

Year 6



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Year 6! Our budding writers have created informative non-chronological reports about the mysterious yellow-spotted lizard from *Holes*. We have continued to strengthen our skills with the four operations in Maths and have been fascinated by our Geography learning as we explore why populations change around the world.

Miss Kelly and Miss Vardy

Year 6 Team

Important dates:

Saturday 10th October– KS2 District Cross Country Race – see below for more details.

Tuesday 13th October – Deadline for ordering Christmas Cards (please ensure the artwork is returned to school).

Friday 16th October – Harvest Festival. As always, we would very much appreciate any in date, non-perishable food items or toiletries, preferably from the list below:

- Instant mash
- Pasta
- UHT desserts such as sponge puddings, jelly & angel delight
- Chocolate

Monday 19th October – Elite Swimming Squad Trials – see below for more details.

Monday 19th October – Y6 DT Day (food). Please see below.

Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening.

Thursday 22nd October – Parents Evening.

Thursday 22nd October – Deadline for ordering SATs Buster Books – see below.

Thursday 22nd October – Last day of Autumn 1.

Tuesday 3rd November – Children return to school.

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

DT Day

As part of DT we will be making 'Sploosh'! This comes from the book we have been reading, Holes.

Please can every child bring in –

• one tin of sliced peaches; and

• one empty, glass jam jar (or similar)

• cinnamon sticks (optional but recommended)

• any textiles or art supplies that they would like to use to decorate their jars (e.g. fabric for the top of the jar, ribbon). We will also have a range of resources available at school.

We understand that this may not be possible for everyone, please do let us know if there are any problems with resourcing and we will ensure that we provide extras.

SATs Buster Books

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 three 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 **Scopay**. Usually, the cost of each individual book is £5.85.

The deadline for ordering these is Thursday 22nd October (apologies the email said Thursday 23rd).

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child prepare confidently for their SATs.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Homework:

Maths – please complete the maths.co.uk homework that has been set. Please ensure regular practise of Times tables on Times Tables Rockstars.

Reading – 15 minutes of daily reading. Please ensure quizzes are completed after a book has been finished. Renaissance Learning Login

Spelling – there are currently no words to practise as we are reviewing Year 5 rules and words.

Reminder: Please ensure children are wearing the correct kits for PE and Games days. They are required to wear appropriate footwear. Please also ensure that earrings are removed, we cannot allow ears to be taped. Thank you.

KS2 DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RACE

KS2 children are all invited to represent the school at the District Schools' Cross-Country meet in Farnham Park on Saturday 10th October 2026
To sign your child up please use the following link: **https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ObSBgayFRJ**

They will be racing for approximately **2000 metres.** The race will be in a **clockwise direction** unless conditions cause a change to the direction. Note the course is hilly and can be muddy.
There will be a KS2 boys race at 10:00am followed by a KS2 girls' race at 10:20am.
If your child requires medication such as an inhaler, it is the parent or responsible adults' duty to carry it, not the schools'. Please note that First Aiders will be there to provide first aid if there should be an emergency and will be situated near the event 'operations' table. **Every child must come with a responsible adult who stays at the event until the child is finished.**

We do not time the children but give them a position number as they pass the finish line. The idea at each race is to do as well as they can and try to beat their personal best position. Parents are welcome to watch the races. Once you child has raced, **please do not collect your child directly from inside the running funnel.**
There will be medals awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each race. There are also cups for the best boy's school team performance and the best girls' school team performance. In addition, the Bell cup is awarded for the school scoring the most overall points. The point system is based on our top six finishing positions in each race.

Registration and Gathering Area:
The schools will register the children at the bottom of the park just up from the Bear Lane/Park Row entrance to the park. (Bear Lane/Park Row entrance GU9 7LF) Go into the park, from the bottom entrance, over the stile and meet St. Polycarp's staff on the left hand side where they will register your children. (Just left of the path and adventure playground)

