



HAGBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you've had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some time with your children. We just thought we would take this opportunity to give you some details about year 6 to help with the transition.

Independence

Within upper key stage 2, we promote a greater sense of independence, particularly taking responsibility for remembering their own homework and being ready to start the school day equipped with pencil case, homework diary and reading books. The children need to bring water bottles to school to be kept in the classroom and need to go to the toilet and get a drink during break and lunch times rather than during lessons. They will not be allowed out of lessons at secondary school so now is a good time to prepare them for this.

The door to the year 6 cloakroom will open at 8.35am and close at 8.50am. Any children arriving after this time will need to go to the main office.

If you have any questions or worries then please don't hesitate to email us or arrange for a phone call or meeting via the school office. If children are to be away from school for illness or any other reason, please inform the school either verbally or with a written note as before. If your child has an appointment such as the dentist or opticians please can this be made outside of the school day where possible.

General

- P.E will be on a Thursday- please ensure your child has the correct kit. **Beginning on Thursday 3rd September.**
- We will be swimming on a Tuesday. Please send your child in with a swimming kit. **This begins week commencing 7th September.**
- **Miss Mundy's teaching days are Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Stansfeld's teaching days are Thursday and Friday.**

Homework

Times Tables: Times tables will be something we will continue to work on during year 6 however practice at home will be crucial. They are key to supporting their arithmetic throughout the year!

Reading: In Key Stage 2 we are continuing to keep reading a high profile. All children need to read and develop as readers, as this will allow them to access a range of texts and information across the Curriculum. In year 6, the children are expected to read regularly and/or discuss stories. This may be shared with an adult or independent reading. If they are very able readers, it may be that you spend a few minutes asking them questions about what they have read rather than listening to them read. The children should be encouraged to record their reading in the diary themselves, writing down what book they have read and which pages and then we ask that you sign next to it. The children will do guided reading at school, sometimes as a class and sometimes in smaller groups. They need to have a reading book in their tray every day for quiet reading.

Spellings: These will be given out on Monday and stuck into their diaries to be tested throughout the week. Please ensure they are being practiced at home regularly.

SATS practice

We will practice SATs papers across the year to allow the children to gradually get used to the style of questions and gain confidence. If you wish for your child to practice any papers at home, we kindly ask that you do not use the official government practice papers as these are used in school. There are plenty of other practice papers available in the shops or online.

Groups and Seating

The children have been given a general seat which will be changed every few weeks to mix the children up and give them some new faces and hopefully encourage new friendships.

I am so looking forward to getting to know your child and ensuring they have a hard-working yet fun end to their time at Hagbourne.

Many thanks from your Year 6 team,

Miss Mundy and Mrs Stansfeld