

16th July 2026

Dear parents,

As we reach the end of this academic year, we are turning our thoughts to next year and welcoming our new Year 5 children to the upper key stage two phase, as well as settling our new Year 6 children into their important role of being top of the school, with the responsibility that goes with that.

The Year 5 and 6 teachers are:

5GB: Mr Ballard

6KW/KK: Miss Westcott and Mrs Kidd

5TR/MR: Mrs Rubio and Miss Rajska

6AD: Miss Davies

Term 1 topic

Our topic will be Ancient Greece. We will be studying who the Ancient Greeks were, where they lived and the impact that they still have on us today. In our art lessons, we will be creating 3D sculptures where the children will express themselves using a range of materials. As part of this, the children will need a shoe box. If you have any shoe boxes, especially during the holidays, please keep these aside. Class teachers will let the children know when to bring these in when the new term starts. Please see the topic web for more details about what we will be studying across the curriculum.

P.E.

Year 6 will have P.E. every **Monday** and **Year 5** will have P.E. every **Tuesday**. Please send your child in wearing full PE kit as we have done this year. Please ensure PE kit adheres to our school policy, as found on our website:

- Velcro or lace-up trainers.
- Socks
- Black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- In colder weather, a plain dark sweatshirt or fleece and dark tracksuit trousers (with no logos) may be worn.
- Football kits are not allowed.

Practical things you need to know

Please do not bring in pencil cases from home. School will provide all the stationery that children will need to use in individual pencil cases. Please also do not bring in any toys or nick-nacks from home – this includes any fiddles toys or squishes. Toys and other personal items are not permitted in school, as they can become a distraction to learning, may be lost, damaged or cause conflict.

Please do ensure that your child wears correct named uniform, including proper shoes. This also applies to P.E kit, which must be worn into school on PE days. Information about the uniform is here: <https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/schoolUniform.php>

Trips and visits

We are hoping to run some trips during the next academic year: in term 4, we are planning a trip for both year groups to The Warner Brothers Studio as part of our Harry Potter topic. More information will follow regarding dates and cost. This trip will enhance the children's understanding of the stories, how the films are created as well as seeing some props, costumes and sets from the films. Some of our Year 6 children will be off to Braeside on their residential in October, where they will take part in a range of outdoor activities. They will develop their communication, team work skills and resilience through a range of fun activities. In term 5, Year 6 will hopefully visit Chessington World of Adventures Resort in May as a reward for their hard work in the run-up to SATs.

Homework

Year 5 - Maths homework and weekly spellings will be given out every Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday, so please support your child in making sure they have completed their homework.

Year 6 – During the first few weeks of term, Year 6 children will receive SAT Busters to complete their homework in. They will be given set pages to do from their buster each week and will have ones for both English and Maths. They will also be given spellings to complete each week.

Year 5 and 6 - Times tables should be practised regularly. The children have logins for Times Tables Rockstars, which should also help them.

We also expect your child to read every day for around 10 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading record. They are usually ready to read by themselves and record their reading at this age – you would only need to sign to say that they have done so. Reading prizes can be claimed after every 50 reads.

Start and Finish times

Year 5 - start: 8.40am KS2 playground – teachers to meet and lead them in. End: 3.15pm
KS2 playground – teachers lead them down (Friday at 1.35pm).

Year 6 - start: 8.40am middle playground – teachers to meet and lead them in. End: 3:15pm
by the entrance to the fire exit steps at the end of the KS1 alleyway, near EYFS double doors (Friday at 1.35pm).

We look forward to a busy and exciting year! We will see all the children on the first day back on Wednesday 2nd September. We wish you all a wonderful summer break.

With best regards,

The Year 5/6 team