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Welcome to Year 6 Chestnut Class and Oak Class Miss Shaw, Mrs Beaumont-Allen, and Ms Aktar

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Meet the adults in the Year group

- Miss Shaw will be the teacher in Chestnut class this year.
- Mrs Beaumont-Allen will be the teacher in Oak Class.
- Ms Aktar will be the teaching assistants in Year 5 and 6 will work with pupils across all classes
- In Year 6 children primarily work in their main class, with their main teacher. Although we do work towards children receiving the best outcomes and they are likely to work with all teachers and TAs in the year group at some point. As well as with other teachers, HLTAs and TAs for PPA/ leadership cover.

Miss Shaw

The subject I enjoy teaching the most is writing and Guided Reading. I'm looking forward to teaching the Y6 curriculum including the Tudors .

Has been committed to Dashwood for 17 years now, working across KS2.



I love sewing and have endless projects on the go - I'll finish them one day. I also love gardening (if there are no frogs around).

My advice - Work to the very best of your ability and take every positive opportunity you're given with both hands.

At the weekends you'll find me looking after my family.

Mrs Beaumont- Allen

Has loved working at Dashwood for 5 years now and very committed to making every second count!

The subjects I enjoy teaching the most is maths, geography, history and anything creative! I love learning about our world and how we can look after it. I am really looking forward to seeing what our Y6 curriculum has in store!

I love the outdoors, walking and going for a bike ride or kayaking. It helps keep me fit and clears my mind. I also enjoy snowboarding and reading- you can't beat a good book!



Advice for new Year 6's is be patient, don't give up and believe in yourself!

At the weekends you'll find me spending time with family and friends and exploring new places.

Favourite food = Thai!

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Meet the Team





Looking forward to an exciting new year…





Welcome to Year 6

- The last year group in Key Stage Two – you are still part of upper Key Stage 2 here at Dashwood.
- The Year 6 curriculum is jam packed and some topics that we will cover include: WW2, Black History, Microorganisms, The Human Body to name a few…
- Year 6 is most commonly known as 'The SATs' year group.
- SATS (Standard Assessment Tests / end of Key Stage 2 assessments) take place in May - **(10th 13th May 2027)** (no holiday here! – different papers, SPaG, Maths and Reading)
- Rock UK paperwork and payments should all be complete now – we will be having a parent meeting in September to go through the final arrangements
- Homework expectations: Weekly reading, homework packs (normally consisting of grammar, reading and maths practice) plus TTRS time. Due in on Friday / given out Fridays

WELCOME TO YEAR 6: YOUR EPIC YEAR AHEAD!

EXPLORE, LEARN, ACHIEVE!



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Welcome to Year 6 – Routines new to Y6

In the morning - September 2026

8.40 – Doors open – pupils can arrive to school on their own if you allow

– come into our classroom. A staff member will greet them at the classroom door *(They can walk to school on their own providing we have a completed* ***permission slip!)***

Most morning sessions consists of a grammar/spelling/reading sessions, literacy and maths lessons.

Break time – 11.05 – 11:25am (children can bring tuck shop money on a Fri – no more than £1)

Lunch is 12.45 – 1.30 – **We go out first and come into the hall at 1:05pm to eat**

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure this is healthy along with a healthy snack for break time.

The afternoon sessions include creative curriculum (topic) work, Spanish, computing, DT, art or physical education.

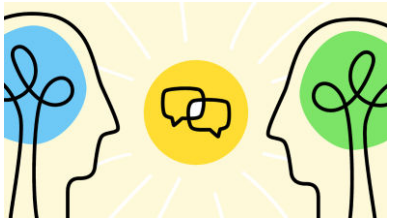
Walking Home & Mobile Phones



At the end of the day: **Year 6 children can walk home – please give permission for this to happen through the office by filling out a permission form.** If you are picking your child up, please wait outside the classroom. If they have forgotten something, please just wait a couple of minutes for the rest of the children to leave before coming back in to collect things. Please do not enter the cloakroom areas. This helps us to keep all the children safe.

Mobile phones: If your child needs to bring their mobile device to school because they are walking home on their own, this is handed in at the beginning of the day, sent to the office and given back at the end of the day. **Under no circumstances can pupils keep phones on them nor should they be used on site at the beginning or end of the day.**

Line of communication



Should you have any issues or wish to pass on any feedback in regards to your child's education, we hope you will find that most of this can be sorted through discussing with their main class teacher. You can either wait and speak to them at the beginning / end of the day or send an email to:

office@dashwood-aspirations.org

This will be passed to them.

You may also be able to leave a comment on Seesaw, although this isn't always checked daily.

If there are any other issues regarding behavior or pupil welfare you might find yourself contacted by one of the following:

- Class teacher / Teaching assistant
- Year 5/6 Lead

(Mr Shaw - in Beech Class)

- Welfare and Inclusion Manager

(Katy Bennett)

- Assistant Principal

(Mrs Taylor)

- Associate Principal

(Miss Gooch)

- Executive Principal

(Mrs Gordon-Weeks)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DAYS LOST = LEARNING LOST

Good attendance means being in school, on time, every day.
Every school day counts!

