

# Welcome to Year 6 2025-2026

Mrs. Timmins & Mrs. Cowell

# Email Addresses

Through School Spider, the school has your email addresses. We may use these to send whole class, group, or individual emails.

We will also send messages to your smart phones.

Sometimes both! – Please make sure you are registered and logged in (and have notifications turned to “on” in your settings).

This ensures you are kept in the loop and don’t miss important information.

Should you need any extra assistance to access information from school, please let either one of us know.

Eg. Paper copy of newsletter – large text etc.



# Teaching staff

- Mrs. Timmins
  - Mrs. Cowell
  - Mrs Riddell
  - Miss Atkins
  - Mrs. Cuttle
  - Mrs. Fairhurst
  - Mrs. Livingstone
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- Other school staff when available (eg. Mrs Murdoch and staff who teach P.E.)

# Timetables

- Yearly Overview (see website) – what will be covered during the year – this is subject to change as opportunities arise throughout the year
- Weekly timetable also subject to change to cater for extra-curricular activities
- Sometimes, “elements” crop up such as visitors for assemblies, special lessons, etc. We are flexible with the timetable when necessary.
- Lessons begin at 8:50am – please ensure your child is in at 8:50 for a prompt start. No minutes lost.
- School finishes at 3:25pm

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# 7 Up Club

- Run by Mrs. Schurer-Lewis
- Friday afternoon
- Small groups
- Chat about a range of topics
- Freedom to talk
- Settling in – mixed groups
- Issues that arise in school and how to deal with them
- Life skills
- Moving into Year 7 – thoughts and feelings
- Drink & biscuit on the landing/in the Y6 classroom

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# Expectations

- Children must follow the school rules
- Very high expectations of Year 6
- Oldest class – set the best example
- Must be brilliant role models for Buddies
- Buddy time to be “earned” during the week through achieving great behaviour and following school rules.
- Year 6 have many privileges (2x astro, alley, chairs in assembly, etc....)



# Start of Year Pack

- The Start of Year 6 Pack is available on the school website – Year 6 page.
- Downloadable document.
- Lots of useful information.
- Reminder: Home-school agreement and data collection sheets.
- Permission to use photos on website, etc. (often lots of photos on the weekly update)



# Homework

- Reading nightly please. Very important in Year 6 – focus on comprehension but also enjoyment
- Topic & Foundation Homework – Mrs. Cowell
- Arithmetic & Tables – Miss Atkins
- Spellings – Mrs. Timmins – further details next week
- Spelling test - Monday morning
- High standards of presentation please - expectations
- Please check homework! Details and information is available on the website.
- Maths sheets are not available for download see teachers
- Timetable:

• Mrs. Timmins	Given: Monday	Due: Monday
• Mrs. Cowell	Given: Monday	Due: Monday
• Miss Atkins	Given: Tuesday	Due: Thursday





# Handwriting

- Children are expected to be joining handwriting at the end of KS2 – their handwriting must be fluent and legible.
- Pupils cannot be awarded the “At Expected Standard” at the end of Year 6 if their handwriting is not joined.
- At times, it may be printed (e.g. labelling, headlines, etc.) but joined across the curriculum.

# Class organisation

- Children work in a variety of ways
- Grouped for some lessons – fluid movement
- Seating arrangements change weekly
- Working in the hall/classroom/trust tables/sunshine room/ playground
- Working with different adults – good to practice for high schools
- English and maths – am
- Foundation subjects – pm
- PE – Friday afternoons (this day does not change)

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# School website

- Children can access the school website
- [www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)
- Go to Year 6 homepage to access homework and other information
- Children's work will also be included as and when appropriate
- Parents also need to be able to log on to the website – parents' evening appointments will be made online in November
- There is information about maths and English that you can access via the tabs at the top of the class page
- Please check regularly for updates at the weekend and to see photos and work that your children will be able to share with you.

# Medicines

- Children who need inhalers must have access to them in school.
- Please make us aware of any changes.
- Visits – please ensure that we have any necessary medication your child may require. (Do not give it to the pupil.)
- No other medicine allowed in school without prior consultation – see Mrs. Schurer-Lewis.
- This includes “cough sweets” which are often squirrelled away into pockets and bags.

