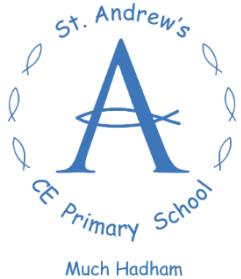


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Year 6

Spring 2026 Newsletter



Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you have been able to have a lovely Christmas break and that you and your families were able to enjoy some special times together. Mr. Dean and I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the lovely Christmas cards and kind gifts we received. Thank you also, for your ongoing support with your children's learning. As we enter this new term, I hope that this newsletter will be helpful in building a picture of some of the exciting learning we will be doing.

English

In English, we look forward to continuing to develop our writing skills through units based around rich, high-quality texts. In the first half of the spring term, Year 6 will focus on journal writing, inspired by the non-fiction text, '*Shackleton's Journey*' by William Grill. Alongside this, our reading unit will be based around the book, '*The Happy Prince and Other Tales*' by Oscar Wilde. In the second half of the spring term, we will be using the text '*Island*' by Jason Chin to help us develop our journalistic writing skills. In our reading unit, we will explore the book, '*The Goldfish Boy*' by Lisa Thompson. In addition to this, we will be continuing to focus on Year 6 spelling rules and patterns.



Maths

In maths this term, we will be covering the following topics: calculating percentages, properties of shape; the order of operations and algebra; long division; perimeter; angles; reflection and translation; multiplying & dividing fractions; ratio & proportion and volume & measures. Additional short **maths fluency** sessions will continue alongside the main lessons. It is important that children continue to practise their times table facts at home as these feed into so many areas of maths and can quickly be forgotten if not regularly rehearsed.

Science

Our first science unit this term is '**Electricity**'. We will be investigating different types of circuits and learning to use the correct scientific symbols in circuit diagrams. Our second unit will focus on '**Evolution**'.



History Topics

This term we will enjoy two history topics (the summer term has a focus on geography). Firstly, we will be finding out about the: '**History on Our Doorstep**'. In this topic, we will be exploring the very interesting history of Much Hadham - and will become history detectives as we discover the fascinating history of our school. We are very lucky to have many historical sources we can use, including Victorian photographs, census information and extracts from our school log books.



In the second half-term, we will travel much further back in history, to discover more about the ancient **Mayan Civilization**.

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Religious Education

In RE this term, we focus on the religions of **Hinduism** and **Christianity**. In the first half-term, we will explore how fundamental beliefs within Hinduism affect the way Hindus live their lives. In the second half-term, we focus on exploring the idea of the trinity within Christianity.



Art & Design & Technology

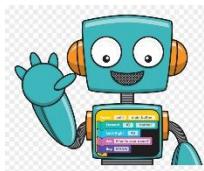
In the first half-term, we will be investigating **structures** within D&T - before designing and making our own playgrounds.

Our art project in the second half-term will focus on **drawing skills** and the unit is entitled '*Making My Voice Heard*'.

Physical Education & Relationships and Health Education

This term our PE days have changed and PE will now take place on **Monday** and **Tuesday** each week. We will be focusing on the sports of tchouckball and tennis, as well as working at sequences in gymnastics and developing sports leadership skills.

For Relationships and Health Education, our first unit is entitled '*Dreams and Goals*' and our second is '*Healthy Me*'.



Computing

In computing, Year 6 will start by creating their own **text adventures** (based around traditional tales) and will later explore how **spreadsheets** can be used effectively for **data handling**.

Music & French

This term, we look forward to welcoming a new specialist music teacher, Mrs. Marshall, who will be teaching music across the school. We know that she is very much looking forward to providing lots of performing and composition opportunities for the children to learn in a very practical way.

In French, the children continue to enjoy lessons with Mrs. Daniell. Learning takes place through a combination of oral practice, written activities, games and songs.



Further information

Home Learning: Please see the separate home learning pack for further information regarding how you can continue to help support your child at home. Regular reading, spelling and times table practice can have a significant impact in so many areas of learning. Children may also wish to begin to use revision books for additional practice. The **SATs Made Simple books** are very useful for this and can be found here:

English: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/products/129515> **Maths:** <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/products/129510>

KS2 National Tests: The KS2 National Tests (often known as SATs) will take place from Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026.

Please continue to see the newsletter for other upcoming dates. Thank you so much for the key role you play in supporting your children with their learning. We are looking forward to another fantastic term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating **life in all its fullness!**

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