

Collingwood Primary School

Welcome to Year 6!

Autumn term



Dear parents and carers,

The Year 6 team would like to welcome you to a new school year. We are looking forward to working alongside you to ensure the best for all our children this year.

Meet the team!

Miss McDonald
Year 6 teacher
UKS2 Team Leader

Mrs Patterson
Year 5 teacher
SENDCO

Mrs Ingleby
Year 6 teacher

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Mrs Bell
Teaching Assistant
Learning mentor

Mrs Cunningham
Teaching Assistant
Family Partner

Mrs Rush
Teaching Assistant

Miss Smith
Teaching Assistant

PE in Year 6

6SI: Wednesday and Thursday (NUFC coach)

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On PE days, children are to **COME TO SCHOOL** wearing their PE kit: yellow t-shirt, black jogging pants/shorts & trainers. Ensure all jewellery is removed on that day. Staff are unable to remove this and it will prevent your child from doing PE.

Year 6 children will go swimming in spring term. Please ensure your child comes equipped with an **appropriate** swimming costume & towel on those days, which you will be informed about later in the year. There is no time for hair washing so shampoo is not required.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child follows the school uniform requirements:

Boys: plain grey/black trousers, white polo shirt, grey pullover or school sweatshirt. Flat black trainers or school shoes.

Girls: grey skirt or grey/black trousers, white polo shirt, grey cardigan or school sweatshirt, flat black trainers or school shoes. There is also a summer dress in yellow.

Leggings, jewellery, make up and false nails are strictly prohibited.

Please ensure your child brings a **water bottle** to school each day. They will take it home daily.

Homework and Reading:

Reading is of high priority to us in KS2 and each child will be supplied with an individual reading book tailored to their level, which they will bring home and back on a **daily basis**. We request that children read a **minimum of three times a week** but have found that children who read a little each night are the ones who make the most progress.

From week 2, children will receive weekly spellings on a Monday to be practised and returned by the Friday. School does not send out weekly homework although the occasional task may be sent home. This is to ensure the practise of reading and spelling is prioritised. Year 6 children are also expected to go on their Reading Plus, Spelling Shed and Maths online challenges at home too.

*Children's logins will be sent home to you shortly.

*If you need support with online access, please inform us and we can support you by loaning school's Chromebooks.

Maths online programmes:

<http://uk.mathletics.com/> whereby children can practise fun maths skills at a level tailored to them and

<http://ttrockstars.com> where children can hone their times tables fluency.

English online programmes:

Year 6 also buy into a Reading Plus programme which children can access online. It has been shown to greatly improve children's reading fluency and levels.

<http://student.readingplus.com>

Spelling Shed: <http://spellingshed.com> an excellent spelling resource to aid your child's learning of their weekly spellings.

Year 6 SATs

All Year 6 children are required to sit statutory assessments in reading and maths from **Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026**. Writing is teacher assessed via evidence collected throughout the year. It is vital that children **are not** taken out of school at this time and **must attend school every day that week**.

Save the dates!

Thursday 18th September: Forensic Science workshop

Tuesday 30th September: Hoops4Health Basketball

Tuesday 14th October: Harvest festival -St Peter's church

Tuesday 21st October: Restart a Heart workshop

Tuesday 11th November – Newcastle Castle trip

Wednesday 17th December – Pantomime

Monday 1st – Wednesday 3rd June: Robinwood Residential... more details to follow!

School term dates:

Holiday	Break up	Return to school
Autumn half term 2025	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd November
Teacher Training Day Friday 26 th September 2025		
Christmas 2025	Friday 19 th December	Monday 5 th January
Spring half term 2026	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter 2026	Thursday 2 nd April	Monday 20 th April
Summer half term 2026	Friday 22 nd May	Monday 1 st June
May bank holidays: Monday 4 th May		
Summer 2026	Friday 17 th July	
Teacher Training Day Friday 3 rd July		

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