

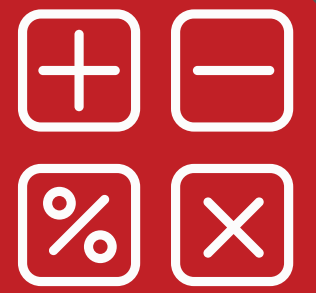
Y6 Newsletter

Lent 1



Mathematics

In Mathematics, Year 6 will begin the half term by completing their work on decimals before moving on to measurement, focusing on converting between different units. They will then learn about percentages, finding percentages of numbers and solving related word problems. The final unit is geometry, where children will explore angles, properties of shapes, and parts of a circle. Morning Work and regular testing will further strengthen their arithmetic skills.



English

In English, we begin the half term with a non-fiction writing unit writing an argument before reading *The Gulf* by Geraldine McCaughrean. Children will write setting and character descriptions and create an ending for the story. We will then study the picture book *Rose Blanche*, writing text to accompany the images and applying key grammar skills.



Religious Education

In the 'From Galilee to Jerusalem' topic, Year 6 will explore key events from St John's Gospel, including miracles such as the Wedding at Cana, feeding the 5000, and the raising of Lazarus. Children will learn that Scripture is inspired by God and understood literally and spiritually. They will study the seven sacraments, their purpose in helping people grow like Jesus and how they are celebrated in the local parish.



Reading

In Whole-Class Reading, Year 6 will read *Malala* by Malala Yousafzai, focusing on VIPERS skills: Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve, and Summarise. Alongside this, children will continue Reading Ninja lessons.

In Story Time, we will be continuing with 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll and then will move on to 'Nevermoor - the Trials of Morrigan Crow' by Jessica Townsend.



Science

In Science, our topic is Electricity. Children will learn what electricity is, where it comes from, and how it has influenced everyday life. They will use recognised symbols to draw circuit diagrams and will plan and carry out a fair test investigating how wire length affects components in a circuit. As part of this unit, they will also explore the lives and contributions of Steve Jobs, Thomas Edison and Lewis Latimer.



Music / Latin / Computing

In Computing, children will continue their learning about online safety. They will then develop an understanding of how spreadsheets work and how to perform calculations within them. Towards the end of the half term, they will start their first Music unit, *You've Got a Friend*. Children will listen to and appraise the song by Carole King, begin learning to sing it, and learn note names while following the track in preparation for playing instruments after the holiday.





Art & Design Technology

In Art, the children will begin by exploring the work of Andy Warhol and discussing his distinctive pop-art style. They will learn about the impact of complementary colour pairings before practising how to replicate an image. Using these skills, they will then plan and create their own artwork inspired by Warhol's techniques. Finally, the children will reflect on their finished pieces and evaluate how their artistic skills have developed.

History / Geography

In History, children will study World War II, beginning with what it was and when and where it occurred. They will learn about the Blitz, the areas most affected, and the impact of air raids, including why many children were evacuated. They will also explore the experiences of Jewish children and how everyday life changed for people during the war, such as through rationing.



Physical Education

As part of a gymnastics unit, Year 6 will be learning to perform a full forwards roll, a floor cartwheel and also different types of balance on and off of apparatus. Year 6 will also be learning to play hockey, focussing on how to control the ball with a stick as well as passing and shooting techniques. Both an indoor and outdoor PE kit are required this half term.

PSHE

In Personal Development, children will deepen their understanding of the range and intensity of their feelings. They will explore why certain behaviours are wrong, unhealthy or risky. Children will also learn the difference between harmful and harmless videos and images, the impact harmful content can have, and strategies to manage and respond safely in the online world today.



Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 6 include:

- conductor
- gorge
- possession
- replicate
- dimensions
- structure

Class Notices

Alton Castle Residential - 11th - 13th February 2026

KS2 tests are scheduled to take place from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026.

[Click the link for further details.](#)



How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading, asking your child questions about their book.
- Complete any homework set.
- Learn to spell Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Statutory Words.
- Learn all multiplication and division facts up to 12 x12.