



# Year 6

# Welcome Meeting

WELCOME  
PARENTS

# Year 6 Staff

## **Teachers:**

Miss Jhalli (Year Leader), Miss Wilson, Mrs Biswas

## **SENCO**

Mrs Mohammed

## **Teaching & Learning Assistants:**

Mrs Oliver and Mrs Romero

## **Learning Mentor:**

Mrs Larkins

# Year 6 Classes

The three Year 6 classes are:

- **6 Attenborough** – Miss Jhalli
- **6 Anning** – Miss Wilson
- **6 Darwin** – Mrs Biswas

# Timings

Start of school: **8:30am-8:45am**

Lunchtime: **11:50pm-12:50pm**

End of the school day: **3:15pm**

Please ensure that your child arrives punctually for school – **children must be in class by 8:45am.**

**Any absences should be reported to the school office via email, phone call or StudyBugs.**

# PE

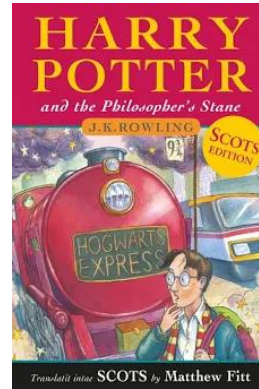
## Year 6 PE - Thursday

Please make sure your child wears the correct PE uniform to school:

- Black shorts, skort, leggings
- White T-shirt
- Black sweatshirt
- Trainers
- Black tracksuit in cold weather
- No jewellery

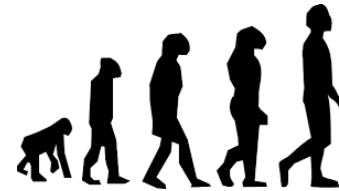
# Autumn Term

- Magic & Monarchy
- Light & Electricity
- Hinduism & Sikhism



# Spring Term

- The New World
- The Ancient Maya
- Christianity



# Summer Term

- London
- The human body
- Islam



# SATs



- This year the test dates will be from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.
- Please avoid taking your child out of school during this time and in the weeks leading up to the tests.
- The children will be tested to see if they have met age related expectations in reading, grammar, spelling and Maths.
- Writing and Science are teacher assessed.

# Potential Trips...

Eton Learning  
Museum

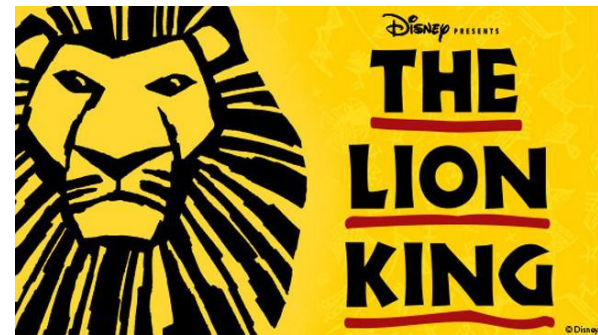


Cippenham Baptist  
Church



Natural History  
Museum

London theatre  
trip





# Y6 Residential Trip

Where: Little Canada PGL Centre, Isle of Wight

When: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Cost: £342 (deposit of £200 deadline **25th September**)

Contact the Office for more information



# Other Events ...



# Roles of responsibility



# Homework

- Homework has reduced.
- Spellings which are tested each Thursday.
- Children should log into TTRS (Rockstars) to practice their times-tables.
- Reading a minimum of 3x a week, recorded in their reading record.

# How can you help...?

- Encourage your child to read **every** day.
- Encourage your child to read from a wide range of genre – fiction, non fiction, newspapers, the internet, comics, poems, leaflets... (See Y5/6 Book List for recommended books)
- Library books can be renewed each Wednesday.
- Help your child practise their spellings and to learn the statutory words for Key Stage 2.
- Encourage your child to practise their times tables every day – Rock Star Maths - **children need to know their multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 to access Y6 Maths lessons successfully.**



# Social Media

- ▶ Social Media age limits:
  - TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat **13+**
  - Whatsapp **16+**
  
- ▶ Parental Controls on devices and apps.
  
- ▶ Have open conversations about the positives and negatives of social media.
  
- ▶ For more information:
  - NationalOnlineSafety (newsletter)
  - NetAware
  - NSPCC



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

## CHAT LOCK

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. They subsequently developed an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for their locked chats. Unfortunately, this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

## COMMUNITIES AND GROUPS

A community is a collection of related groups on WhatsApp. They can consist of thousands of users. Communities can often be used by scammers to target large groups, hoping someone clicks on their link or responds to their requests. In communities and groups, there are multiple ongoing conversations, which results in pressure to respond. Members – even if they are not each other's contacts – will be able to see any messages sent into the group.

## 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original... and might not be entirely factual, either.

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative



### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing



### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage



# Year 6 Information

- The Y6 class pages on the school website is a great place to find:
  - Spelling homework
  - Curriculum information
  - Information about trips
  - Information about the KS2 SATs
  - Events - photos
  - Children's work

[www.prioryschool.co.uk](http://www.prioryschool.co.uk)



# Any problems or questions?

- Please speak to the class teacher or a Year 6 TLA.
- Appointments can be made through the Office
- E-mail the Year 6 staff on [Year6@priorschool.com](mailto:Year6@priorschool.com)
- Issues will be passed onto Miss Jhalli or the SLT if necessary.



Any more  
questions?