ATTENDANCE	DAYS MISSED (IN A 190 DAY SCHOOL YEAR)	WEEKS OF LEARNING LOST	OVER A SCHOOL CAREER (5 YEARS)
100% EXCELLENT	0 DAYS	0 WEEKS	Best chance of success. Well done!
98% VERY GOOD	4 DAYS	NEARLY 1 WEEK	Nearly 1/4 of a year lost
95% GOOD	10 DAYS	2 WEEKS	Nearly 1/2 a year lost
90% WORRYING	19 DAYS	ALMOST 4 WEEKS	Over 1 year of education lost
85% CONCERNING	29-30 DAYS	ABOUT 6 WEEKS	Over 1½ years of education lost
80% SERIOUS CONCERN	38 DAYS	ABOUT 8 WEEKS	Over 2 years of education lost

EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL HELPS YOUR CHILD SUCCEED
TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER

Regular school attendance is a legal requirement in the UK and ensures your child builds a strong foundation for a happy, successful, and confident future. Attending school every day helps your child to thrive.

Consistent school attendance positively shapes your child's life:

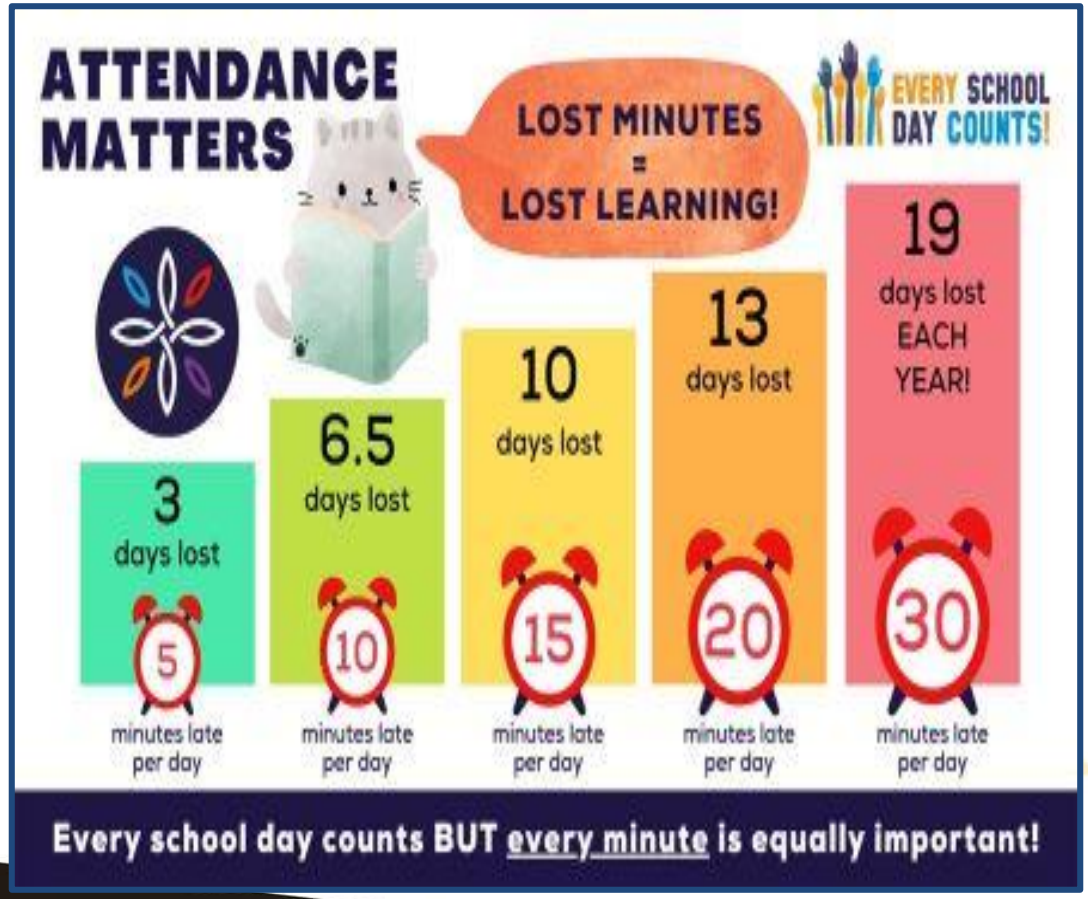
Unlocks Academic Potential: Every day in class boosts your child's confidence and understanding. Students with high attendance are statistically twice as likely to excel in their GCSEs, opening doors to exciting future career choices.

Builds Strong Friendships: Regular attendance helps children feel secure and included. Being there every day allows them to maintain close friendship groups, practice teamwork, and develop vital social skills.

Creates Lifelong Habits: Showing up on time fosters excellent life habits like reliability and resilience. These traits build self-esteem and prepare young people to succeed in the modern workplace.

Maximises Enriching Experiences: School offers unique opportunities outside of textbooks. Consistent attendance ensures your child never misses out on sports, creative arts, school trips, and hands-on projects.

Punctuality - being on time - really does matter!



High expectations

- We have incredibly high expectations for your children.
- Being in the green zone and having a ready, respectful and safe classroom will ensure that every learning opportunity can be both challenging and achievable.
- We want the VERY BEST for all Y6 children and we will work tirelessly to support them.



Trips & Performances



Rock UK is the main trip in Year 6 – you already have the information for this trip.

Horton hospital visit for IMPS trip - October (free)

SATs reward trip – around £30 (May)

End of year celebration – around £5 (July)

Year 6 take part in a Year group play that we rehearse and perform in term 6.

Key Dates:

- Rock UK -

  19th - 21st October - Chestnut class

  21st - 23rd October - Oak class

- Secondary school application deadline: October 31st 2026
- The statutory Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 10th May to Thursday 13 May 2025.

Any Questions???

