



Courage **Curiosity** **Compassion** **Commitment** **Respect**

Bottisham Community Primary School

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful summer. Our team is excited to welcome you to Year 5/6 and we have enjoyed getting to know your children as they've settled in. Our topic this term is **'The Victorians'** and we will be learning about the rapid growth of industry, the poor/rich divide and what it would have been like as a child during the times.

Structures and Routines

Our Year 5/6 team is comprised of:

- Maple Class: Mr Goddard (Mon-Fri)
- Willow Class: Mrs. Sands (Mon-Wed), Mrs Walker (Thurs/Fri)



Please note that:

- Classroom doors open at 8:50am and registration begins promptly at 9:00am. During that 10 minutes, vital early morning work is set up for the children to completed as they arrive.
- The school day ends at 3:25pm. Children walking home independently should let us know asap via the online form that has been sent out. Uncollected children will wait in the office after 3:30pm.
- Lunchtime starts at 12:00 and the afternoon session starts at 1:00pm.

Supporting Your Child's Routine

A smooth transition back to school can be helped with consistent meal, bedtime and reading routines. At school, we will provide children with structured daily timetables. Children need a named water bottle, healthy snack, full PE kit (see below) and every piece of uniform named. They do not need a pencil case or indoor shoes. Pencil cases/pots, with all the equipment they need, have been provided.

We understand that some Year 6 children may be given basic mobile phones if they are walking home. These should be turned off before the children come onto the school grounds and should not be switched on again until they leave. They will need to be put it into a locked drawer in their classroom during registration and remain there throughout the day. We would like to encourage children not to bring in mobile phones unless absolute necessary. In addition, we have found WhatsApp has been used as a form of social media and causes some upset with friendships in our classrooms. Guidance suggests children should be **at least 13 years old** to register for and use **WhatsApp**. If children could hold off from using this until secondary school, we would be very grateful. This of course is your decision, but we wanted to make you aware of the negative impact it has in school.

Homework

Homework will be assigned on Fridays and is due the following Thursday, so that we are able to check any misconceptions. Each child will receive a homework folder and necessary worksheets, along with answers (on google classroom) for self-marking. Homework must be completed on the sheets issued by the school. Teachers will provide verbal feedback on the completed work if needed. A HP will be awarded for completion of homework.

- Expect 20-30 minutes each for English, Spelling and Maths.
- If your child hasn't finished in that time but has worked hard, please send a note. We understand that life can sometime be busy!

Google Classroom

We'll continue to use Google Classroom for messages, reminders, documents and celebrating achievements. Homework will be posted here if any homework sheets get lost and/or you need to ask a question about the tasks.





PE Days and Kit



Your child will now come **into school in their PE kits** rather than changing within school. This is to maximise the time children get doing PE. Mrs Brierley will explain more in her newsletter surrounding this decision.

For the PE days, we suggest the following for indoor and outdoor PE:

- Indoor PE: White t-shirt and black/navy shorts
- Outdoor PE: Black/navy jogging bottoms, black/navy jumper and trainers

Long hair should be tied back and jewellery (including earrings) must be removed before PE.

PE Days:

- Maple & Willow Class: **Tuesday** afternoon (indoor PE) and **Thursday** afternoon (outdoor PE). One of the PE sessions will be taught by Mr Fitch.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place in person on the **29th of September** and **1st of October**. Please look out for booking details from the office soon.

Year 6 SATs

SATs week is scheduled for the week of 10th May 2027. We will host information events for parents to explain the format and prepare your child for the tests. We will keep you updated on any changes.

Residential visit

Year 6 Visit to Grafham Water is next week (16th-18th September). Children must be in school by 9am and we are due to arrive back at school on the 18th around 2.15pm. An early collection of children will be allowed on that day and the office will keep you informed of our estimated arrival time back in school. Final details have already come home (and posted on google classroom) and we are looking forward to our time with your children. Year 5s in Maple will be taught by Mrs Sands and a supply teacher on the days the year 6s are away.

Class Assemblies

All Year 5/6 assemblies will be in the Autumn term. They will be as follow:

Willow - **8/10/26 2.45pm**

Maple - **20/10/26 2.45pm**

We are looking forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,
The Year 5/6 Team
Mrs Sands, Mrs Walker and Mr Goddard

School Term Dates and Holiday Dates for the 2026/2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 3 rd September 2026	School Open to Students
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Professional Training Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd November 2026	School Open to Students
Friday 18 th December 2026	Last day of term for pupils

