



Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a great long weekend! We had a fantastic Christmas Art Day on Tuesday and enjoyed making mini bobble hats and angel art. The children have worked really hard on their termly assessments this week – well done!

Miss Maloney and Miss Kelly

Year 6 Team

Important information:

PE will return to its usual day from this week – Eagles on Tuesday, Kites on Wednesday.

Reindeer Run

On Thursday 11th December, the whole school will be participating in the Reindeer Run to raise money for Phyllis Tuckwell. This is also our Year 6 charity so we would encourage the children even more to get involved! The children have been given the sponsorship envelopes which they can return on the 11th.

Activism Art

In our Art unit on Activism, the children will be creating their own zines (miniature booklet). We are encouraging the children to bring in some materials next week (optional) which support their designs/message.

This could include:

- tissue paper
- magazine cut outs
- newspaper clippings
- different titles and fonts printed out showing different quotes or key messages
- gems
- stickers
- feathers
- ribbons
- stamps
- photos from home
- anything else you can think of!

The Giving Tree

This Christmas season, we will be taking part in **The Giving Tree** to support children living in refuge (<https://kidsout.org.uk/the-giving-tree/>).

How it works:

- Tags will be available to take from the tree by the office.
- Families can take a tag, buy the gift, and return it **unwrapped** to school, these can be left under the tree.
- Deadline for returning gifts: **Wednesday 10th December.**

Important Dates

Wednesday 3rd December- Monday 8th December – Scholastic book fair. Please come along to the Pope Francis Hall from 3.15pm. There will be a variety of books for you to purchase - books make great Christmas presents! All purchases will help the school buy extra books for all. Payment is via the QR code (on the day) - NO CASH or CARD

Thursday 11th December – Reindeer Run! Please return sponsorship envelopes by this day.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch. Please ensure you have ordered a lunch in advance. Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day.

Friday 19th December – Term Ends at 1:30.



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NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING
- THE COMPETITOR'S ENTRIES WILL BE OF THEIR OWN FREE HAND DRAWING AND COLOURING PRODUCTION.
- THE USE OF PRE-PREPARED TRACINGS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
- THE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED SIZED EITHER A4 OR A3 ON PAPER OR CARD OF A QUALITY AND COLOUR OF CHOICE.
- THE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE CAN BE WRITTEN ON THE PAINTING, ON THE REVERSE OR ON ATTACHMENT.

AN ENTRY WILL ONLY COUNT IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESENTED CLEARLY: **CHILD'S NAME. AGE. DATE OF BIRTH. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL. REMEMBER TO ALSO INCLUDE THE BIBLE VERSE!**

INFORMATION:	
Submission Deadline	Prizes
8th December 2025	Winner: £30
FREE ENTRY	2nd place: £20
	3rd place: £15

Children should bring their nativity scene to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with Brother Brian McDermid.

Anyone who would like to get involved must hand their entry in to Miss Bellapaisiotou in Year 2 Swifts classroom 😊

Homework

CGP SATS busters

This week, children should complete **Set A test 1 of the Maths SATS buster**. This should be self-marked at home (so that children can go over any mistakes) and then brought into school the following Friday to discuss any areas of support with their teacher.

Maths.co.uk

Maths homework will reflect the learning that is done in class during each unit. It is set every Friday on Maths.co.uk. Logins have been sent home.

Spelling

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday, giving children one week to learn them.

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance. When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can, but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

Times Table Rockstars

As a guideline, **children should aim to practise their times tables as much as possible, preferably daily**. Please encourage the children to practise those times tables which they are less secure with.

Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day**.
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.



How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.