



Teacher Newsletter

Year Six Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year Six

Welcome back from a scorching summer. The children have settled brilliantly into year six with the new routines and expectations. We have plenty of exciting opportunities for the new Year Six children this term. There will be many opportunities for additional roles and responsibilities, including House Captain applications, lower school playground leaders and assembly monitors. The children will have their Book Bingo Cards to complete this term. Please encourage them to complete as much as they can. We are also looking forward to all the school events that we have planned for the upcoming term.

Staff:

Hawthorn

Mrs McNamara

Sycamore

Mrs Grabowska (Monday – Wednesday am)

Mrs Gifford (Thursday – Friday)

Mrs Welch (Wednesday pm)

Mrs Cherry is the TA across Years Five and Six.

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

Miss Toms and Mr Colman teach us on Tuesday mornings.

PE

PE kits need to come into school every Monday. They will be sent home for washing each Friday.

PE Days: Tuesday and Friday
(These are subject to change)

PE Kit

- Plain t-shirt in house colour
- Black shorts
- Black jogging bottoms or shorts
- Black plain jumper
- Suitable trainers (not plimsolls)

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.

Through the Keyhole:

Hawthorn – Monday 14th September

Sycamore – Tuesday 15th September

Library Day:

Please only send library books in on this day.

Hawthorn – Library will be on a Thursday

Sycamore – Library will be on a Wednesday.

Snack - Please provide your child with a morning snack of fruit or vegetables.

Packed Lunches – If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

Reading

At Redbourn Primary we focus on regularly hearing children read through English and Reading Response lessons, as well as individual reading at least once a month.

Please also continue to help your children to remember to bring their banded reading book and reading record into school every day, as they may have opportunities to read to additional adults if appropriate. They are able to change their reading book once it has been finished.

When reading at home, ask your child to:

- summarise the main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph, identifying key details to support the main ideas
- discuss characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

Home Learning

- No more than 90 minutes a week should be spent on Home Learning tasks, plus daily reading.
- Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Hear your child read- ideally 10 minutes daily
- Encourage reading of other books
- At least weekly access on Reading Eggs
- X 3 per week Times Tables Rock Stars
- Weekly spellings - linked to spelling sessions and the Y5/6 Common Exception Words.
- Task from White Rose Maths Practice Journal.
- There will be additional home learning tasks as the year progresses, to support the children in the lead up to SATs.

Maths and spellings will be set on a Friday, to be returned by Wednesday.

THRIVE Values

Autumn A: Teamwork

We are a team. We are honest and trustworthy. We are effective listeners and communicators. We co-operate with one another. We are helpful and we show empathy.

Autumn B: Healthy

We are healthy. We look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We are happy, we are resilient and we have a growth mindset.