# Information

- Please keep school informed if you change your mobile number etc
- Medical information also needs to be up-to-date please
- If your child is late for school, please make sure they are signed in if it is after 9:05 when registers are completed
- School learning begins as soon as possible after 8:50am
- If you want to add anything to the weekly newsletter, please email the Head and attach a Word document with the information you wish to be included



# Equipment

- Please make sure children have a NAMED water bottle – names on lunchboxes are also appreciated!
- Pencil cases – not needed. They are provided with everything they need.
- PE Kits – this year, pupils will come to school wearing their PE kits on Fridays
- CGP Revision books – used in school for lessons. These will be given later in the year to support revision for the upcoming National Assessments in May 2026.

# Bags

Bag should be a reasonable size to fit inside their lockers.

PE kit – to be worn on PE days – Fridays for Year 6

School jumper and trousers for cold weather and NOT their best trainers – they may well get muddy

Please NAME EVERYTHING that belongs to your child

PE: White t-shirt, black shorts.

Warm tracksuit (dark colours) for outdoor sports & appropriate footwear

Premier Sports – often outdoor

Football this half term

# SATs w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- National Assessments
- Prepared well
- Excellent results – in terms of pupils doing their best.
- Revision homework will be given.
- Specific meeting to be held – early after Christmas.
- Tests for Reading, GAPS (grammar, punctuation & spelling) and Maths.
- Teacher assessment for writing – no test.
- All results are test assessments only.
- Results are passed onto all feeder high schools.

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# Do SATs Matter?

- Differing views from parents and teachers.
- We – as teachers – are parents too!!
- Often asked by Year 6 parents if they matter to the high schools.
- Now only form of “official assessment” for Year 6.
- Common agreement from home & school.
- Goostrey’s SATs results may have been a factor for you, when choosing us for your child seven years ago.
- Mixed messages for pupils – not important; rewarded; don’t matter; do matter;
- At some point – tests and exams do have to matter.
- Predicted grades are always requested by high schools when references are requested



# Class trips

Full details of all visits will be issued to you shortly.  
All trips will be subject to current situation

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| Autumn 1 | Crucial Crew at Crewe<br>Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – in the morning   |
| Summer 2 | Willersley Castle<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July - weekend)<br>details to be sent shortly – email soon |
| Summer 2 | Buddy visit – to Bidlea  |

Potential curriculum-themed visits

Occasional – short notice visits.  
e.g. Jodrell Bank



# Parents' Meetings

- November
- March
- SATs Meeting
- Willersley Castle
- As and when appropriate according to the child.

# Mobile Phones & Smart Devices

- Not permitted to have phones in school or during ANY school visit – especially the residential (Safeguarding)
- If carried to/from school, **switch off** before entering playground in the morning, and switch on when they have left the playground in the afternoon.
- If used in school – phone is handed to Miss Atkins and **MUST** be collected by an adult
- Smart devices – e.g. watches – same rule applies
- Issues with social media are increasing – impact within school – please be mindful of your child's social media
- Check your child's privacy settings and be responsible for monitoring their apps



# The Reading Framework: Teaching the Foundations of Literacy (DfE Jan 2022)

- Reading is fundamental to education. Proficiency in reading, writing and spoken language is vital for pupils' success.
- Through these, they develop communication skills for education and for working with others: in school, in training and at work.
- **"Pupils who find it difficult to learn to read are likely to struggle across the curriculum, since English is both a subject in its own right and the medium for teaching."**

## How can I help my child?

Reading is crucial to pupils' education.

Read with them

Read to them

Read in front of them

Share books

Discuss language

Chat about characters

Comment on plotlines

Read using a variety of media

Model reading behaviours.

In Year 6, they might be able to read quite complicated-looking texts,

however is their deeper understanding and comprehension as strong?

Year 6 will benefit greatly from sharing reading with an adult regularly.

# Your Favourite Book

- **Family Book Sharing Invitation**
- We're inviting family members to come in and share their favourite children's books with the class!
- This will take place throughout the year, during the last 15 minutes of the school day on **Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays.**
- If you'd like to take part and read a book to the children, please let **Mrs Cowell** know — we'd love to have you join us!



# CHILDREN

- The most important point:

## HAPPY CHILDREN

- Any problems, no matter how trivial, please come and talk to one of us or email us. We check these regularly.





# Year 6

We hope your children have a great year with us!

We look forward to working with you during 2025-2026.

We're around for any questions you may have.

Please do come and say "hello" if you're new to Year 6. 😊

