

Welcome to the Grand Finale – Year 6!

A huge, warm welcome back to school and welcome to Year 6—the final, exciting chapter of your child's journey at Falcon Junior School! We are absolutely determined to make this their most memorable year yet. Our mission is to create a safe, caring, fun, and deeply inspiring environment where every single child can thrive and reach their full potential. To help us kick off the term smoothly, we have set out a few key expectations below so our Year 6s are fully informed, equipped, and raring to learn!

High School Ready: Building Independence

To help our Year 6s get ready for the big leap to high school, we are focusing heavily on independence this year. We will be supporting the children to take true ownership of their school day. This includes:

- **Self-Responsibility:** Taking accountability for their actions and remembering to pass on messages at home.
- **Lesson Ready:** Arriving prepared for lessons and managing their own equipment.
- **Homework Heroes:** Completing homework tasks and handing them in strictly on time.
- **Finding Their Voice:** Encouraging children to come and speak to us directly if they need a helping hand with anything.

 **A Note on Mobile Phones:** If your child needs to bring a phone to school, it must be switched off **before** entering the school grounds. Phones will be collected during morning registration for safe keeping and returned at home time. Please remind your child that phones should only be switched back on once they are outside the school gates.

Step Up: Year 6 Leadership Opportunities

We are thrilled to offer our new Year 6 students the chance to become true school leaders! Fantastic opportunities are available to apply for key roles of responsibility. Your child could step up for a number of positions:

- **Team Captains**
- **Science Ambassadors**
- **School Council Representatives**
- **Digital Leaders**
- **Eco Council Members**

Staying in Touch: Teamwork & Communication

Strong communication between home and school makes all the difference. Here is how we can stay connected:

- **Class Dojo:** All Year 6 teachers use Class Dojo as our primary hub. Please note that while we don't check it 24/7, we always aim to respond within 1–2 school days.
- **Quick Queries:** You can always contact the school office or catch us on the playground after school for a quick chat.
- **Dates for the Diary:** Our first Parent-Teacher Consultation evenings will take place during the Autumn term—stay tuned for dates!

What's Coming Up This Term?

- **History & Trips:** Discovering the history of **WW2 and the Battle of Britain**, including an exciting dress-up trip to the **Time and Tide Museum!**
- **Science:** Exploring the **human body and circulatory system**, featuring a fascinating hands-on pig's heart dissection.
- **Music & Art:** Mastering the **glockenspiels** and practicing sketching techniques inspired by the art of **Paul Nash**.

Reading: The Key to Success

Reading regularly is the absolute foundation for your child's progress across all subjects.

- **The Goal:** We expect children to read at home **5 times a week**.
- **Tracking Progress:** We track their reading journeys through **Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes**, which they take at school after finishing each book.
- **Prizes & Rewards:** To keep motivation sky-high, we link their reading effort to exciting rewards and prizes throughout the term!
- **How You Can Help:** Parents are a vital part of this journey. Please support your child by reading with them, encouraging regular independent reading, and asking questions to check they fully understand what they are reading.

Homework: Building Good Habits

To ensure your child is prepared for the step up to high school, our core homework focus centres on three key areas:

1. **Read regularly** (5 times a week).
2. **Practice weekly spellings** (given once a week).
3. **Practice arithmetic** (given once a week).
4. **English** (as needed, instead of on a fixed weekly schedule)

 **Top Tip:** Please encourage your child to look over their homework on the day it is given out to avoid any last-minute panic! If they are stuck, tell them to come and see us right away—we are always here to help.

Parent & Grandparent Volunteers Wanted!

- We are always looking for extra hands to help support our pupils. If you—or even grandparents—have a spare hour once a week to come in and listen to children read, we would love to have you. We also occasionally need extra helpers to accompany us on school trips.
- If you are able to assist with either (or both!), please let your child's class teacher know. Please note that all volunteers will need to complete a DBS check through the school before starting

PE & Swimming Days

On their designated days, children must come to school wearing the correct school PE kit: **trainers, a plain-coloured t-shirt, black shorts or joggers, and a plain hoodie or jumper.** Here is the weekly schedule for Year 6:

Monday	Class PE – Eagles*
Tuesday	PE afternoon for whole of Year 6
Wednesday	
Thursday	Class PE - Kingfishers Swimming*
Friday	Class PE – Toucans Class PE - Doves

*Swimming will replace their class PE lesson during the following 6-week sessions.

- Eagles: Sept 10th – Oct 15th
- Toucans: Nov 5th – Dec 10th
- Doves: Dec 17th – Feb 4th
- Kingfishers: Feb 11th – Mar 25th

Eaton Vale Residential: The Ultimate Adventure!

One of the absolute highlights of Year 6 is our incredible residential trip to **Eaton Vale** (scheduled for **9-11th June 2027**). This is an unforgettable outdoor adventure, and we truly hope every child can join us to create lifelong memories.

- **Securing a Place:** A letter/email will be sent out shortly with instructions on how to secure your child's spot.
- **Cost & Planning:** Once we have an idea of numbers, we will confirm the exact price. (*For reference, last year's trip cost was £237*).
- **More Details to Come:** We will host an information meeting closer to the date to cover packing lists, activities, and itineraries. In the meantime, please reach out if you have any initial questions!

Key Dates for Your Diary

Please make a note of these important upcoming dates for the Autumn term. Any updates or extra details will be shared via email.

- **Friday 18th September** Individual Photos
- **Friday 4th and 11th September** Year 6 Level 3 Bikeability
- **Thursday 15th October and Tuesday 3rd November** Parent's Evening
- **Thursday 25th October** Parent's evening
- **Friday 23rd October** Break for half term (Friday is an INSET)
- **Thursday 17th December** Year 6 Christmas lunch and party
- **January TBA** Trip to SCVA (Sainsbury Centre of Visual Arts)
- **Monday 1st March** Mock SATs
- **Monday 10th May- Thursday 13th May** SATs week
- **Friday 14th May** – Picnic and Water fight
- **Wednesday 9th June to Friday 11th June** Year 6 residential -Eaton Vale
- **June TBA** Racecourse Trip (for a group of 30 Year 6s)
- **Friday 16th July** Leaver's performance for Parents (9:30am and 1:45pm ish)
- **Monday 19th July** Year 6 Leaver's Trip

High School Open Evenings

These will be taking place this term. We urge you to take advantage of these opportunities and go to their Open Evening. We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the next step in your child's education.



Meet the Year 6 Team



Class Teachers

- **Toucans (Year Lead):** Mrs. Irvine
- **Eagles:** Mrs. Witton
- **Doves:** Mrs. Fuller (Monday–Wednesday) & Mrs. Harrod (Thursday–Friday)
- **Kingfishers:** Miss Buckland



Teaching Assistant Support Team

Our fantastic TAs work across the year group to support all of our classes.

- Mrs. Hartell
- Mrs. Johnson
- Mrs. Eves
- Mrs. Hyam