



Oldfield Primary School

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3rd September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good summer and the children are looking forward to their final year at Oldfield! This final school year will zoom by very quickly! There is lots going on, so here is some information which we hope you will find helpful as they settle back into the school routine.

We would also like to invite you to a **Year 6 information meeting** on **Tuesday 10th September** at 9am in the school hall. This meeting will be for all year 6 parents and carers and will be in two-parts.

The first part will set out the expectations for year 6 and the second part will be explicitly about our residential trip to Grittleton. If your child is not attending the residential trip, you will not be expected to stay for that part.

We will then send all a copy of all the meeting materials that afternoon via email, so if you are unable to attend, you will receive the same information.

What your child will need to bring to school:

Your child will need a pencil case, blue or black inked pen, pencil, rubber and sharpener, as well as coloured pencils or coloured pens if possible. Ideally, this pencil case should live in their desk in school. In addition, your child will need a name-labelled school water bottle (which can be refilled at appropriate times).

Home Learning

As per Mrs Page's forthcoming letter regarding home learning.

PE

On PE days, children should come to dressed in their PE kit. This should be the school PE kit of white shirts, navy blue shorts and suitable trainers. As the weather turns colder, they will be allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or jumper – in line with the school uniform policy, these must be navy blue joggers and a navy sweatshirt please.

Class	PE days
6 Leopard	Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor)
6 Panther	Tuesday (indoor) and Wednesday (outdoor)



School Uniform reminders:

Year 6 are the role models in school and play an important part in setting positive examples to our school community. In-line with our school policy, all items of clothing must be clearly named. Unnamed items will be put in the lost property buckets by the KS1 and KS2 entrances.

Children should not wear jewellery in school, except stud earrings or items that have to be worn for religious reasons. Earrings should be taped over or covered for PE and Games. Please ensure your child is confident in taping over their earrings and have tape with them on PE days.

Children can wear a basic, time-keeping watch. Smart watches are not permitted in the classrooms and should be left in the office if worn to school.

Nail varnish and make-up is not permitted in school for pupils. If your child has used these items, please ensure it is removed before returning to school.

In Years 1 and above:

- Tailored, dark grey trousers of the type sold by school outfitters and department stores” (not jogging pants). Dark grey shorts may also be worn if desired
- Dark grey skirt or pinafore dress, around knee length
- White school shirt with collar - short or long sleeved (not polo shirts)
- Navy blue V-necked sweater or cardigan with crest embroidered on
- School tie, royal blue and silver stripes (unless a member of the School Council or awarded an Achievement Tie)
- Traditional leather school shoes, flat or with heels no higher than 1 inch (3cm), in black (No trainers of any description)
- Light blue checked dresses may be worn in the summer (not striped)
- Grey, white or navy socks - long or short. White, navy or grey tights in winter
- Navy, white or blue and white checked ribbons, hairbands and scrunchies
- Hijab (Blue or Black)
- Grey leggings can be worn with a summer dress

PE kit for all children will be navy shorts and white polo shirts.

• Sports sweatshirts, tracksuits and waterproofs are recommended for PE/Games and are available from Goyal's, Maidenhead

Mobile phones:

Mobile phones are not permitted in the classroom and should be handed into the office for safe-keeping when arriving at school.

Walking/cycling home:

If you wish for your child to walk/cycle on their own, please inform the school office and we will add them to the list. This is to ensure we know who to release at the end of the day. **This list is updated every academic year so if you have given this permission in previous years, you will need to tell us again.**



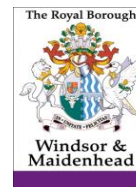
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Autumn Term Trips and key dates:

Date	Location	Class
Tuesday 10 th September	Y6 Parent meeting	School hall
Thursday 3 rd October	Braywick Nature Centre	Leopard only
	Evolution documentary making	
Friday 4 th October	Braywick Nature Centre	Panther only
	Evolution documentary making	
Wednesday 16 th October	Y6 Macbeth performance	School hall from 9.15 to 10.20
Tuesday 22 nd October – Friday 25 th October	Residential trip – Grittleton Adventure Centre	All who have confirmed their place
TBC – December	St. Mary's Church	All
	Christmas Unwrapped	

Braywick Nature Centre

This is a superb trip where children will learn about our local environment and the unique features of the different trees that live around the centre. The pupils will be given an educational workshop and tour, which will make links to our science learning in evolution and inheritance. From this, in small groups, the children will make their own documentary using iPads and be shown how to edit their work to create a finished piece. There will be a cost to this trip which will be payable through scopay.

Volunteer support – if you have the time and are able to support this trip by walking with us or/and supporting a group, please let your class teacher know.

Residential Trip Week

Pupils who are not attending the residential trip will be expected in school at usual school times. They will have an adapted curriculum to ensure their learning is purposeful and fun. We will share their timetable with them and with their families once it has been finalised.

Pupils who are attending the residential trip, important information that is poignant for the trip will be sent separately after the information meeting on the 10th September.

St Mary's Church

Christmas Unwrapped is an established workshop which helps pupils to explore the facts, traditions and 'fluff' around this Christian festival and is part of our RE curriculum. Pupil's will learn through fun, hands-on activities and quizzes. It will either be held in the morning or afternoon and we will be walking to the church. Again, once dates and times have been confirmed, if you have the time and are able to support this trip by walking with us or/and supporting a group, please let your class teacher know.



Key Stage 2 SATs in 2025

The National Curriculum assessments, or SATs, can seem daunting, but understanding them can ease concerns. SATs are national and standardised tests taken by children in Year 6 in England. (Children in some independent junior or prep schools do not take these exams.) SATs assess the knowledge and skills in Mathematics, English Reading, and Grammar, Punctuation, and Spelling (GPS).

The purpose of Key Stage 2 SATs is to measure your child's academic progress and the school's performance. SATs results are passed on to your child's secondary school to help their new school set a baseline for progress measurement and often place them into suitable sets or streams in Year 7.

SATs Test Schedule

The KS2 SAT's will be held during the week beginning Monday 12th May 2025. It is important your child attends school that week, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We will also carry out a mock SATs week, the week beginning 28th April so the children are comfortable with the whole procedure.

During the actual SATs week, we will also run a special breakfast club just for year 6. This proved immensely popular with previous year 6 cohorts and helped to keep the children calm on the day. We will share more information regarding SATs in the Spring term.

RSE/PSHE

This term in PSHE, our topic is on families and friendships. This will include lessons on different types of relationships, managing pressure, expressing opinions and respecting ourselves and others.

DVD'S/Film clips

In Year 6, we often watch film extracts and/or short films to link in with our topics. Some of these clips are rated PG. If you have any objections to your child watching a PG video, at any time this year, please let us know in the next week or so. I would be happy to share with you examples of what these videos include.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Autumn Newsletter. We are so looking forward to making your child's year 6 learning experience the best that it can be. If you have any questions or queries, or simply would like to say hello, we are available most days after school by the school gates – we'd love to meet you. Or, please drop us an email via the school office: office@oldfieldprimary.com.

Kind regards,

Miss E Smith

Mr J Foreshew

6 Panther

6 Leopard

Assistant Headteacher