8:45am and children should therefore be in class at this time to complete early- morning activities or carry out morning jobs. Year 6 children carry out a variety of whole school jobs during the year some of which take place first thing in the morning so your support in ensuring they are available at the start of the day for these would be much appreciated. In addition, developing good habits of punctuality and attendance have been proven to result in improved engagement and attainment.

Staffing

I will be teaching the class on a Monday, Tuesday morning, Wednesday and Friday, Mrs McCullough will be teaching on a Thursday and Mrs Munday will be teaching on a Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Hitchings is the class Learning Support Assistant and Miss Colgan will be providing additional support for children throughout the week.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Wednesdays and Fridays this term so children should come to school in their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn. In line with Essex Health and Safety guidelines, earrings must be removed. If a child is unable to remove their earrings, we must have your written consent that school is not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery. Should your child be unable to take part in P.E. due to injury, please inform me in writing. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required during colder weeks. However, no hooded tops can be worn. When PE is taught inside, children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet.

Homework

A timetable for homework in Year 6 is outlined below. In line with the school homework policy, the expectation is that English, maths, and science tasks should take approximately 30 minutes each week. In addition, children should spend time each day practising their spelling and it is highly beneficial to maintain practise of times tables. Reading is a key element of homework and children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each day with the minimum expectation of this being to an adult once a week.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Reading English	Reading Spelling	Reading Maths	Reading Science	Reading

Please note: English homework should be returned on a Wednesday and maths on a Friday. Children will have a week to complete the Science task and practise spellings.

As previously, the children have been provided with a planner to help them record their homework and reading. We will encourage them to ensure they understand the tasks set before they leave school and have recorded details accurately. Keeping up to date and organised with homework is an important skill for children to develop in readiness for secondary school, so please encourage the children to be increasingly independent and responsible for this when you sign their planners each week. These books can also be used for any comments you may have regarding your child's progress, homework or reading but more urgent messages should be sent via the school office.

Please note that homework may not always be marked in the same way as classwork. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at home as a basis for continued work in the classroom.

Equipment

Each day, children will need to have available an HB pencil, a 30 cm ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener but, in addition, their own glue-stick and blue handwriting pen (not a biro) would be useful. They might also like to have their own, coloured pencils, highlighters or fine-liners but these are not essential.

After half-term, each child will need an old pillow-case or t-shirt for their D.T. work as it will be used for a DT sewing activity. If this causes any difficulties, please let me know as soon as possible.

Dates for your diary

A **'Meet the Teacher' meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 9th September at 5:00 p.m.**

Following the meeting, the slides used will be added to the class page of the website for reference.

To support our topic this term, **a trip to Bletchley Park** has been booked for **Monday 9th November**. Further details will follow in due course.

Our Class Worship will be on **Friday 20th November at 9:10 a.m.** Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend this in the school hall.

The SWCS Spirit of Christmas concert at St Mary's in Saffron Walden will be on **Saturday 5th December, in the afternoon**. All children in Year 6 and Year 5 have been invited to perform along with other schools in the area so please keep this date free as it is always a wonderful opportunity for the School Choir to perform in front of an audience and a great way to start the Christmas season.

Sorry to mention it so early but an important date for next year's diary is **SATs** week beginning **Monday 10th May 2027**. Please ensure all appointments are avoided during this week.

Please refer to the class page on the website for more information and school newsletters for information pertaining to whole school dates and events.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable year ahead. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Starbuck