



Welcome to Year 6 2023/2024!

My name is Mr Barker and I am very proud to have been a teacher here at St Michael's since 2018. This year, I am especially excited as I move into Year 6 and am delighted to be your child's class teacher. My main aim is for the children to be happy and to feel safe, as we know that then they will achieve well.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in what I am sure will be an incredibly exciting year ahead. I am joined in class this year by the amazing Mrs. Nalton. She will be there to work alongside myself as well as support groups and individuals.

Our curriculum information evening will be held soon (see the calendar for timings) where I shall be sharing more specific information about Year 6, our expectations and what exciting learning will be taking place this year!

My door is always open, therefore if you ever have a concern or worry, please come and let me know.

This page will be updated throughout the course of the academic year so keep looking at this for updates. For now, enjoy reading all about Year 6!

Regards,

Mr Barker





Key Information



Punctuality: It is so important that pupils arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We line up outside the classroom at the beginning of the day. Pupils need to be lined up at 8:45am as the bell rings. If you are late, the gates will be locked and children need to go through the main entrance. As this is Year 6, we expect all of our pupils to come in quietly and sensibly and of course, ready to learn!

Lockers: Our lovely lockers are located in the cloakroom. Pupils will be allocated a locker for the year ahead. We kindly ask all pupils to pop all of their things in here at the start of the day. This ensures things are kept safe and allows our learning environment to remain clear.



Mobile Phones: We are happy for pupils to bring a mobile phone into school with them, however, we ask that mobiles should be turned off whilst on the school premises and will be stored in the main school office securely throughout the day.

Independence: Children may come into school unaccompanied and may also walk home alone now that they are in Year 6.



Toilets: We still use the same toilets as we did in Year 5, so no need to worry where you will need to go! We encourage you to go to the toilet at playtimes and lunch time, however should you need to go the toilet, you simply need to ask a member of staff.

Pastoral: Being safe and indeed feeling safe, is at the very heart of our school. At St Michael's we are very lucky to have a superb pastoral team in place. The children are all aware of who and where in school they can go should they need support or someone to talk to. The pastoral team have drop in sessions each term which are open to any parents who would like to discuss their child's needs. The dates for the drop ins are added to the parent calendar so please watch this space. If however, you would like to meet with one of the team before the drop in, then please contact them. Our door is always open!





Reminders



PE: Our PE Days in Year 6 are Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit consisting of shorts, trainers and their house T-Shirt. Any watches must be removed as well as stud earrings.

Uniform: We are very proud of how smart our pupils look at school. As Year 6 pupils, your child is very much setting an example for the rest of the school! Please ensure your child has correct school uniform. The PTFA hold a used uniform stall quite frequently, where you can pick up good as new pieces for a tiny amount.



Water & Snacks: Your child is encouraged to bring a fillable bottle to school containing water. This can be replenished during the school day. We also encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for them to enjoy at playtime.

Celebration Assembly: In Year 6 we still reward our pupils against our core values; information on these can be found on the school website. Every week, a child will be chosen who has demonstrated a specific value and this will be further celebrated in our celebration worship on Friday. We also have awards for Writer & Mathematician of the Week. If your child has been rewarded, you will be invited into school to celebrate this too!



Swimming: It is a statutory requirement and part of the National Curriculum, that your child meets the expected standard of swimming. For any pupils that did not, they will need to attend swimming lessons. These take place every Tuesday. Your child will be informed if this will be them.



Homework In Year 6



Topics: There is nothing more exciting for a teacher to hear than when their pupil's want to continue learning at home! Throughout this year, we will be covering some really exciting topics where the children will have the option to produce work to support this, in their own time and will have the option to share this with their peers.

Core Subjects: Additionally, we really want to continue to build on your child's knowledge, ensuring that their spelling is good and that their recall of multiplication tables is quick and accurate. With this in mind, as a school we have subscribed to Rockstar Maths & Spelling Shed; 2 award winning learning platforms that are both fun and educational for your child to use. Pupils will be given a log in and passcode for them to be able to access these.



Reading: Just because your child is in their final year of Primary School, this does not mean that their love for reading should stop. We are incredibly lucky here at St Michael's to have a well stocked library and brilliant reading walls. The reading walls display 100's of books for your child to choose from. We encourage children to take a book home and bring this into school with them daily. This is so important. We still build time into the school day to simply read and we still encourage you to read with your child as often as you can.

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss



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Autumn 1 – What Year 6 Will Be Learning

	AUTUMN ONE
Writing	<u>The Nowhere Emporium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diary • Suspense narrative • Narrative poetry
SPAG	Fronted adverbials (TRaMP), Commas to mark clauses, Formal language, Brackets, Expanded noun phrase, Determiners and generalisers, Similes (DADWAVERS), Word Classes, Subordinating conjunctions (WHITEBUS) , Coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS), Inverted commas, Imperatives/command
Maths	Place Value Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
Science	Light (Physics)
Geography	Map Skills Comparing Yorkshire to an Eastern European Countries
Computing	Internet Communication
Religious Education	How do Sikhs show commitment?
Art	Mixing using powder paint- creating mood and atmosphere in artwork.
Music	Music and Technology
PE	Hockey – Cognitive Football - Creative
PSHCE	What makes a healthy and happy relationship? - SRE