

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 2026

April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the summer term – we hope you all had a lovely Easter. These are the main things that we have in store for this term:

SATs

As you know, the KS2 SATs commence on Monday 11th May. The children will be advised of our timetable, a copy of which has been attached for your information. All tests will take place in the mornings. It is very important that the children get plenty of sleep on the run-up to, and during the SATs week so that they will feel more refreshed and able to cope. We will obviously do our best to ensure that they are well prepared, and feel as relaxed as possible about these tests.

Maths

Our final concepts to cover are properties of shapes and position & direction. We will also continue to consolidate children's understanding of number and mathematical strategies, focusing on their main areas of difficulty. As always, please continue to help your child to practise their multiplication tables and the associated division facts to improve their instant recall.

English

In writing, we will delve into 'Grimm Tales for Young and Old' by Philip Pullman, a rich and imaginative retelling of classic fairy tales. Inspired by these stories, pupils will take part in a range of shorter writing tasks, including retellings, character studies, and monologues, before working towards writing their own version of a traditional tale. Grammar work will continue to be embedded within our English lessons to provide a meaningful context for learning, alongside ongoing preparation for the SATs.

Our daily reading and spelling lessons will also continue, with weekly spelling assessments forming part of our routine. Please continue to support your child by encouraging regular reading at home and daily spelling practice.

Other subject themes are as follows:

Science: 'Living Things and Their Habitats'.

RE: 'Beautiful World, Wonderful God.'

Geography: 'Where does food come from?'

PE: Cricket and Athletics. Please ensure that your child always has a full PE kit available at school.

Computing: 'Everyone can Code'.

Music: 'You to me are everything' (1970s soul music) and 'Twinkle variations', composing variations of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, using body percussion, instruments and improvisation.

PSHE: 'Relationships'.

Art: Digital Art (inspired by the work of Lucas Levitan).

Homework

Please find attached a separate letter providing information about homework for this half term. To help your child revise for the SATs, we will be sending home a weekly homework pack focused on key areas such as grammar, punctuation, spellings and arithmetic. To help prepare for SATs there will be weekly arithmetic and grammar activities. We encourage you to help your child with these tasks by discussing their work and offering encouragement. However, please do not worry if your child finds some tasks challenging - consistent practice and reflection are key to their progress.

The weekly homework activities need to be returned to school on a Friday as we will discuss any areas/questions that children found challenging. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support you with this.

As usual, our knowledge organisers for science and history are being sent to you.

Residential

Monday 18th – 20th May 2026.

Quick reminder that I have scheduled a meeting about the residential in the Year 6 classroom for 3:45 pm on Monday 20th April. I would anticipate that this would only last for about 15-20 minutes (but this very much depends upon the questions).

General reminders:

- **Parents' Evenings:** Tuesday 28th April and Thursday 30th April
- **Earrings:** A reminder that earrings are not permitted in school. If your child cannot remove them due to recent piercings, they must wear plasters to cover them.
- **Warmer Weather:** With (hopefully!) warmer days ahead, please ensure your child brings a water bottle, hat, and has sun cream applied before school.

As always, if you require any further information or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us by telephoning school or through email, using either the Class 6 email (class6info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk) or our school office email (office@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk). We will respond to any contact as quickly as we can.

Year 6 Team

Key Stage 2 Tests – timetable

W/c 11th May 2026	
Monday 11 th	English grammar, punctuation and spelling <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1: Short answer questions• Paper 2: Spelling task
Tuesday 12 th	English <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading test
Wednesday 13 th	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 1 – Arithmetic• Paper 2 – Reasoning
Thursday 14 th	Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper 3 – Reasoning

All tests will be externally marked – results are not available until July

