



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to all of our Year 6 children and their families. We have loved having the children join Year 6 after the summer break and have been impressed with how quickly they are settling into the new school year. They have worked really well in this first week, demonstrating mature attitudes to their learning. We have spent time getting to know each other and focusing on a positive start to their Y6 journey. Over the coming weeks, we will be supporting the children in their learning by assessing their needs and identifying areas to focus on. We look forward to working with our Y6 pupils and their families to ensure they have a successful and enjoyable year.

A few key points that we would like to share with you are:

PE Days

On PE days, the children are to come to school in their PE kit (white t-shirt; black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms; trainers; and a school sweatshirt). The PE days for Year 6 will be as follows:

Y6HH – Wednesday and Thursday
Y6VS – Tuesday and Thursday
Y6SH – Monday and Thursday
Y6W/J – Tuesday and Thursday*

*Please note that for this half term only (until the October half term holiday) **6WJ's** outdoor PE session will be on **Fridays** so that is the day children should come in PE kit. From November, it will go back to Thursdays. The indoor PE session will remain on Tuesdays throughout.

Homework

Homework books have been given out (reading, maths and SPaG). Homework will be set on a Wednesday and we ask for the children to bring it in the following Wednesday. The children will mark their own homework in class each week. Completing this in class means that staff can identify any areas that the children might need support with. The homework consolidates the learning that is taking place in class so we would very much appreciate your support in helping the children to organise themselves to complete the tasks on time. Also, we would like all children to read at least three times a week, which they can record in their homework diaries if they wish. They will also record each book they complete in a class reading record.

Items from home

We would like to minimise the number of items from home so would ask children only to bring in the essential items (e.g. coat, water bottle, pencil case, packed lunch and reading book) because their trays fill up very quickly and there is not a lot of room to store extra items. Also, if your child is bringing a mobile phone into school, please remind them to turn it off during the school day and store it securely in the class box (additionally, please put any smart watches onto 'school mode'). We would also appreciate your support in teaching and reminding the children how to use their phone responsibly (especially in relation to social media). Please ensure that all uniform and personal items are named.



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Year 6 Assembly

On Fridays, we will have our year group assembly. This is a time for us to celebrate the successes of our Year 6 pupils. We would love to hear about any achievements of our students outside of school. For example: exams that they have passed; awards that they have received; tournaments they have taken part in; and any other successes that need celebration. Please email school or send a note to let us know.

Forest Schools

Each class will have several Forest Schools sessions each term. On these days, they should wear outdoor clothing and footwear that is weather appropriate (we go out in all weathers!) and should bring a mug for hot chocolate. You will be notified of these days in advance.

King Edwards Science Visits

We are very grateful to King Edward's School, who have offered each Y6 class a science session based on our topic Electricity. These will take place on Thursday this half term, within the school day. Your child will be notified which date they will be attending.

Mandarin

We are very fortunate that members of Tipton School staff have again offered us Mandarin lessons for our Y6 pupils. These lessons will take place on Monday; each class will have a session on alternate weeks.

Edale Residential

Our residential will be taking place between Wednesday 9th and Friday 11th July 2025. Deposits for this residential were requested last term. If your deposit is still outstanding, please pay via Parent Pay in order to secure your child's place. We also carry out some fundraising activities towards this visit, including: Bags 2 School collection, the Apprentice Sale and a sponsored walk. We will let you know when these are taking place.

Dates

Please find below dates for the diary. **Please note that these are provisional and may be subject to change.** We will inform you of further dates as they are booked in, as well as any amendments.

- The Holocaust Centre – Thursday 12th September
- Open classrooms – Monday 16th September (after school)
- Bikeability – Weeks 3 and 4 of Autumn 1
- KES science - 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th October
- Shakespeare – Tuesday 26th November
- Mr Frostbite – Monday 2nd December
- Nigel Vardy: should we climb Everest? – Monday 6th January
- SATs week – 12th-16th May
- The Apprentice Sale – Friday 7th June
- Crucial Crew – Wednesday 11th June
- Tipton transition days – 2-4th July **TBC**
- Edale residential – 9th-11th July
- Leavers' party – Wednesday 16th July
- Leavers' assembly – Thursday 17th July at 9:30am

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Many thanks for your support, which is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

The Year 6 Team