



Year 6 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026-2027

Welcome to Year 6! We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the new academic year.

Important dates for your diary:

Thursday 10th September - Kent Selection Tests for children taking the 11+ tests – children **attending** a Kent primary school (takes place at the grammar school)

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September – Kent Selection Test for children taking the 11+ - children **not attending** a Kent primary school (takes place at the grammar school)

Thursday 1st October – Zephaniah class assembly (parents are invited to join)

Thursday 15th October – Hepworth class assembly (parents are invited to join)

Thursday 26th November – Emin class assembly (parents are invited to join)

We will start the term by learning about **Global Citizenship** and what it means to a global citizen in the 21st century. We learn about the importance of recognizing oneself as part of a worldwide community and understanding that actions and choices have impacts on a global scale. Our learning involves an awareness of global issues like climate change, inequality, human rights, a commitment to fostering peace and sustainability, and the ability to engage respectfully with diverse cultures.

Our **Maths** focus in Autumn 1 is place value, the four operations and fractions, decimals and percentages. Please ensure your child gets their Times Table Rockstars login from their teacher and logs on regularly as this will be monitored. Certificates can be earned for those who are topping the tables for the most time spent on TT Rockstars at home.

Linking to this, we are starting our learning in **English** by reading “The Island” by Armin Greder. The book serves as a psychological critique of institutional racism, insider/outsider dynamics, multiculturalism and the refugee experience and tackles issues such as xenophobia and prejudice.

Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform at all times:

- Navy blue pinafore dress, navy blue skirt
- Navy blue or dark grey tailored school trousers
- White school polo shirt
- Navy blue round neck jumper or cardigan with school logo which must be on the left side of the chest
- White or dark socks or navy blue tights
- Black low-heeled school shoes (no logos or motifs) or black trainers – these must be all black, no colours or logos.

Weekly time table

P.E. – please ensure children are wearing appropriate P.E. kit (plain blue, black or white t-shirt and shorts/tracksuit bottoms, plain trainers/plimsolls)

- Emin – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Hepworth – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Zephaniah – Monday and Tuesday

Gates open at 8:45am daily and close at 8:55am promptly. Please ensure that children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss essential learning. If you collect your child, please ensure they are picked up by 3:20pm.

Homework

Homework will be given out weekly and will include Maths, Reading and Spelling, along with some wider curriculum research including Geography, History and Science.

Reading must be done for a minimum of 15 minutes **every day** and reading records must be brought in every day. These will be checked off on a list and initialed by an adult during the week.