



Upper School News



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Welcome

Welcome back to our new school year! We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. We welcome our Year 5 children into Upper School. For our Year 6 children, they are embarking on their final year with us at St Osyth and what an exciting one we are about to begin!

Our Autumn Term curriculum

This term's topic is, 'World War Two: Good or Bad?' Our children will be learning about how World War 2 started, the timeline of events, what countries took part in the war, what life was like in the United Kingdom and Germany during the war, the process of evacuation, the Blitz and allied forces. They will also learn about the leaders of each country and study Anne Frank and the Holocaust. We will finish our topic with a VE day party, an immersive experience for the children to take part in and enjoy.

The year ahead

We have a busy and exciting year ahead of us. In Upper School, we understand that every child is different and has strengths and interests in a variety of areas. We support children in every step of the way and expect children to try their very best. We offer after school academic clubs, homework club on a Friday lunch time and a team who are willing to help with any concerns or worries that your child may have. We understand that the step up from Middle School to Upper School is a big one and children may require additional support, we have the Learning Hub for this. We run daily intervention programs to support reading, writing and maths, suited to your child's needs. Year 6 children will be sitting their end of Key Stage assessments (SATs) in May, we will discuss this in our meeting with you at the start of the term.

Wider experiences

Upper School life fosters independence and personal growth. From the start of the year, we are preparing Year 6 children for their transition to secondary education. For our Year 5 children, more ownership is given to learning. We pride ourselves on the opportunities children are presented with and the visitors who enrich children's learning journeys. However, a vital part of Upper School is our trips. Year 5 have a mini-residential, at Birch Hall, Pioneer Sailing day and a trip to the St Osyth Priory. Our Year 6 children, will have a trip to the theatre in London and the residential in the Isle of Wight.

Other useful reminders

Please ensure that your child **always** has the following items in school:

- Coat (**named**)
- Water bottle (**named**)
- PE kit including plimsolls and an outdoor kit including trainers (**named**)
- Bag for reading book and reading diary and homework folders. Please ensure that this is not too big as peg space is limited.

It can still be quite warm in September so jumpers will inevitably be taken off - please ensure that all jumpers and cardigans are **named** so that they can be returned to the right person.

Dates for your diary

Year 5 Birch Hall Residential - 8/9th September

Upper School Information Meeting - 16th September

Non pupil day - 7th October

Half Term Week Beginning - 24th October

Non pupil day - 31st October

PTFA Christmas Fayre - 2nd December

Year 6 trip to the West End - 14th December

Whole school trip to the pantomime - 15th December

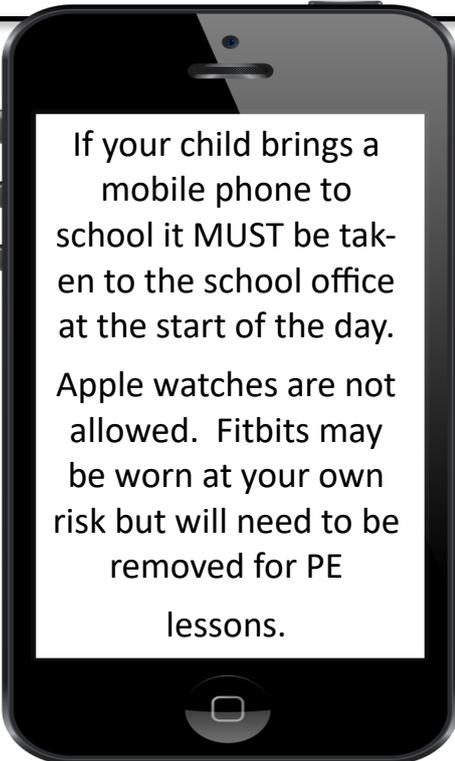
Last day of term - 20th December

Year 6 Isle of Wight residential - Week Beginning 22nd May 2023

Home-Learning

Home Learning is an imperative part of your child's learning journey. Home Learning is set every Friday and is handed in during that lesson, the following Friday, when we discuss the Home Learning and ensure that any misconceptions are addressed immediately. Additional copies of Home Learning are in each class and are easily accessible for your child. As part of their growing independence, we always impress upon the children that it is their home-learning, not their adults'. They are responsible for completing it and bringing it to school on the correct day.

Children are also expected to read five times a week and log in to Times Table Rock Stars.



If your child brings a mobile phone to school it **MUST** be taken to the school office at the start of the day. Apple watches are not allowed. Fitbits may be worn at your own risk but will need to be removed for PE lessons.

The Upper School Team