



Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a great week! We have enjoyed English this week – we took part in some drama and hot-seating activities to really get ourselves into the character of the White Witch. We will be writing diary entries from her perspective next week! In maths, we have finished our fractions unit and have enjoyed carrying out some investigations into shadows and light in science.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

Miss Maloney and Miss Kelly

Year 6 Team

Important information:

Year 6 will be carrying out a joint PE unit (taught by Miss Kelly and Miss Maloney) for the first few weeks back. Please can Kites class bring their PE kits into school on a Tuesday rather than a Wednesday until further notice.

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/>). These children can receive very little - or in some cases nothing at all at Christmas. Families will have the opportunity to take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift listed for a child, and return it to school. We will then take the gifts to the local collection point where they'll be distributed to children living in refuge.

Each tag includes the name of a child and the gift they or their parents have said they'd love to receive.

How it works:

- Tags will be available to take **from Monday 24th November** from the tree by the office (exact location TBC).
- 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**. This then gives us time to take them to the collection point to be wrapped and distributed to the children in time for Christmas.

Important Dates

Friday 28th November – INSET Day (school closed for children)

Monday 1st December – Xavier School Closure Day (no children in school)

Tuesday 2nd December - Christmas Art Day – children welcome to wear Christmas mufti

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

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre, 3-5:30pm

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

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3.15pm

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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!**

<p>Submission Deadline</p> <p>8th December 2025</p> <p style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; border-radius: 10px;">FREE ENTRY</p>	<p>Prizes</p> <p>Winner: £30</p> <p>2nd place: £20</p> <p>3rd place: £15</p>
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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 Reading 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.