



## Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have enjoyed writing our setting descriptions in English. We have been blown away by the children's vocabulary and creativity this week. We also enjoyed going to mass with our Year 2 buddies. We have carried out some wonderful learning in RE, looking at the important roles of some of the women in the bible, including Mary!

We hope you have a restful weekend.

Miss Maloney and Miss Kelly

Year 6 Team

### Important information:

**Year 6 are collecting finished toilet rolls for their Christmas Art day. If you have any that you are about to throw away, please can the children bring them into school. Thank you!**

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.

### **SATS Buster Books begin this week! Please see below for homework expectations this week.**

As part of our ongoing support for Year 6 pupils in preparation for the upcoming SATs, we are once again offering the SATs Buster books for Reading, Maths, and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

We have been using these books for the past two years and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The short, 10-minute activities help familiarise children with SATs-style questions, building

their confidence week-on-week. Their impact has been evident from the link between children's end-of-year attainment and their regular engagement with the SATs Buster activities.

The SATs Busters will be set as an additional weekly homework task. Each week, children will focus on one area (SPaG, reading or maths) completing a short 10-minute task. They will then bring their books into school each week to review any areas of difficulty with their teacher.

We strongly recommend purchasing the SATs Buster books, which are available at a reduced price of £10 for the full set of three books (Reading, Maths, and SPaG). These can be purchased via Scopy. Usually, the cost of each individual book is £5.70.

### Important Dates

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – INSET Day (school closed for children)**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Xavier School Closure Day (no children in school)**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Art Day – children welcome to wear Christmas jumpers**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre, 3-5:30pm**

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

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**Date:**  
Wednesday 3rd December till Monday 8th December  
Pope Francis Hall  
3.15pm

**Scan the QR code to pay online!**

## Homework

### **CGP SATS busters**

This week, children should complete **Set A test 1 of the SPaG 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.