

# Who's Who in Year 6

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## PE lessons

**6B & 6G:** Terms 5 & 6: Outdoor PE: Friday & Indoor Tuesday.

**6R & 6Y:** Terms 5 & 6: Outdoor PE Mondays and Fridays

Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside PE so that they can be warm and comfortable. Tracksuits and / or the Upton 'hoodie' can be worn plus sun-caps if it's warm. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing."



Upton Junior School



# Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 5 and 6

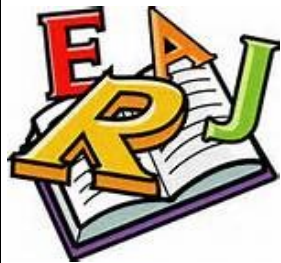
The Year 6 Team would like to thank you for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through the year. This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme. There are lots of exciting events happening across Terms 5 and 6. Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

**Thank You!**

Date	Event
2/5/15	Sponsored event at Revolution Skate Park
4/5/15	Bank Holiday: School closed to all pupils and staff
7/5/15	Year 6 Art Competition winners to Turner Contemporary Art Gallery (PM)
8/5/15	VE Day: 70th Anniversary
9/5/15	Annual Schools Swimming Gala
15/5/15	Pupil Forum: Form captains to meet with Governors
18-21/5/15	World War 2 Experience—Letter emailed on Thursday 30th April
19/5/15	Cake Sale: SOS Pool (Break-time)
19-20/15	Monkton Nature Reserve Trip
21/5/15	School ends for Term 5 at 3:15 pm. Upton Ship after-school club runs as normal until 6:15 pm
21/5/15	Non-school uniform day: SOS Pool
22/5/15	INSET DAY—School closed for all pupils
23/5/15	All day fitness classes—more details to follow
1/6/15	School opens for Term 6 (7.50 am for Breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school)
9/6/15	Class photos
11/6/15	Science jamboree at the Discovery Park
12/6/15	PTFA Disco
13/6/15	Craft Fayre: SOS Pool
15/6/15	Choir at the Bandstand
15/6/15	Wattignies French visitors coming to the school
20/6/15	Upton Cross-Country: more details to follow
23/6/15	Party organised by Year 6 parents—more details to follow
2/7/15	Transition Day: Year 6 to meet their Secondary School Teachers
8/7/15	Year 6 Sports morning at 9:30 am
10/7/15	Upton Summer Fayre
11/7/15	Upton Camp out: more details to follow
17/7/15	Reports sent home
21-22/7/15	School Production at the Winter Gardens -Details to follow
22/7/15	Whole school to the Winter Gardens to watch the Year 6 production
23/7/15	Leavers disco—more details to follow
24/7/15	Leavers Assembly—9:30-10:30am—Parents/Carers/Grandparents warmly welcomed.
24/7/15	School ends for the academic year at 2:15 pm. Upton Ship after-school club runs as normal until 6:15 pm



# Year 6 Pre-SATs Curriculum



**English:** In Term 5, Year 6 will be focusing on SATs preparation taught in learning groups. Each learning group teacher will send homework and spellings specific to their group.

During Term 6 we will be reading books that have been made into films:

**LG 1:** Animal Farm

**LG 2 & 3:** Coraline

**LG 4, 5 & 6:** Gangster Granny

**Maths:** We are following the Revised National Numeracy Strategy which organises work into units of work. The children are in learning groups according to their needs and rate of progress. Homework is set in these groups. Any work you would like to do with your child at home could involve:-

1. Learning certain maths facts by heart so that the children develop the ability to recall these facts instantly.
2. Playing a game with cards or dice.
3. Investigating number patterns.
4. Shopping and pocket money problems.
5. Use 'MyMaths' site - please see homework tasks or booster packs.

Aims for these terms include rounding, decimals, usually all 4 operations to solve real life problems, long division, ordering fractions and numbers up to 3 decimal places, 3D shapes, using formulae and using a protractor, these will be differentiated according to the needs of the individual learning groups.

### IPC Topics:

Term 5 The theme 'Out of Africa' looking at evolution and inheritance. The children will visit Monkton Nature Reserve on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th May (date dependant on the class your child is in.)

Term 6 the theme is Children in World War 2.



**Computing:** Terms 5 & 6 the children will focus on being able to use coding and programming.

**Music:** Lessons will be taken by Mr Langridge. Year 6 will focus on keyboards.

**Art:** The children will create enlarged pictures of WW2 propaganda posters.

**R.E:** The whole school meets every day for collective worship, except for Tuesday where the pupils meet in houses. In class we will be looking at Judaism and linking that with Ann Frank.



### Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:

The computer suite is open from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm every day for parents and children to complete homework.

Library lunchtime open days for pupils: Year 6 pupils can access the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

♦ Just a reminder that English Homework is set on a Monday and a Friday evening and maths is now set using the MyMaths website every 2 weeks. Topic work is to be carried out on a Wednesday. If no specific homework has been set then timetables, general research and extra reading should be undertaken. Children should be doing at least 30-35 minutes.

♦ SPELLINGS are set each week by the learning group teachers.

♦ MATHS: times tables and maths tasks are set each week.

♦ 'The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school.

♦ Your child needs their login. If the login is lost, let us know and we can give out the information again.

♦ Details about Wednesday night topic homework will begin next week.

**General Upton My Maths login:** uptonjs password: north

**Other useful websites include:**

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents)

You can help your child by discussing what children are reading to develop inference and deduction skills, develop independence by not chasing your child to complete their homework, let us do it in school!





# Year 6 Post-SATs Curriculum



## Second World War Topic

In Term 6 we will look at Children in the Second World War, introduced by Mr O'Sullivan presenting 'The Home Front Experience' during the last week of Term 5. The children will also be watching the film 'Good Night Mr Tom'

If any family members would like to come and share their memories of life in the war with the children, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Secondary School

In preparation for secondary school we would like the children to become more responsible for their own possessions. Could they please be provided with pens, rulers, pencils etc as we seem to have many children who have lost the ones provided by us on many occasions.

## Survivor Week

During the week beginning 1st June the Year 6 children who are not participating in the Swattenden trip will not be following the prescribed Year 6 curriculum. Instead we have planned an alternative week of activities based around the theme 'Survivor'. We believe that the activities planned will not only develop and extend a range of skills, but will prove to be enjoyable and fun as well—more details to follow.

## English and Maths

English and Maths will continue as usual, the children may also be undertaking a maths transition project that they will continue to work on at their secondary school.

## Homework Post-SATs

During the last term there will be no homework set for English and Maths; however, the children will have words and songs to learn for the production. We would also like them to continue reading regularly and handing in their reading records and learning multiplication facts. There will be some homework linked to the topic for Term 6.

## School Production

Mr Langridge and the Year 6 teachers have chosen the end of the year production which the children will be informed about on 15th May. This will take place at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July—again more details to follow. We will be holding auditions during the week beginning 18th May. Rehearsing for this and remaking of props will form a large part of the time in Term 6. More details with regards to the costumes and props to follow....

## Sports Day

This year's Year 6 Sports Day is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 8th July at 9:30 am. However, due to changeable weather, it has in the past needed to be changed at short notice to reduce the risk of accidents.



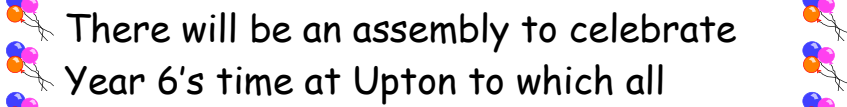
# End of Year 6 Celebrations



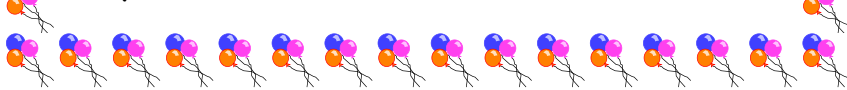
## Leavers Assembly



There will be an assembly to celebrate Year 6's time at Upton to which all families are invited.



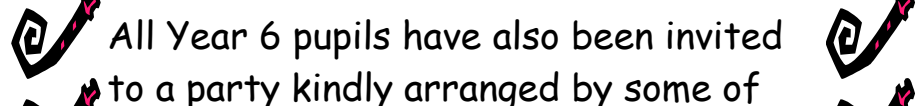
The Leavers Assembly is on Friday 24th July at 9:30 am.



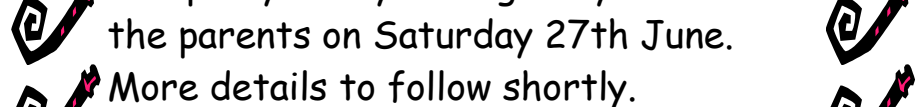
Leavers Party organised by Upton Parents



All Year 6 pupils have also been invited to a party kindly arranged by some of the parents on Saturday 27th June.



More details to follow shortly.



## Leavers Party



The UPTFA and school will be organising their traditional Leavers Party in the evening of Thursday 23rd July at the school. More details to follow....

