

Welcome to Year 6



2026 - 2027



Staff & Sets



YEAR 6

POPLAR

Ms Lawrence

Mrs Ingram

Mrs Watson

Mrs Manfredi

Mrs Kan

Maths Teacher

Miss Wells

PINE

Miss Bryant

Mrs Russell/Mrs Stemp

Mrs Kan

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.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
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	Happy	Adele Make You Feel my Love	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

Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

- ✓ Reading is a gateway to the rest of the curriculum.
- ✓ It improves skills in all subjects.
- ✓ Reading can boost self-esteem and communication skills.
- ✓ Reading for pleasure linked to improved mental health, greater empathy and lower risk of dementia.

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...



Be exposed to
1.8 million
words a year

Improve
focus and
concentration

Develop
a love for
learning

Have a world of
imagination and
creativity
opened to them

Learn how to
develop
empathy

Have
stronger
writing skills

Improve
test results

Improve and
strengthen
memory

Have better
general
knowledge

Improve
communication
skills



Have
reduced
stress levels



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.

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.

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.
- Encourage them to use measures in practical situations at home.

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, 'WordLab' plus 5 of the Year 6 Statutory spelling words.
- ▶ **Reading:** At least 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 4th December.

PE

P.E. lessons are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 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.

Trips / Special Days

► Autumn Term

Science Museum – 30th November
Visit to Hindu Temple – (TBC)

► Isle of Wight (Summer)

Monday 12th July- Friday 16th July

Junior Citizen Event (TBC)
Battle of Britain Bunker(TBC)

Key Stage 2 SATS

- Week beginning Monday 10th 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 2018 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://pre.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions/starting-secondary-school>

The deadline is
31 October 2026

Hillingdon secondary schools open evenings

School	Date	SIF required
Barnhill School	Thursday 10 September	No
Bishop Ramsey CofE	Thursday 1 October	Yes*
Bishopshalt School	Tuesday 8 September	No
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy	Tuesday 29 September	Yes*
Haydon School	Thursday 17 September	No
Harefield School	Tuesday 15 September	No
Harlington School	Tuesday 22 September	No
Hewens College	Thursday 24 September	No
Northwood School	Wednesday 30 September	No
Oak Wood School	Wednesday 16 September	No
Park Academy West London	Wednesday 9 September	No
Queensmead School	Wednesday 16 September	No
Rosedale College	Tuesday 15 September	No
Ruislip High School	Thursday 24 September	No
Swakeleys School	Thursday 17 September	Yes*
The Douay Martyrs	Thursday 17 September	Yes*
Uxbridge High School	Monday 21 September	No
Vyners School	Wednesday 23 September	No

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

Any questions.....

Please email the class teachers directly
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