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ROSE GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Year 6 Welcome Letter

We hope that you and your child had an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and have also returned to school excited for what will be their final year of primary education. The Year 6 team are really looking forward to this year and getting to know you and your child in the coming weeks.

Year 6 is certainly one of the busiest years in the school with lots of exciting activities to support your child's learning and to prepare them for their transition to Secondary education. Therefore, we have put together this letter with some key details to help you and your child with the transition from Year 5 to Year 6.

The Year 6 teaching team consists of:

Class	Teacher
6JC	Mrs Karen Ison – Team Leader & Deputy Headteacher: (kison@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) - Monday Mr Jon Cotterill: (jcotterill@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) – Tues-Fri
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Communication is very important to us and should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak initially with your child's class teacher or via their email. It is much easier for teachers to talk to parents at the end of the day rather than the beginning.

Urgent information that needs to be given to teachers at the beginning of the day can be emailed to the school office (office@rosegreenjunior.co.uk). Although teachers do check their emails daily, this may not be until later in the school day. For this reason, please ensure any urgent information is communicated via the school office.

Key Dates

- **Friday 4th September, 3:10-3:30pm**: Informal Drop-in/Meet the teacher opportunity.
- **Friday 18th September:** Year 6 First Aid Sessions
- **Wednesday 30th September, 3:20-4:00pm in the school hall**: Isle of Wight Residential Briefing Meeting for parents and children
- Weeks beginning **Monday 9th November and 23rd November**: Bikeability Training, where children will be allocated two days for their participation. Further details in due course. Bike, helmet and waterproofs required, as sessions go ahead rain or shine!
- **Thursday 19th November:** World War II Day with a visit from The Rainbow Theatre (details to follow)
- **Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May 2027:** SATs Week. It is vital that your child is in school this week, so please avoid holidays during this time.

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Secondary School Transfers
You will receive an email shortly with information from the Admissions Office about applying for a place in your local secondary school.

Please note that applications are to be made 'online' via the West Sussex County Council website. Should you require a paper application form, parents will need to contact Admissions direct on telephone number 03330 142 903 to request one. If you do not have access to the internet, either at home or at work, free internet access to make school applications is available at all West Sussex libraries. Library staff will be on hand to guide you through the process.

Please note that the closing date for completed on-line applications is Friday 30th October 2026.

Home Learning Expectations

In Year 6, we begin to prepare the children for the demands of homework at secondary school. If it is difficult for your child to access online learning at home for whatever reason, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible, so that it can be arranged for them to access it during the school day. Homework will increase in the build up to SATs, which you will be informed about in the Spring term.

English & Maths -
Each child will be set an English (spelling and grammar activity) and Maths homework on a Monday, which will be due in on Friday. We would suggest that each task should take **no longer than 20 minutes** to complete each week. This homework may be set via EdShed or through homework books themselves.

Times-Tables & TTRS -
Children should aim to play TTRS for **5 minutes each day (totalling 25 minutes for the week)**. Times tables are fundamental part of the maths curriculum and will aid your child's confidence, speed of recall and overall abilities in the subject.

Reading –
Reading is such an important skill and supports children with every aspect of school life. Although the children are increasing in independence, it is ***vital*** that they read with an adult at home **at least 3 times a week** as a minimum, and those that go above and beyond this may be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a brand-new book! Please discuss the texts as you read, as the children's comprehension is a key aspect of the SATs reading test.

Spellings -
The children will be taught spellings in school based on the Year 5/6 spellings rules and patterns set out in the National Curriculum as well as commonly mis-spelt words. Each week in your child's Home School Journal there will be a printed list of spelling words using the rule or pattern focus for that week, which they will be tested on, on Friday in the style of the SATs spelling test. Some children will be given an alternative list appropriate to their needs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: YEARLY OVERVIEW

PE Kits are to be worn to school on PE days: **Thursday and Friday**

- **NO PE kits on Thursday 3rd or Friday 4th September.**
- **PE kits to be worn from week beginning Monday 7th September.**

Autumn Term Topics -
We will start the Autumn term with our topic based on the book `Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. This book is an extremely powerful book all about a boy who has a variety of health issues. The book centres round his struggle to be accepted by his peers. The book will form the basis for a lot of our life skills lessons this half term and beyond. ***The children may wish to have their own copy of the book to follow as we read it in class.***

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In Autumn 2 we will be learning about World War Two. On **Thursday 19th November,** we will have our WW2 day, which will include a visit from The Rainbow Theatre. We invite the children to come to school dressed in WW2 outfits on this day, so please start thinking about organising this soon!

Sewing -
During this term, the children will be exploring textiles as part of their Art and DT. As part of this, they will be sewing a motif and making a draw-string bag on which their hand–sewn motif will be displayed. **We would really appreciate any donations of fabric scraps for us to recycle. If you have any, please send your child into school with them or drop them at the office.**

First Aid -
Throughout the children's time at Rose Green Juniors, they have taken part in annual First Aid sessions. The children's Year 6 session will focus on what to do if someone is unresponsive, including revising the recovery position, how to call 999 and how to carry out CPR. As part of this, they will also learn how to use a defibrillator using a specially designed training device.

Leavers' Hoodies and T-Shirts -
We will be sending out information about ordering Leavers' hoodies and t-shirts at the end of the spring term, ready for them to wear on PE days after the SATs tests if they wish.

Routines, independence and responsibility -
As previously mentioned, a large part of Year 6 is preparing them for secondary school. Therefore, we do strongly urge you to encourage your child to be responsible for ensuring they have the right things in school on the right days and to support them initially with getting into good routines in order for them to achieve this. Your child's class teacher will contact you if your child does not complete their homework 2 weeks in a row. We realise there are sometimes genuine reasons why children will not have completed their homework, in which case please communicate this as soon as you can to your child's class teacher so we can work in partnership with you.

Below is a useful timetable showing what your child needs on which days:

Daily	Monday	Thursday	Friday
▪ Year 6 Home School Journals ▪ Reading Book ▪ Waterproof Coat ▪ Water Bottles ▪ Packed lunch if required ▪ 5 minutes TTRS practice	▪ All homework set. ▪ New Spellings set.	▪ Wear PE kit to school	▪ All homework due, incl. home reads. ▪ Spelling test ▪ Wear PE kit to school

We are looking forward to working in partnership with yourself and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ison
Mrs K Ison
Year 6 Leader and Deputy Head

YEAR 6 TOPIC OVERVIEW 2026-2027

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Wonder	World War II	Dinosaurs	Great Britain And Revision for SATs	Black and British and Revision for SATs	Coasts Performance – to be announced nearer the time
Trips, visits and main focus	Inheritance Differences First Aid Training IOW week	Rainbow Theatre and WWII Day DT Sewing Bikeability *(cost involved)*	DT: Samosas Evolution and Inheritance – Fossil Hunting	History of Britain study	Geography week – coasts and visit to Pagham Beach – weather permitting Black and British History study SATs Week Sports Week Swimming *(cost involved)*	Props, costumes and set making and building Leavers' events – details to follow