



Welcome to Upper
School.

Our team!

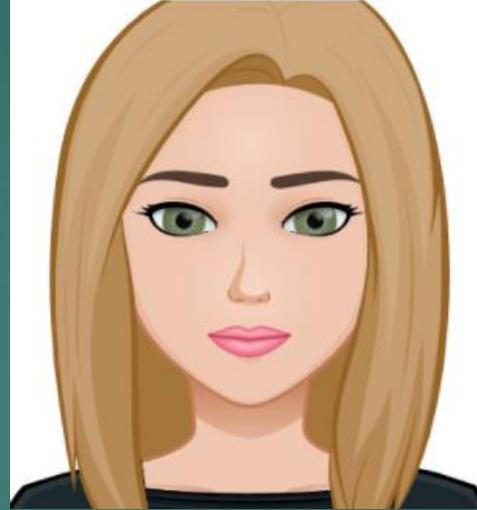
Miss C Salmon



Miss T Oxley



Miss L Sowton



Mrs L Levett



Mrs D Silvester



Miss L Dowell



Miss T Lebrecht



What is special about being in years 5 and 6?

- ▶ An exciting and varied curriculum including:
- ▶ English and maths
- ▶ Book Talk
- ▶ Topic
- ▶ French
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Computing
- ▶ Art and DT
- ▶ Sport
- ▶ Science
- ▶ Increased independence.

Home learning

- ▶ This will be given out every Friday and include maths and English work.
- ▶ This needs to be completed by the following Friday, where we go over the learning again in class.
- ▶ Children will be given a homework folder that they should keep their homework in.
- ▶ Children will still be expected to read 5 times a week at home. Please encourage and support your children to read as this is their key to all other areas of learning. Children not reading, attend lunchtime 'reading club' on a Friday with Mr Carter-Tufnell.
- ▶ Please sign reading records and tell us if there is anything more we might do to support your child further.

How things work in years 5 and 6.

- ▶ We meet at the start of each term, to discuss the term ahead with our children. They have the chance to ask questions and talk about issues arising.
- ▶ We have a Learning Hub. To prepare our children for year 7 and secondary school, we foster a culture of increased independence from the beginning of year 5. Our Learning Hub, is a place that our children may work in small groups, have catch-up sessions and drop in for extra help. Our Hub follows a secondary school model, which familiarises our children with secondary school protocols, taking out any fear from growing up and moving .
- ▶ Children change maths and English groups on a bell. Again, this encourages the children to work in different classrooms, with different teachers and arrive prepared and ready to learn without adult support.
- ▶ All information that children need, is on their Upper School notice board. We expect them to find and locate the information without adult support.

Interventions

- ▶ These are a wonderful tool to support your child if they have an area that they need a little extra support in. The interventions will be run by the LSAs in Upper School.
- ▶ SEN – Children with either further needs are supported in a more robust way that meets their individual needs. Please see Mrs Walton-Steed if you require any support.
- ▶ Our chickens and our therapy dog are also here to support some of our children pastorally and to develop areas of their additional need.



Family support

- ▶ If you feel that you ever need any further support as a family, we are committed to helping you as much as we can and signposting you to people who may be able to give you even greater support.
- ▶ Mrs Smith, our Learning Mentor, is always on hand to help.



Our topics



- ▶ In the Autumn term we are learning about the Ancient Greeks. We try to keep learning exciting and fun!
- ▶ This includes an ancient Greek visitor day, where our children will be immersed in their topic. Get your thinking caps on for costumes!
- ▶ In the Spring term, we will be looking at the history of our country, through transport, technology, clothing, food, monarchy and government.
- ▶ In the Summer term, we split our topic, with year 5 completing a local study, visiting St Osyth Priory and a sailing day at Brightlingsea harbour, sailing old 'smacks' and dredging the sea bed.
- ▶ Year 6 will complete a topic about the Isle of Wight.



After school clubs



- ▶ We have a range of after school clubs. This is the largest amount of clubs that we have run, covering the biggest range of interests.
- ▶ We also have TTRS and Art club at lunchtime.



- ▶ There is something for everyone!

