



Eccleston St. Mary's Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs J Birchall



September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 6 - your child's final year at St Mary's School! I am delighted to be teaching Year 6 again this year and would like to share some useful information about routines, expectations and how you can best support your child.

1) PE

PE will take place on **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure full PE kits are brought into school at the start of each half term. Long hair must be tied back for PE.

2) Uniform

We encourage the children to look smart as this helps set the right ethos for learning. Long hair should be tied back with minimal, plain accessories in school colours. Jewellery is not permitted (including watches, earrings, clear earrings or plasters over earrings). Please ensure your child comes to school in full uniform each day.

3) Reading

We are excited to have a new set of banded reading books in KS2, funded by the PTFA, alongside our well-stocked class and school libraries. Reading a wide variety of high-quality texts is essential.

This year, the children are expected to remember to bring their book to school each day and take it home each evening. Please sign your child's reading record page inside their homework diary each time they read at home. I recommend a minimum of **five sessions per week**, with each session lasting at least **15-20 minutes**. Books can be changed as soon as they are completed but reading records must be in school each Thursday. If children have read at least 5 times and remembered to get their reading record signed, they will earn a raffle ticket. One raffle ticket will be selected at the end of each half term, and the winner will receive a book.

A list of recommended Year 6 texts is attached should you wish to explore further reading at home. In addition, our class will keep a **Reading Scrapbook** where children can record and recommend books they have enjoyed.

4) Homework

Homework will be set each **Friday** and must be completed by the following **Thursday**. This will include:



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- Reading at least five times per week (with an adult at least twice). Records will be checked weekly each Thursday.
- Learning mathematical facts such as multiplication tables, or completing an assignment on Maths Prodigy (login details can be found in reading records).
- Weekly grammar practice to be returned on Thursday.
- A research-style project linked to our class topic, with around 5 weeks allowed for completion.

In the spring term, additional short maths and reading comprehension tasks will be set (approximately 20 minutes in total per week).

Please note, all equipment is provided in school, though children may bring a small pencil case with their own stationery if they wish.

Supporting Your Child

Year 6 is a busy year, and your support is invaluable. You can help by:

- Ensuring your child arrives at school on time each day.
- Supporting them in taking responsibility for homework and deadlines.
- Encouraging them to read as much as possible.
- Providing appropriate outdoor clothing (warm/waterproof coat, sun hat, sun cream, depending on the season).
- Ensuring they bring a water bottle daily.
- Please avoid taking holidays during term time - writing is assessed throughout the year, and the period after SATs is a crucial time for writing assessments in year 6.

There is so much to look forward to this year, with plenty of hard work but also many exciting opportunities. I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's progress and would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely,

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