

Year 6

Rush Common School

2023 - 2024

Miss Walton and Mrs Neal

Mrs Atyeo

Slides will be sent out later in the week.



Meet the Teachers and TAs:

- ▶ The Teachers in Year 6 this year are Miss Walton and Mrs Neal.
- ▶ Our Teaching Assistant is Mrs Atyeo.
- ▶ Other Teachers that will teach the year group: Mrs Barnes, Miss Guiver, Mrs Ying, Miss Roberts and Mrs Kendry.



School Uniform:

- ▶ Regular school uniform is expected to be worn everyday. On the day that your child has PE, they should wear PE kit. Year 6 will have PE on Mondays and Thursdays.
- ▶ At times, you may need spare shoes for outdoor PE if the weather is muddy.
- ▶ Please check clothing is labelled each half term as they fade or fall off. Lost property is located in the ramped area.

Additional reminders:

- ▶ No extreme hairstyles please - unnatural colours, shaved styles, etc.
- ▶ PE shorts should be a sensible length (i.e. football shorts or cycling shorts. Gym shorts are not appropriate.)
- ▶ Long hair should be tied back using a scrunchie, hair band, clip or ribbon that is black, brown or green.
- ▶ Hair gel should not be used to style hair.
- ▶ Minimal jewellery should be worn for practical, health and safety reasons.
- ▶ A wristwatch and/or single stud earring in each ear lobe are permitted.
- ▶ All jewellery should be removed for PE and games.
- ▶ Nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.



Mobile phones (Y5 & Y6):

- ▶ Permission should be sought from Mr Fawcett.
- ▶ There is an agreement that must be completed, signed and returned to school.
- ▶ Phones must be handed into the class teacher at the start of the day and will be kept in a secure area.
- ▶ They are returned at the end of the day but must not be switched on until the child has left the school grounds.
- ▶ Please ensure that you monitor your child's use of chat groups / apps.



Communication:

- ▶ Please ensure that any communication with teachers is sent through the school office (office@rushcommon.school).
- ▶ Weekly Updates for your year group will be sent out about what your child has learnt in school that week as well as what they will be learning in the upcoming week. This will be through the My Child At School (MCAS) app.
- ▶ Weekly Updates will also share important dates and reminders throughout the year.
- ▶ There is a fortnightly newsletter for all parents from Mr Fawcett.



Communication:

- ▶ Any whole-school event or communication will be sent from the office via ParentMail (i.e. Sports Day, class photos).
- ▶ All trip information and payments will also continue through ParentMail.
- ▶ Parents' evenings occur at the end of T1a and T2b. More information about sign-ups will happen closer to the time.
- ▶ End-of-year reports are sent out in July.



	8.30-9.00	9.00-9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30-10.55	10.55-12.00	12.00-1.00	1.00-2.00	2.00-3.00	
MONDAY	Arithmetic/RfP	Reading	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	6JN Music 1.00-1.40 6EW PE 1.00-1.40	6JN PE 1.45-2.25 6EW Music 1.45-2.25 Assembly 2.30 pm	
TUESDAY	Arithmetic/RfP	Reading	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	Science	PSHE	
WEDNESDAY	Spelling test and homework marking	Reading	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	6JN Library 1.00-1.30pm	Humanities	
							Humanities	6EW Library 2.30-3.00pm	
THURSDAY Y6 PPA pm	Handwriting/ Spellings	Reading	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	6JN RE/Mandarin (alternate weeks): 1.00 – 2.00 pm 6JN PE: 2.00-2.55pm 6EW PE: 1.00-2.00pm 6EW RE/Mandarin (alternate weeks): 2.00 – 3.00 pm		
FRIDAY	Arithmetic	RfP / Reading	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	Rfp	Computing Art (alternate weeks)	Assembly 2.30 pm

Lunch arrangements:

- ▶ School meals are available to order through ParentMail.
- ▶ School dinners for KS2 are £2.60.
- ▶ Reception eat at 11:45; Y1-Y2 eat at 12:00; Y3-Y6 eat at 12:30.
- ▶ YR - Y2 have playtime at 12:30; Y3-Y6 have playtime at 12:00.



Curriculum:

- ▶ Indoor P.E will take place on a Monday afternoon and Outdoor P.E will take place on a Thursday afternoon.
- ▶ Our topic for this term will be World War II.
- ▶ Mandarin and RE lessons will be taught on alternate Thursday afternoons by Mrs Ying and Miss Guiver.



Curriculum and enrichment:

- ▶ STEAM museum 21st November (approx. £21) - children to dress up as World War II evacuees if possible.
- ▶ Cross Country - this year the team will be made up of the fastest children across Years 5 and 6.
- ▶ Swimming (after Christmas - exact dates TBC. approx. £22)
- ▶ World Book Day - Thursday 7th March
- ▶ Call Of The Wild (24th - 28th June)
- ▶ Y6 Production (Summer term)



Please refer to the school calendar on the website for any other key dates for the year.