PARKING
Parents must park in the town car parks and walk to the registration point. Please find a map attached. **Please do not park on the roads adjacent to the park such as Park Row and Bear Lane as we must be considerate of residents to retain our licence.**
PLEASE NOTE PARENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY WAVERLEY COUNCIL NOT TO PARK IN THE : park/golf car park, cricket ground or smaller rangers' car parks on Folly Hill. Parents and carers are asked not to block residents' roads or drives. Please note this is a **condition of our licence from Waverley Council** to run the event. Marshalls will be present to ensure parents don't flout this requirement.
Surrey Police have been informed and will be contacted if people cause a problem with parking. Please don't let St. Polycarp's down by ignoring this request.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENT INFORMATION
DATE: Saturday 10th October 2026
PLACE: Farnham Park, Bear Lane/Park Row entrance at the bottom left-hand corner of Farnham Park. Please see map attached.
MEETING POINT: Bear Lane/Park Row entrance, just over the stile to the left-hand side of the path below the adventure playground. (See attached map)
TIME OF EVENT: 9.15am Registration at meeting point – Mrs Ramsden aided by other St. Polycarp's staff. After registration the boys and girl's teams will be warmed up by St Polycarp's staff. At the end of the race St. Polycarp's staff will keep the children in the finishing pen for the parent/carer to collect at the end of each race.

9.15am register
9.30am warm up
10.00am Boys Race
10.20am Girl's race
10.45ish! presentation

REQUIREMENTS		
School P.E. kit	Trainers or Astros – No Spikes	Water bottle

Elite Swimming Squad Trials

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am running swimming trials for this years' 'Elite' swimming squad. Our qualified swimming coach will assess the children along with myself. All children who are interested in joining the team **must** attend the trials on the 19th October 2026 at 7:30am till 8:00am at Farnham Leisure Centre. All previous members of the swim squad **must** trial out for a space on the new team squad too.

LINK - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/66sAgQiRHR

Trials

Y3 & Y4 children must be really water confident and be able to swim a recognised stroke for 25 metres on both their front and back. (1 length of Farnham Swimming Pool) The children need to put their face in the water and be happy to jump into the swimming pool. They must be able to tread water.

Y5/6 children must be water confident and able swim a recognised stroke for 50 metres on both their front and back. (2 lengths of Farnham Swimming Pool) The children need to put their face in the water and be happy to jump into the swimming pool. They must be able to tread water.

Those wishing to trial out must complete the online form. Please use the following link. Parents must stay for the duration of the trials and are responsible for transporting their child back to school. This is due to the number of children potentially attending.

If your child is successful in gaining a space in the swimming squad, they need to make a commitment to attend all the Monday sessions unless ill. Times for swim squad are as follows:

Timings: **7.15am** – change. **7.30am – 8am** swim coaching. **8am** – change. **8.15am** your child should be ready to transport back to school

If your child is successful in obtaining a space in Swim Squad The children will receive a letter to inform them if they are successful or not. If successful, a further letter will be given about payment and their start date. Parents need to be committed to getting your child to the pool for 7.15am each Monday. Your child will then need to be transported to school after weekly sessions.

Some of the children from the squad will then be selected for the District Schools' Gala in February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ramsden

INFORMATION SHEET

TIME OF ARRIVAL AT POOL: 7.15am

MEETING POINT: Farnham Leisure Centre Foyer (Dogflud Way, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7UD)

ADULT SUPERVISION: Mrs. Ramsden, Qualified Swimming Coach, Qualified Lifeguard (Supplied by Leisure Centre). Parents will be asked not to be pool side.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIM TRIAL:

Swimming Costume

Goggles

Swim Hat

Towel

Medication Required

School Uniform for the school day

OTHER INFO: Parents must stay for the duration of the trial and then transport your children back to school. Parents may organise their own lift shares.

There will be a fee involved for being part of the swim squad and you will be advised of this, along with swim dates and times, if your child is successful in the trials and obtains a space in the swim squad.

PLEASE READ

** In previous years children from swim squad have been walked to school with a staff member and parent helpers in readiness for the school day. However, due to staffing changes this option is not be possible going forward. Therefore, please make sure your child can return to school after Swim Squad sessions in the morning**

Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 Saturday 14th November

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows. This will be an afternoon performance, although exact timings will be confirmed nearer the event. Further details will be shared via email in due course.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to rehearse using Muse Class Primary:

https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/g4Yhq2yLI3W4gFIL

Find the songs ('Pat A Pan', 'Hear the Sleigh Bells' and 'One More Sleep 'til Christmas'), click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).