



UKS2 Newsletter -Summer 2026

Values : G.R.E.A.T.

On behalf of the Year 5 and 6 team, we would like to thank the pupils for how hard they have worked this year. This term marks an important milestone for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to complete their **SATs** and prepare for their transition to secondary school. We are so proud of the hard work and resilience they've shown throughout the year, and we know they will give it their best. However, it's not all about tests—there's a lot of fun ahead too! Here's what we're looking forward to:

- A trip to **Southill Estate Farm**, this is for year 5 and 6 offering a hands-on experience with nature and farming life
- An action-packed day at **Wicksteed Park** for our year 6 pupils.
- Preparations for our **Leavers' Assembly**, where we'll celebrate our time together and showcase the talents of our fantastic Year 6 children.
- The **End of Year Play**, written by our own Mrs Metcalfe, which will give children in year 5 and 6 an opportunity to shine.
- Our **Step Up Day** and transition activities for year 5 to prepare for the move to year 6 and for the year 6 children to help prepare help ease the move into Year 7 and secondary school.

Mathematics:

This term the children will explore:

Area, Perimeter & Volume- calculate the area of parallelograms and triangles. Recognise when it is possible to use the formulae for area and volume of shapes.

Statistics-Line Graphs, Pie Charts and calculating the mean.

Shape-recognise, describe and build 3D shapes (including nets).

Position and direction-describe positions on the full coordinate grid (all four quadrants) and draw and translate simple shapes and reflect them in the axes.

English:

This term, we will be exploring **Floodland** by Marcus Sedgwick — an exciting dystopian novel set in a future where much of the UK is underwater. The story follows Zoe, a brave young girl trying to survive and reunite with her family. We'll be using the text to inspire rich discussions about climate change, resilience, and making tough choices, as well as developing our comprehension and creative writing skills.

We will also be having a focus on writing inspired by film. Using animations as a springboard for a variety of genres with an emphasis on children improving their work through editing.

Science and Foundation:

This term in Science, Year 5 and 6 will be learning all about **evolution and inheritance** — exploring how living things have changed over time, and how characteristics are passed down through generations.

In History, we are looking at unheard histories and exploring the question of 'who should be on the £10 note?'

In Geography, our focus is on field-work and looking at why this is so important in geography.

Otter Class PE: Wednesday and Friday

Sting Ray PE: Monday and Friday

Manta Ray PE: Tuesday and Friday

Reminders:

-Reading Books are changed on Monday for Otter and Manta Ray and Friday for Sting Ray

-Reading books must be brought into school every day

-English and maths homework is set each week and is due the following Wednesday

-The weather continues to be cold/wet so it is very important that the children have a coat in school every day.

Year 6 will be going to Wicksteed Parks this term to round off our year and celebrate in style! More information, including an itinerary, will be sent out shortly.