



Year 6 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back and Happy New Year. The children have returned to school with a great work ethic and we have achieved so much already. Mr McCance will continue to teach Year Six every Thursday. Miss Fothergill supports children in Year Six, in whole class lessons and during some group tasks.

P.E.

Our P.E. days continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday. We will be outside when the weather allows so, please make sure children have suitable layers on cold days for these activities.

Reading

Alongside our whole-class reading sessions, where we are studying *Holes* by Louis Sachar and developing a range of comprehension skills, children are encouraged to read regularly at home. When an adult at home signs to confirm reading, children receive a raffle ticket at school. On a Friday afternoon, Y6 will take part in **DEAR time** (drop everything and read). They can bring in a book, comic or magazine to read in this session.

Class Trip

Stockport Air Raid Shelters on **Friday 27th March**. Further information will be provided nearer the time. Children will be invited to dress up as evacuees. Parents/carers will say their goodbyes at the train station!

Boosting

The children may have mentioned that we have started 'boosting' in school! These are smaller group sessions that currently take place on a Wednesday morning. In these sessions, we spend time going over key maths, reading comprehension and grammar skills, specifically targeted to the children in each group. This gives them the chance to become more familiar with SATs style questions, additional time to help secure their understanding, and helps to prepare them for High School. The children will be working in groups with myself, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Corrigan and Miss Fothergill.

Home Learning – Year 6 Update

Children will now receive home learning tasks linked to their booster work in **Reading, Maths, and SPaG** on a Wednesday. Homework should be **handed in by the following Monday**, allowing staff time to review it before the next booster session. Spellings will continue and I will post these on a Wednesday on Dojo. There is a spelling test on a Monday. To encourage effort and responsibility, children will receive raffle tickets for completing their homework. It is important that Year 6 pupils engage with these tasks to help them prepare for upcoming sessions and to develop good habits in meeting deadlines — vital preparation for Year 7. Thank you for your support.

Topic

This term, our topic is titled Britain at War. This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.

In science, the topic is 'Evolution and Inheritance' learning about how living things on Earth have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. Year 6 will learn how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival.

Art – Bees, Beetles and Butterflies. This project focuses on using sketchbooks, observational drawing, mixed-media collage, and Pop Art. The children bring these skills together to create a final artwork inspired by bees, beetles, or butterflies.

SATs Week

A long way off yet – but just a date for your diary. SATs week will be Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May 2026. More information will follow nearer the time.

Hopefully, this letter answers any questions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch by Dojo, email or catch me in the morning/at the end of the day. K.arnfield@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk

Many Thanks, Kirsty Arnfield

