

# **Welcome to Year 6**

**2025 - 2026**

# Staff & Sets



## YEAR 6

### JUNIPER

Mr Goodchild  
Mrs Armit  
Mrs Russell/Mrs Stemp  
Mrs Manfredi  
Mrs Kan  
Mr Hale

### Maths Teacher

Miss Wells

### POPLAR

Ms Lawrence  
Mrs Ingram  
Mrs Manfredi  
Mrs Kan  
Mr Hale

### PINE

Miss Jackman  
Mrs Russell/Mrs Stemp  
Mrs Mufti  
Mrs Manfredi  
Mrs Kan  
Mr Hale

# Expectations

- Display excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.
- Be good ambassadors for Whiteheath Junior School.
- Show initiative and take responsibility.
- Act as role models to the younger children.
- Be in school on time wearing smart school uniform and with the correct equipment.

	<b>Autumn</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Summer</b>
History	Ancient Greeks	The Impact of War	Journeys
Geography	Protecting the Environment	Our World in the Future	Journeys: Trade
Science	Electricity and renewable energy Living Things	Light and Light pollution The circulatory system/lifestyle	Variation and adaptation Fossils
Art	Painting and mixed media: Artist Study Sculpture and 3D: Making memories	Make my Voice Heard (Graffiti)	Photography
DT	Electrical systems: Steady hand game	Textiles: Waistcoats	Automata Toys Come Dine With Me
ICT	Computing systems Programming	Data handling History of Computers	Big data Inventing a product
RE	Hinduism	Race and Diversity	Moral Maze
Indoor PE	Dance Gymnastics	Badminton Volleyball	Athletics Rounders
Games	Hockey Netball	Tag Rugby Fitness	Tennis OAA
Music	Adele Make You Feel my Love	Happy	Music and Me
PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities	Valuing Difference	Keeping Safe

# English



## Different aspects of English teaching:

- ▶ Speaking & Listening
- ▶ Reading (decoding, comprehension, inference, deduction)
- ▶ Writing
  - ▶ Composition skills including sentence structure, cohesion, audience and purpose, punctuation,
  - ▶ Transcription skills of handwriting and spelling
- ▶ Grammar & Punctuation (terminology and technicalities)

# Reading

Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

- ✓ Reading improves skills in maths.
- ✓ Reading fiction helps children be more empathetic.
- ✓ Reading can boost self-esteem and communication skills.
- ✓ Reading changes the structure of the brain.



## Things you can do to help your child succeed in English

- Encourage them to complete their homework carefully and learn spellings.
- Spend time talking about their ideas and experiences and encourage them to use good language
  
- Encourage them to read:
  - Use the public and school libraries
  - Listen to them read aloud
  - Read to them
  - Talk to them about what they are reading
  - Remove electronic devices from their bedrooms and encourage them to read in bed.
  
- Discuss what your child has been writing about at school and talk about what might be coming up.

# Reading

Children should read for pleasure every day. At least some of this reading should be reading aloud to an adult.

Big Cat scheme continues with those children who are not yet free readers. Most children in year 6 will be free readers and can choose their own books. We will give them guidance and advice on their choices.

Children are expected to read on a minimum of 5 nights of the week for at least 15 minutes.

This should be recorded in their reading record, with the page numbers they have read and signed by an adult once a week.

# Maths

- ▶ 'White Rose Maths' scheme
- ▶ CPA approach – children are encouraged to work through problems, starting with concrete objects before moving to pictorial representations, followed by abstract concepts
- ▶ Focus on fluency, application, reasoning and problem solving
- ▶ Challenging all children



# Things you could do to help your child succeed in maths...

- Encourage them to complete their homework carefully each week.
- Help them to learn all of the times tables from 1 – 12 so that they can recall all of the facts mentally.
- Encourage them to have a positive attitude towards Maths.
- There are lots of useful websites (Times Tables Rockstars, maths.co.uk etc)
- Check they know how to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks.

# Homework



- ▶ **All homework is set on a Tuesday and is due in on Monday of the following week.**
- ▶ **English and maths:** usually one sheet per subject. This will be in the homework book.
- ▶ **Spellings:** tested on a Monday. We use the spelling scheme, 'Sounds and Syllables' plus 5 of the Year 6 Statutory spelling words.
- ▶ **Reading:** 5 nights a week for a minimum of 15 minutes.

# Extended project

- ▶ Our extended project this term will be an autobiography. We will be introducing this to the children next week.
- ▶ The project will be due in on Friday 5th December.

# PE

P.E. lessons are Wednesdays and Thursdays for the whole year group.



- White t-shirt , white or black shorts , trainers , “jogging bottoms” if cold outside. Please name all items.
- Earrings “studs” only – must be removed or taped for PE/games.
- PE kit needs to be in school every day.
- Inhalers need to be in school please.

# House Captains



There has been an excellent response. The presentations will be taking place next week and the children will soon be busy voting. We will announce the house captains at the end of next week.

# Trips / Special Days

## ▶ Autumn Term

Science Museum – 28<sup>th</sup> November

## ▶ Isle of Wight (Summer)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Junior Citizen Event (TBC)

RAF Hendon (TBC)

# Key Stage 2 SATS

- ▶ Week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May
- ▶ Reading Test (60 mins)
- ▶ Spelling Test (approx. 15 mins)
- ▶ Grammar and Punctuation test (45 mins)
- ▶ 2 Maths Reasoning papers (no calculators) (40 mins each)
- ▶ 1 Maths Arithmetic paper (30 mins)
- ▶ All tests are externally marked.
- ▶ Writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally and may be externally moderated.
- ▶ Revision programme
- ▶ Lots of support.

How can you help?

**PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY  
SAMPLE PAPERS OR SATS  
TEST PAPERS FROM 2016  
ONWARDS. WE WILL BE  
USING THESE IN SCHOOL  
AND IT WOULD BE IN YOUR  
CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS IF  
THEY HAVE NOT HAD PRIOR  
ACCESS TO THEM.**

# Secondary Schools

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/8758/Starting-secondary-school-September-2026>

***The deadline is 31 October 2025***

## Hillingdon secondary schools open evenings

School	Date	SIF required
Barnhill School	Thursday 11 September	No
Bishop Ramsey CofE	Thursday 2 October	Yes*
Bishopshalt School	Tuesday 9 September	No
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy	Tuesday 30 September	Yes*
Haydon School	Thursday 18 September	No
Harefield School	Tuesday 16 September	No
Harlington School	Tuesday 23 September	No
Hewens College	Thursday 25 September	No
Northwood School	Wednesday 1 October	No
Oak Wood School	Wednesday 17 September	No
Park Academy West London	Wednesday 10 September	No
Queensmead School	Wednesday 17 September	No
Rosedale College	Tuesday 16 September	No
Ruislip High School	Thursday 25 September	No
Swakeleys School	Thursday 11 September	Yes*
The Douay Martyrs	Thursday 18 September	Yes*
Uxbridge High School	Monday 22 September	No
Vyners School	Wednesday 24 September	No

If anyone needs any assistance with the process, Mrs Ventin is available to help.

# Any questions.....

Please email the class teachers directly  
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