Curriculum and teaching methods:

- ▶ New teaching methods that will be introduced in Year 6:

Long Division

[youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=LGqBQrUYua4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=LGqBQrUYua4) (by one digit)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdU_rf7eMTI (by 2 digits)

- ▶ Please also refer to the calculation policy on the school website.
- ▶ A useful site for helping parents understand approaches to teaching Maths:
<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>



KS2 SATs week

KS2 SATs assessments will take place between 13th May and 16th May 2023.

Google Classroom:

- ▶ Your child's new class has been set up.
- ▶ Please ensure that you are able to access Google Classroom through your devices at home.



Homework expectations:

- ▶ Homework will be handed out in homework books.
- ▶ Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and returned to school on Tuesdays.
- ▶ Spelling tests will take place on Wednesdays. Children will write these in the back of their homework books.
- ▶ Times tables tests will take place as part of Maths lessons at different points in the week.
- ▶ Homework includes:
 - ▶ Maths/English (alternating each week)
 - ▶ Spelling lists
 - ▶ Daily Reading
 - ▶ Open question (Twice per half term).



KS2 Homework

After feedback from parents and discussion in school, there is a slight change to homework this year. We have moved away from Takeaway Menus to ‘Open Questions.’

Twice per half term, a question will go home as part of the homework. The work done to answer the question can be as small or as large as you would like to make it, depending on your child’s interest and the time you have available. Examples include:

- A simple answer with evidence
- An investigation
- Additional research
- A model (or other creative approach) to demonstrate your answer

A photo of larger work completed can be uploaded to your Google Classroom stream.

Please share one example of a question that might go home



Other ways to support your child:

- ▶ Daily reading - listen to your child read, but also read to them. It helps them to hear and understand rhythm and fluency.
- ▶ Conversation - talking about current events, plans, what you or they are reading. This will help build their vocabulary.
- ▶ Practise Maths - mental maths, times tables, adding, baking, shopping, etc.
- ▶ Help them learn social skills by encouraging them to say hello to known people or order their own food.
- ▶ Encourage independence to make simple snacks, pair up socks, tie laces or help around the house.



How you can support the school:

- ▶ Support social and fundraising events.
- ▶ Join Friends of Rush Common (FoRC).
- ▶ Become a Governor.
- ▶ Volunteering your skills and talents - gardening, crafts, resources.
- ▶ Become a reading volunteer or help in forest school.



Follow us on social media and share our news.

Photo permissions:

- ▶ An annual photo permissions form will be sent out at the end of the week via ParentMail to update your preferences for this year.
- ▶ Please ensure this is completed as soon as possible so our records are up-to-date.
- ▶ This is a valuable way for us to share the work we do in school.
- ▶ Key photos from Year 6 (eg COTW / Steam Museum / Production / end of year party) are shared on the school Facebook page. If you have not given permission for your child to be shown on social media, your child will either not appear in the photos or their face will be obscured.



Behaviour:

Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful

- ▶ Our behaviour management is based on a restorative approach.
- ▶ We create a positive environment throughout the school and model our three school rules.
- ▶ Recognition of positive behaviour through House Points, Celebration Nominations, Homework Champions and Sporting Champions.



Pupil Welfare:

- ▶ Keep the school up-to-date on any medical conditions. We will need to see a letter from a medical professional.
- ▶ Only prescription medication required more than 3 times daily can be administered. This will need to be signed in by a First Aider. Requests for any exceptions to this must be made to Mr Fawcett.
- ▶ It is parents' and carers' responsibility to ensure medication/inhalers are in date.
- ▶ Please ensure that you child/ren are equipped appropriately for the weather. (i.e. sunscreen/hats in summer, coats in winter and raincoats as necessary).
- ▶ Please communicate any significant bumps or injuries to class teachers.



Pupil Welfare:

- ▶ **Bullying:**
when someone is deliberately hurtful to someone over a period of time.
 - ▶ **At school we:**
 - ▶ have anti-bullying ambassadors
 - ▶ raise awareness through assemblies, presentations, forums, nurture groups, PSHE lessons and pupil leadership.
- ▶ **Online Safety:**
 - ▶ We have regular lessons for pupils throughout the school year.
 - ▶ Follow SMART rules (Safe, Meeting, Accepting, Reliable, Tell) - <https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online>
 - ▶ **At home:**
 - ▶ Ensure the content they access is age-appropriate.
 - ▶ Set rules and boundaries together.
 - ▶ Don't ban the internet outright. Have an open conversation about it.
 - ▶ Train your child to know what to do if something makes them uncomfortable. Show them the tools to use to report abuse.
 - ▶ Visit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>.



Call of the Wild:

- ▶ Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June 2024
- ▶ Outdoor Activity site near Abercrave in Wales
- ▶ Two nights of camping and two nights in a dorm room (children bring their own sleeping bags and a pillow)
- ▶ Activities through the week:
 - ▶ Caving
 - ▶ Riverside walk
 - ▶ Lake day (kayaking, canoeing and raft activities)
 - ▶ Rock climbing
 - ▶ Gorge walking
- ▶ Evening activities may include:
 - ▶ Hill walk
 - ▶ Orienteering
 - ▶ Team building games
 - ▶ Film





Questions?

