



WELCOME TO Year 6

Dear parents or guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Upper Key stage 2. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience at Holywell.

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STAFF



- Miss Patrick
Year 6 Teacher (Elm)
Phase leader and English Lead

Mrs Guru
Year 6 Teacher (Birch)
(RE and PSHE Lead)

- Mrs Bryon (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Akhtar (Teaching Assistant)



Curriculum

As is required by law, we follow the National Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potentials. The children will cover:

Maths	ICT	Humanities
English	PSHE	RE
Science	DT	PE
Art	SPaG	Spanish

For more details, please see your year group termly overview.

The children will be given opportunities to work in mixed groups and also grouped according to ability for the Guided Reading, English and Mathematics sessions to help them achieve their Targets. This is to ensure that each child's needs are met.



Attendance and Punctuality:

The children are expected to come into class independently between 8.45 am and 8.55am. It is important that your child arrives on time, since our first lesson of the day will begin promptly at 9.00 a.m. If your child is absent from school, they must bring a note or parents must inform the teacher either in person or by telephone. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, since they will miss some vital work that has been planned. This will then mean that they will be working to 'catch up' when they return.

The School day ends at 3.15pm, the children will be dismissed on the grass area outside the School. Children in Years 6 are allowed to walk home alone as long as we have received written permission from parents or carers. Children who are not collected will be taken to the school office. **Please inform the office if your child will be collected by another adult.**

Clubs

The school run a range of before and after school clubs. Letters for clubs go out at the start of a half term and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Holidays

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted. Your child may be removed from the school roll if you do take an unauthorised absence.



Expectations

In Year 6, we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential. Work set will be matched to suit the varying abilities within the year group. Children are expected to try their best and behave appropriately in the classroom and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.



Handwriting

The school uses cursive script handwriting scheme.

Mobile Phones

Children are not allowed to bring in mobile phones.



Home Reading/Homework

There is an expectation that the children read every night for 20 mins. Pupils are expected to read to an adult at least twice in a week. Reading records are checked once a week. Homework for English and Mathematics is set on a Friday, together with spellings and or times table practice if required. Homework is handed in on a Tuesday. This year Homework will be set on Google Classroom.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Assessment



In Year 6 assessments are carried out half termly.

SATs

Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests in the Summer Term (Week beginning the 9th May). These will comprise of Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG). As this is an incredibly important year for the children, it is vital that they attend school and ensure that they complete their homework. Further revision material and revision sessions will be provided, however any help you can give your children at home is very useful.

Uniform and P.E. Kit



It is school policy that all children wear uniform. This consists of white top, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore and the school jumper. We expect children to wear appropriate black school shoes, not trainers. Hoodies are not permitted as school jumpers. **Please ensure all items of clothing including shoes are labelled.** Children must not wear jewellery, however, studs are acceptable. If children are wearing earrings, these must be removed or covered up for PE, ear tape must be provided by parents.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a compulsory part of the curriculum and important for the child's physical and social development. It is school policy that all children wear the correct P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. activities safely. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, maroon shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Children will need to wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have PE. Elm – Tuesday and Thursday. Birch – Tuesday and Thursday

Dinner Money



Dinner money is currently £12 a week (£2.40 a day), which can be paid online.

Trips



The children will be going on a range of school trips throughout the year, information will be shared nearer the time.

Parents Evening

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

Assemblies

Whole school assemblies are on a Friday. Each class assembly is linked to the school theme/focus or major event.

Transition

Transition to Secondary school is an incredibly important part of Y6. In the autumn term, children will be invited to sit entry exams for some schools. In September/October, schools will hold open evenings where pupils can visit the school. The deadline for application is the 31st October. Allocation shall be e-mailed to you on the 1st March and parents can then accept schools or remain on a waiting lists. Children will then have a transition day to their new school in July.



Thank you

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to a successful working partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Patrick, Mrs Guru
Miss Akhtar and Mrs Bryon