



Swallowfield Primary

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Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Year 6 in September, but before then, we have some important information that will hopefully answer any questions you may have about Year 6 and the first few weeks of term.

YEAR 6 START/FINISH TIMES

Year 6 School Hours: **8.45am - 3.15pm.**

Year 6 can enter school through the new park gate.* The gates will be opened at 8.30am and closed at 8.55am. School will finish at 3.15pm and children will be released from both the park gate and into the playground.

If you are happy for your child to walk to or from school, please email your child's class teacher to advise them of your consent. We do understand that for peace of mind your child may want to bring a phone to school– this is allowed but phones must be switched off and given to the class teacher each morning for safekeeping.

**New Park gate will be open from 8.30am -9.00am and 3.15pm-3.40pm*

HOMEWORK

We know that the time spent out of school for all children is valuable and usually filled with other commitments, but we will be setting **3 mandatory homework tasks per week***. We will be sending Homework Books home in the first weeks of this term for the homework tasks to be completed. In addition to this, we also strongly recommend that your child spends at least 10 minutes independently reading a level-appropriate book.

*There may be additional revision activities set on top of this.

MOBILE PHONES

Y6s will be allowed to bring mobile phones to school if they are walking to/from school on their own, but as we mentioned above, these **MUST** be handed over to their teacher in the morning. Pupils will not be allowed to access/ use/ view their phones until the school day is over. The mobile phones will be locked away throughout the day.



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ASSESSMENTS/ SATS

We know that there has been a lot of publicity around SATs over the recent months and although we will be preparing your children with practise tests and assessments, we would like to take this time now that that is not the sole purpose of Year 6. We aim to help the children to become independent learners and resilient, kind and all rounded people who are ready for their transition into secondary education.

PE DAYS

Fridays will be the Year 6 PE day. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate footwear and PE kit. Please remember no jewellery or earrings on PE days and plan piercings accordingly.

BLETCHLEY PARK TRIP

This term, we will be going on a school trip to Bletchley Park coinciding with our World War Two topic on the 25th September. Payment and permissions information will be shared in the first week of school.

PLANNED LEARNING

If you would like to view your child's planned learning for the term, you can view this on our medium term plan, but please see the basic outline below for Autumn Term:

Science - The Circulatory System and Electricity

History - What was the impact of World War 2 on the people of Britain?

Geography - Population and why does it change?

Art - Jean-Michel Basquiat (Artist Study) and drawing realistic faces

DT - Designing a Playground

PSHE - Aiming High and Understanding Difference

PE - Tag Rugby, Netball and World War 2 Dance

Computing - TinkerCAD (3D Design) and Collaboration/ Communication

SUMMER BREAK HOMEWORK

We know the summer holidays are a perfect time to rest, reset, and enjoy a well-earned break. However, it's also important to keep those brilliant brains ticking over!

To help ease the transition back to school in September, we are setting two summer tasks for all children:

Reading Assignment

Your child is expected to read *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. This fantastic adventure story is available to borrow from Woburn Sands Library if you prefer not to purchase a copy.

Research Project: Create a Fact File

We'd like every child to create a fact file about something that really interests them—this could be anything from how to care for horses, how to play Fortnite, or all about their favourite football team.

They'll be presenting their fact files with the class during the first week back, so please ensure this task is completed over the holidays.

Both tasks are mandatory.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCHOOL

At Swallowfield, we're placing more emphasis on face-to-face communication to help strengthen the relationships between school and families. While you can still email or call as needed, we encourage you to use the numbered system shown here to help direct your message in the most effective way.

This helps us respond as efficiently and clearly as possible, especially as class teachers aren't always able to reply during the school day.

Should you wish to email are:

Mr Plumbly: r.plumbly@swallowfieldprimary.com

Mr Carter: p.carter@swallowfieldprimary.com

You can contact the school office on: 01908 582101

Please let us know if you have any other questions or queries.

Yours Sincerely,

The Year 6 Team

Mr Plumbly, Mr Carter and Mrs Middleton