Year 6 Summer 1 2026

St Catherine's CE Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

SATs

This half term, our Year 6 pupils will take part in their SATs, an important milestone in their primary school journey. The children have been working incredibly hard in preparation, and we are proud of the effort, determination and resilience they have shown. We know they will do their very best, and that is all we ask of them.

The timetable for the week is as follows:

Monday 11th May – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers
Tuesday 12th May – Reading paper
Wednesday 13th May – Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 and Maths Reasoning Paper 2
Thursday 14th May – Maths Reasoning Paper 3

All tests will take place during the morning sessions, with afternoon lessons running as normal. On Tuesday, pupils should come to school in full uniform and bring their PE kit to change into once testing for the day is complete. Look for an invite to a SATs Parent Meeting soon, as well as a SATs newsletter which will be coming home with your child.

Our book this term is The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore.



English

This half term in English, we will be writing a WW2-inspired recipe, after baking it ourselves. We will also begin our new unit based on The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore, where we will share and discuss our favourite books and explore how stories can be brought to life through imaginative writing. Alongside this, we will revisit and edit some of our previous pieces of writing, developing our skills in revising, improving vocabulary, and refining our work to become more confident and thoughtful writers.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to think like mathematicians as we build on our knowledge from across the KS2 curriculum. We'll revisit and strengthen key skills, applying them in a range of problem-solving contexts to deepen our understanding. Our learning will include interpreting and constructing line graphs and pie charts, as well as exploring averages by finding the mean, mode and median. We will also tackle real-life problems involving both imperial and metric measures, developing our confidence in choosing the most appropriate methods.

Science

In Science, our topic of Electricity will see us thinking like real scientists and engineers as we explore how electrical circuits work. We will learn to identify and draw a range of electrical components, including bulbs, buzzers, switches and motors, and understand how they are represented in circuit diagrams. We'll investigate how these components are used in everyday items and discover how electricity powers the world around us. Through hands-on experiments, we will test different circuits to see what makes them work effectively, before designing and creating our own circuits to use in exciting toys and games!

History

This half term in History, we will be learning about the Tudor period, focusing on Henry VIII and his reign. We will explore Tudor life, key events, and the impact of Henry VIII's decisions on England. We will also take part in thoughtful discussions about monarchy and leadership, considering the question of whether it is fair or right to inherit power rather than earn it.

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Heads and Hearts (PSHE)

This half term in Heads and Hearts, we will be focusing on relationships, exploring themes such as mental health, love, loss, and power. Through discussion, reflection, and age-appropriate activities, we will develop our understanding of emotions, healthy relationships, and how our actions can affect ourselves and others. The unit aims to support our emotional wellbeing, build empathy, and encourage respectful communication and positive decision-making.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be exploring the important topic of racism and considering whether religion can help to reduce discrimination and promote equality. Through discussion, reflection, and the study of different religious teachings, we will learn about respect, compassion, and the value of diversity. The unit will encourage you to think critically about fairness and how beliefs and actions can contribute to building more inclusive communities.

Computing

This half term in Computing, we will be exploring the exciting world of coding as we learn how to clone and debug programs to make them work correctly. Using these skills, we will develop our understanding of sequencing, problem-solving, and logical thinking while creating our very own interactive adventure game. We will experiment with characters, settings, and challenges, building confidence as we learn how small changes in code can have big effects on our games.





Homework and Home Reading

Spelling and Maths homework will continue to be set each Friday using SATs Companion, an interactive online platform where pupils can watch helpful recap videos before completing quizzes to check their understanding. In addition to tasks set by teachers, children can also choose to practise Maths, Reading, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, helping them to strengthen any areas they would like to feel more confident in. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils already making great use of the site—login details can be found in homework books. Please continue to encourage your child to read for 10–15 minutes every day, as building the habit of regular reading at home is essential preparation for SATs and supports learning across the curriculum. Once a book is finished, pupils can quiz in school as part of our Accelerated Reader programme and earn points towards their profile. We are incredibly proud of the commitment Year 6 are showing, with impressive weekly word counts across both classes—let's keep that positive momentum going!

PE

PE for both classes will take place on Tuesdays this term.
Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on this day, including suitable footwear for outdoor activities; long hair should be tied back and jewellery should not be worn.





Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 20th May – Thursday 21st May – Whole School Arts days
- Thursday 21st May – Charity Colourful Run (PTA)
- Wednesday 3rd June - Friday 5th June – Llanrug residential
- Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day
- Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)
- Friday 26th June - Sports Day - (Year 4,5 & 6) 9.00am – 12.30pm
- Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair
- Wednesday 15th July – Leavers Show 6pm - 7pm

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