



Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 students,

What a milestone! This is your final newsletter from The Radstone School for your child in Year 6, and the first of many “last things” in primary. It is also, of course, a time for many “firsts” and many exciting things to come. Most children will be feeling excited and nervous, and although nerves can be scary, they are also completely natural and part of the growing up process. We will be here to help your child through all the new and exciting things happening this term and beyond, and with this preparation, they will be ready to leave us at the end of the year and to start their new chapters.

This newsletter is therefore slightly different – rather than focusing on subject-specific content, we aim to give an overview of the curriculum this term, followed by other events and experiences.

The first four weeks of term will be spent focusing on SATs preparation in the mornings, with some additional learning focused on SATs in the afternoons.

There is a myth that once SATs are over we stop doing English and Maths – this is not true! These are essential subjects, and we will continue to add to our skills and knowledge in these before moving on to secondary. However, our focus does change slightly. In English there will be less focus on grammar and comprehension questions and more focus on writing in different genres and finding our voices as writers. In Maths we will move away from SATs-style questions (which will form the basis of many of our lessons for the first four weeks of term) and be able to once again look more in depth at specific topics.

This term we will also learn about Globalisation in Geography and Humanism in RE. In Science we will study Evolution and Inheritance. Our DT topic is food and we will be looking at menu planning and healthy eating. Although some of the dishes will be made in school, we will ask for some of the practical aspects of this to be completed at home as part of children’s home learning. Children will continue to have Art lessons with Mrs Fulford and French lessons with Mrs Fanthorpe once a week. PE sessions will continue with Mr Howard on a Wednesday and the second PE session will be on a Friday.

Summer Term 2024 Calendar of Events

Monday 15 th April	Children return to school	Wednesday 5 th June	Class photos
Monday 22 nd April	KS2 MAD Museum trip (selected children only)	Thursday 6 th June	Y5/6 Trust Multi Sports Festival
Tuesday 23 rd & Wednesday 24 th April	Life Education Bus in school	Tuesday 18 th June	FOTRPS Wet and Wild Run
Wednesday 24 th April	6pm Y6 residential information evening	Wednesday 19 th June	Y5/6 Netball Tournament
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs	Thursday 20 th June	KS2 Quadkids Athletics Event
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	Scholastic Book Fair in school	Wednesday 26 th June	KS2 Invasion Games Values Festival
Sunday 19 th – Wednesday 22 nd May	Year 6 residential	Thursday 27 th June	Y6 Trust Rounders Tournament
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May – Half Term		Friday 28 th June	Year 6 performance at Egerton Hall
		Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th July	Year 6 transition week (MCS only)
		Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
		Friday 12 th July	Alice in Wonderland performance for whole school
		Friday 12 th July	End of year sharing session – 2.30pm
		Monday 15 th July	Parent drop in
		Wednesday 17 th July	Reserve Sports Day
		Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Service (am)
		Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers’ Party (4-6pm)
		Friday 19 th July	End of term picnic on field
		Friday 19 th July	School closes for Summer break

Year 6 Homework

Daily Reading for 30 minutes
or more

Practising the Year 5/6
spelling words

Mathletics

SATs booklets for practice
questions (optional)

Home learning (optional but
advised to enrich the
curriculum and your child's
learning)

Key Information

Please bring a water bottle; pencil case with pencil, blue pen and a ruler as a minimum; and your reading book to school every day.

PE: PE kits need to be in school every Wednesday and Friday. PE kits can be kept in school or taken home for washing. They will be sent home each half term.

Our Golden Rules

Be fair
Be kind
Be respectful
Be truthful
Be ready to learn

*“Every new beginning
comes from some
other beginning's end.”*

– Seneca



SATs assessments:

The SATs tests take place from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. During that week, we invite Year 6 children in to school from 8am each day for a second breakfast – this will be something relatively light such as croissants and fruit, so your child may well want their own normal breakfast before coming to school. I would encourage all children to take advantage of this – even if they don't want breakfast – as it gives them a chance to chat and relax and be fully awake and alert ready for a 9am start.

Year 6 residential:

We will be away from Sunday 19th to Wednesday 22nd May. Mrs Hughes, Mrs Fanthorpe and Mrs Evans will accompany the children and further details will be shared in the meeting we have scheduled on Wednesday 24th April at 6pm (children are welcome to come with parents.)

End of year production:

We will be putting on a production towards the end of Year 6. I don't want to share any more details until after SATs, but I can say the following:

- All children in Year 6 will be involved.
- We will be performing in Egerton Hall. This allows for staged seating meaning that all should get a good view.
- Our main performance will be on **Friday 28th June in the evening** – please keep this evening free.
- We will be selling tickets nearer the time to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

If you know that your child will not be able to take part in the performance (note that this is only an evening show), please let me know as soon as possible.

Transition to Secondary School:

The majority of children will be going to MCS in September, but we have children going to other schools too. Part of my responsibility as class teacher in Year 6 is to liaise with all secondaries that children are going to, to give them the information they need for a smooth transition. I am already in touch with MCS and one other school, but if your child is going somewhere other than MCS, it would be really helpful if you could let me know the dates that they will be at their new school for transition as soon as you know. Those going to MCS will be going for a week from Monday 1st July, with selected children going for a day prior to this (date TBC) if we feel they may benefit from additional transition time with a member of our staff.

From previous experience, transition to secondary is very well done, and the preparation given to the children means that children are usually very comfortable about moving schools by the end of the summer term.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support in this key term.