

YEAR SIX

Autumn 2026



Welcome to Year 6! We hope that you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready for a new term full of learning and fun at St. Joseph's!

Good to know...

Teachers

Mr. Hewitt is the Year 6 class teacher with Miss Talbot and Mrs. Walker working as our teaching assistants. Miss White will teach in Year 6 for an hour on Tuesday mornings, with Mrs. Cliffe and Mrs. Hamilton teaching in Year 6 on Thursday afternoons.

PE Kit

For the first half-term, our PE lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons (tag rugby) and Friday afternoons (cricket).

Children should have PE kits in school every day – but especially on these days. Please also remove earrings on these days.

When do we need Fluency Books, Reading Logs and Home Spelling Books?

Fluency Books - everyday. The children mark their fluency homework and write in their new tasks each morning.

Reading Logs - everyday. These will be signed by a school adult on Mondays and Thursdays.

Home Spelling Books - Friday. We complete our spelling dictations and then stick in our new spellings.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Please bring a healthy snack and a clearly named water bottle every day.

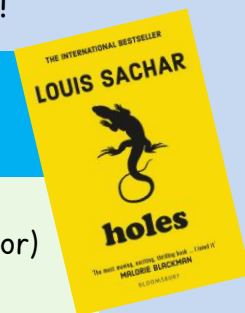


English

Our focus texts for the term are:

- Holes by Louis Sachar (class author)
- Hamlet by William Shakespeare.
- War Poetry by Wilfred Owen and others.

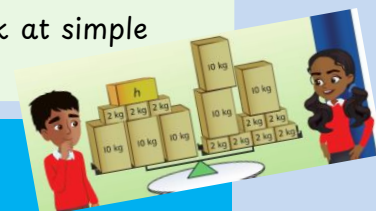
We will be learning to write setting and character descriptions, formal and informal letters, balanced arguments, play-scripts and biographical texts.



Maths

We will be developing our understanding of numbers up to and including 10,000,000, as well as working on efficiency and solving problems involving the four operations.

We will also study fractions, measurements, ratio and even finish the term by beginning to look at simple algebra!



RE

In our first branch of the term, "Creation and Covenant", we will be exploring how our role as stewards of God's creation allows us to grow closer to him.

After half-term, in our second branch, entitled "Prophecy and Promise", we will be looking at Mary and other women from scripture who prepared the way for the coming of Jesus.



Other Subjects

History

We will be learning all about the Second World War and its impact on Britain.



Geography

Our work will focus on the world's deserts and why they are formed.



PE

We will play and develop our skills in gymnastics, cricket, tag-rugby and basketball.



Computing

We will be learning about graphing, blogging, networks and data use.

Science

Year 6 will initially focus on light before studying electricity.



Art

We will explore how we can create 3D models from 2D drawings.

Design and Technology

We will be applying our learning in Science to create electronic Christmas cards.



Music

We will develop notation skills and knowledge of tonality, as well as rehearsing for and performing in the Christmas productions.



French

We will explore French sport and the Olympics, as well as vocabulary used in a French home.



PSHE

We will explore how we are part of a global family and have different rights and responsibilities.



How can I support my child at home?

Homework

Reading - please encourage your child to read their book at home for at least 15 minutes every day and to write a comment in their reading log.

Fluency - the children will have four Maths fluency questions to complete per day. They will write these into their fluency book and will need to complete them at home before the start of the next school day. These should take around five minutes to complete.

Spelling - practice the weekly spelling words with your child in a range of different ways.

RE Homework Projects - Once per half-term, there will be a creative RE homework project to complete with your child.

Times Table Rockstars

Play Times Table Rockstars at least four times a week to improve their recall of times table facts. Your child's login is in their reading log.



Catholic Life

Encourage your child to spend time in prayer and reflection at home. Attend Sunday Mass with them whenever possible, especially our termly Family Mass.



Key Dates

- 07/09/26: Meet the Teacher Meeting
- 08/09/26: KS2 Celebration of the Word
- 16/10/26: Imperial War Museum Trip
- 19/10/26: Parents Evening
- 20/10/26: Parents Evening
- 29/11/26: Family Mass
- 05/12/26: Parish Fair
- 16/12/26: Christmas Carol Concert