

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas. This letter provides information about the Spring Term in Year 6. Should you have any further queries, you are of course always welcome to book an appointment with your child's teacher through the school office.

| CALENDAR DATES 2026 | |
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| 12-Jan | Clubs Start |
| 16-Jan | PTA Meeting - 1.45pm - 2.45pm (Bullfinch Pub) |
| 23-Jan | PTA 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm |
| 04-Feb | Inter House Competition |
| 06-Feb | PTA Cake and Pancake Sale - 3.30pm |
| 06-Feb | PTA Quiz Night - 8.00pm |
| 13-Feb | END OF TERM |
| HALF TERM | |
| 23-Feb | START OF TERM |
| 23-Feb | Year 6 - Young Voices 2026 |
| 27-Feb | PTA Fancy Dress Costume / 2nd Hand Uniform Sale - 3.30pm |
| 03-Mar | PTA Meeting - 7.00 - 8.00pm (at school) |
| 05-Mar | World Book Day |
| 13-Mar | Open Afternoon - 2.45pm |
| 16-Mar | Year 6 - Trip to Parliament |
| 20-Mar | Red Nose Day |
| 20-Mar | PTA - Cake Sale |
| 20-Mar | Clubs End |
| 23-Mar | Year 6 Dance Troupe - Love 2 Dance Show @ the Stag Theatre |
| 24-Mar | Parent Consultations |
| 26-Mar | Parent Consultations |
| 31-Mar | Amherst Music Festival - 6.00pm |
| 02-Apr | LAST DAY OF TERM |
| EASTER | |

Curriculum this term:

This list is not definitive, but it gives you a broad outline of the topics and units being taught during the Spring term. A full curriculum overview of the year can be found on the Year 6 section of the Amherst School website.

- **English:**

- Macbeth (*Storyboarding/Playscript/Persuasive letter/Poetry*)
- Ruckus animation (*creative action writing*)
- Whole-school book project

- **Maths:** Ratio, algebra, fractions/decimals/percentages, area/perimeter/volume, statistics
- **Science:** Light, Evolution and Inheritance
- **Topic:** Australia, Parliament
- **ICT:** Programming using Microbit
- **Art:** Batik paintings

Homework

| | Handed out | Due in |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|
| MA book | Wednesday | Monday |
| English and spelling | Friday | Wednesday |
| Planners | Friday | Friday |

Maths: Your child should continue to complete one page of their MA book each week. Please encourage them to complete all corrections before starting a new test. If your child is struggling with specific questions, please feel free to help them at home with their corrections or encourage them to ask an adult if they would like further support at school.

English: English homework will continue to be set each Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. This will usually be related to our classwork in school but may occasionally differ. Please continue to encourage your child to use a blue handwriting pen for any written work and that they should be presenting all homework neatly and to the best of their ability.

Spellings: Your child will continue to bring home 10 weekly spellings as well as 5 challenge words to learn. These words will continue to be a variety of words including those related to the spelling rules learnt at school, topic-based words, high frequency spellings and those from the statutory Year 6 spelling list. We will continue to test the children on a Wednesday. Children should spend at least 30 minutes learning their spellings each week (we encourage little and often!) and should be achieving at least 8/10 in their weekly tests.

Reading: The children should be reading as frequently as possible at home as this will have a positive impact on their comprehension and writing skills as well as promoting an enjoyment of reading. The children must record their reading in their planner and hand it in on a Friday. Please could you check your child's reading and sign their planner weekly. In school, reading activities will include whole class stories, group reading and individual reading. Recommended reading lists are available on the school website, in our classroom book corners and we are always willing to share our own suggestions as class teachers!

School Equipment

Please ensure your child has the necessary equipment in school, including a 30cm ruler, a protractor, scissors, spare glue sticks and black dry wipe pens, and that these are replenished throughout the term.

Games and PE

Children should keep their PE kit at school during each half term; however, we are aware they might need to take some items home each week for use outside of school e.g. football boots. We will continue to do Games lessons throughout the year and therefore you are welcome to send your child in with hats, gloves or additional layers if the weather is particularly cold. **Please ensure they have their PE kit at school every day and that all items are named.**

PE & Games Term 3

6A

Indoor PE (Athletics) - Monday

Games (Hockey) - Thursday (**require gum shield and shin pads**)

6N

Indoor PE (Athletics) - Tuesday

Games (Tag-Rugby) – Friday (**require football boots and shin pads**)

6DT

Indoor PE (Athletics) - Tuesday

Games (Football) - Friday (**require football boots and shin pads**)

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Wonnacott

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