



## Year Six Newsletter April, 2026



**A HUGE welcome back to Year 6. We hope that you have had a lovely Easter and a fantastic and well-deserved break!**

### Website Reminder

To keep you up to date with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities, as well as with your child's learning, achievements and progress, we will be continually updating our website throughout the term. To access this information, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 6.

### Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media account regularly, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy) to see what the children have been up to! Another great place to look is the News and Events section of our school website as this is updated regularly with all the fabulous things we get up to!



### SATs and SATs Breakfast Club

As you are aware, our Year 6 pupils take their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May. These are national tests that assess the children's Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Maths. The timetable for SATs week is as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 11th May 2026	Grammar & Punctuation test - 45 minutes Spelling Test - 20 minutes
Tuesday 12th May 2026	English Reading Test - 60 minutes
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Mathematics Arithmetic (Paper 1) - 30 minutes Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 2) - 40 minutes
Thursday 14th May 2026	Mathematics Reasoning (Paper 3) - 40 minutes

During this week, we will be putting on a breakfast club just for our Year 6 pupils. The breakfast club will be held in the KS2 Hall from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**. We would love to see all of our Year 6 pupils attend this as it is a great way to socialise with their friends and ease any nerves they may have. You have already received a separate letter regarding this and if you haven't already, please return the consent slip as soon as possible.

### **A little message from us:**

*Duing SATs week, don't get stressed,  
Just try your very, very best.  
You need to remember you have been blessed,  
With skills and talent the SATs can't test!*

Year 6 - You have already made us immensely proud and we wish you all the luck in the world. We're here to support you every step of the way. Good luck!

### Year 6 Trip

As a huge thank you and well done to the children for all their dedication, positivity and hard work, we are very excited to be taking them bowling and to the cinema on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**. It will be a lovely way to end SATs week and we are very excited already. You should now have received further communication about this and we urge you to return the consent slips as soon as possible.

### Curriculum

Even though this term is when our Year 6s take their SATs, we still have lots of exciting things planned in our action-packed curriculum. In History, we will be learning about the Victorians – everything from what life was like, to the British Empire, to the Industrial Revolution. In Geography, we will continue our study on different biomes as well as carrying out a three-way comparison between local regions. Art will see us begin a study on surrealism, focusing on the work of Paul Klee. In Maths, we will be looking at a range of statistics, fractions, decimals and percentages as

well as measurement, including time. We are looking forward to producing some more amazing writing this term, focusing on both fiction and non-fiction. And of course, Computing will see the children creating their very own video game. It is also worth mentioning that this term is hugely focused on transition as the children get ready to transition to their new secondary school. We have lots of materials prepared and ready to deliver to support the children in their next chapter. We have already been in touch with many of the local secondary schools who will come in and meet with both the children and the staff during the Summer Term.

### **Y6 End of Year Production**

After the success of last year's end of year production, we are delighted to inform you that we will be holding another one this year! I won't reveal too much at the minute, but what I will say is that you are going to be in for a treat! We will be holding auditions for speaking parts in school and there will be parts for anyone that would like one (including a tech and prop team for those who want to be involved, but don't want a speaking part). More information to follow soon.



### **Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS**

Your child will continue to bring homework home each Friday. The homework will be 10 spelling words, a SPaG Mat and a Maths Mat. As always, we expect the children to return their homework in good time to prepare them for the demands and deadlines of secondary school. Thank you for your continued support with this- we know how busy home life can be!

### **Habits of Mind and Thinking Frames**

The children have really been enjoying learning about cognition (how they learn) through our work on Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa. We have looked at: Striving for Accuracy, Questions and Problem Posing and Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision. In the Summer term, we will continue to work on all of these habits of mind along with Thinking Interdependently and Thinking Flexibly.

Through the use of Thinking Frames your children are able to record their thoughts, improve their knowledge recall and develop their own thinking processes. A separate frame exists for eight key thinking processes that are the fundamental scaffolds behind a pupil's ability to engage with tasks, answer exam questions, solve problems and develop 'higher order' thinking.

### **P.E.**

All children will need to attend school in **appropriate outdoor kit (plain navy or black) every Wednesday and Thursday (6EP & 6CJ)/ Friday (6TF & 6EO)**. Earrings will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session as for health and safety reasons, this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please manage this at home. Please also be mindful of the weather, and choose appropriate kit to send your child in.

### **Water bottles**

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this, you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. If your child has a packed lunch, a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Every Wednesday and Thursday (6EP & 6CJ)/ Friday (6TF & 6EO) PE – please ensure children come to school in their PE kit.**

**Every Friday: Homework given out.**

**Every Friday: Homework to be returned.**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATS Week.**

**11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Breakfast Club (see separate communication).**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 trip (see separate communication).**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Last Day of Term.**

**Kindest Regards,**

**The Year Six Teaching Team.**