RSHE

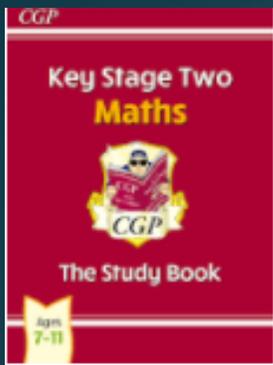
- ▶ In years 5 and 6, your children begin to learn more about their bodies and emotions developing. They are taught about puberty and given the chance to ask questions about this in a mature and secure environment.
- ▶ They begin to look at the concept of same sex relationships, gender identity and how that looks in our world. We are lucky to have a very inclusive and forward thinking school of children at St Osyth. Moving forward, they will encounter a more diverse life beyond our school and we support them to be open-minded and accepting of others.
- ▶ Year 6 children will learn about sexual intercourse and the responsibilities and potential outcomes that brings.

Traditions

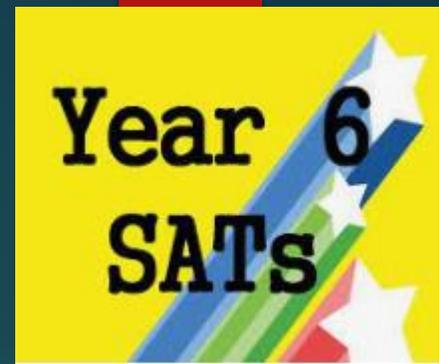


- ▶ This year we are able to go back to church to hold a service for Harvest Festival. We are very excited, as we have not been in our church since lockdown began. This is for the school only, unfortunately it is not for families.
- ▶ Christmas service. This will also be held in the church and we are hoping that by December, we will be able to invite all of our families to share our celebration with us.





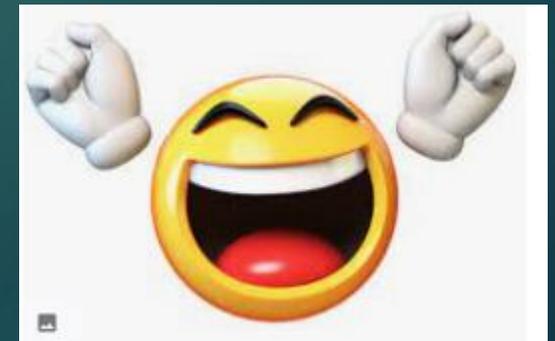
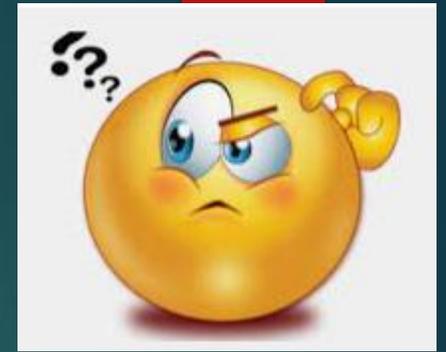
Year 6



- ▶ Year 6 is a very special year at St Osyth, where your children will become ready for their next steps in education.
- ▶ Part of this journey is the preparation and undertaking of our end of key stage tests – commonly known as SATs.
- ▶ These are series of tests given to the children in May. All of your children will be fully prepared and take the tests in their stride by the time they arrive. This is because they will have already sat four lots of papers in preparation!
- ▶ At the beginning of the Spring term, we will give your children some CGP booklets to help them prepare during their home learning.
- ▶ We will also invite year 6 parents to SATs workshops after school, to help you support your children. That is if you wish to attend!

Secondary school applications

- ▶ Year 6 parents / carers will be required to apply for their child's secondary school place by the end of October.
- ▶ You will be emailed / sent the application forms.
- ▶ Places are accepted on the same criteria as Primary placements – siblings, pupil numbers, catchment etc.
- ▶ It is important that you look at any physical or virtual visits with your child and chose the school that you think is right for them.



Secondary school visit dates

- ▶ CCHS – 23/09/21
- ▶ TTC – 30/09/21
- ▶ CCA – 30/09/21

Other trips



- ▶ Year 5 mini residential to Birch Hall.
- ▶ Year 6 trip to the West End to see Wicked the musical. The cost for the day to London is £35.00
- ▶ A payment will be set up on school money as of Monday 20th September, with a payment schedule attached.
- ▶ The Isle of Wight! Please see the attached PowerPoint detailing our trip. This will take place the week after SATs, from Monday to Friday. It is a fun-filled week, packed with some incredible days out and opportunities for huge personal growth. The cost for this trip is £350.00
- ▶ Please see the attached letter for both trips, outlining payment schedules and permission.

What questions do you have for us?



Thank you all for coming.

