

Welcome to Year 6

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We expect for many of you it is hard to believe that this is the final year of your child's primary education. It will be a busy year! We want to reassure you that not only will we prepare your children for the challenges of Year 6 and their move to secondary school, but that the whole child is valued, and we shall be continuing to encourage each one to flourish in their strengths and passions. Below are some important and amazing events we hope can take place as well as information on aspects of Year 6 life that will help towards making this a successful and memorable year.

Please Remember - We know that many parents, as well as children, can feel nervous about moving up to their next class, especially Year 6. If you need to speak to us urgently, then please send an email to admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk or call the office to make an appointment.

We are very excited to be working with your children and looking forward to seeing them grow into amazing young people who are well prepared for secondary school life.

Mrs Dancey (Ms Blunn) and Mrs King
Year 6 Team

Curriculum

Our first stop during the Autumn Term is Trading Places where we look at the Geography of North and South America and how this affects trade of products such as cocoa. We will study the Ancient Maya and how their society lived in the region.

The Spring Term topic is Grand Designs where we will study the Ancient Greeks and their influence on modern society today.

Finally, in the Summer Term our topic is Transitions in which we incorporate valuable work on the preparation for secondary school.

Homework

In Year 6, children will continue to complete PAWS in the usual way. The expectation is still to finish their PAWS activities (eight of them) to a high standard. Every Monday, children are required to bring this into school where we can monitor progress. There will be some expectation too in preparing work for Big Write.

P.E. Kit


Year 6 P.E. will take place on Friday afternoons. The children can come into school on this day in their appropriate P.E. kit – a plain house-colour T-shirt with plain black/dark coloured bottoms and trainers. As P.E. will mainly take place outdoors, it may be necessary to have a waterproof jacket or indeed a sun hat!

Sponsored Event

We are hoping to continue the sponsored event to engage the children in an enterprise activity which helps understand the need to budget, secure funding and consider financial implications of their choices around a fantastic opportunity to expand their cultural capital.

Key Dates

- Grammar School Entrance Exam: Saturday 14th September 2024
- Secondary Transfer Meeting: Wednesday 18th September from 6pm (forms will be sent via your children in the first weeks of the Autumn Term.
- Year 6 Residential: 11th March 2025 (instalment plans are live on ParentPay)
- Year 6 SATS Week: 12th May 2025



Don't forget your water bottles in school!