

Welcome and introductions

Mr Pratley is the Year 6 Class Teacher and will be ably supported again this year by Miss Watson. Miss Watson will teach the class PSHE and Art/DT on Tuesday afternoons.

What will Year 6 be like for my child?

Year 6 is a challenging year as we get children ready for the transition to high school. We will be promoting an ethos of responsibility and independence and we will be working hard to prepare the children for their end of year tests. We want children to have the very best opportunity to achieve their full potential as well as providing them with long lasting memories of their time at Lea Endowed. Our philosophy is that this is very much a partnership between home and school and I would ask you to please support us by ensuring all homework is completed, the children read regularly at home and that they have consistent attendance throughout their time in Year 6.

End of year tests

The children will be taking the national curriculum tests (commonly called SATs) in May 2025. The tests are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. The results are an opportunity to compare pupils nationally to ensure schools are helping pupils to master the basics in English and mathematics, and make progress. They are also an important tool to help teachers identify pupils who may need additional support, and make sure this is put in place as early as possible.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken between **Monday 12th and Thursday 15th May 2025**. I will send out further information regarding SATs nearer the time.

Online Safety

As you would expect, keeping children safe online is a key priority at Lea Endowed. We regularly recap strategies for staying safe online which are directly taught to children in focused lessons. All children have signed to say they understand the school rules for staying safe online when using laptops etc. Of course, many Year 6 children will have access to smart phones and other devices and may already be members of WhatsApp groups or take part in online gaming. It is important for parents to keep up to date with the latest developments regarding online safety - The National College is a fantastic resource for this and parents can register for a free account. Lots of great guides can be found here:

<https://beta.nationalcollege.com/library?sortBy=newest&phase=15&types%5B0%5D=App%5CModels%5CResource&amount=24>

Water

Please send water (not juice or squash) to school each day in a named bottle.

P.E kit and uniform

Please ensure your child's name is in all P.E. kits and uniform. P.E. lessons are on a Monday and Wednesday. We will be completing a 2- week block of swimming lessons later in the year.

Class 5 Classroom rules

We want a classroom where children feel happy and safe and are therefore able to learn! Our rules have been decided and agreed upon as a class.

They are:

Parent Meeting – Class 5 – 11th September 2024 @ 6pm

- Challenge yourself in your work.
- Try your best in every lesson. Give it your all!
- Get involved – join in! Collaborate with each other.
- Stay safe online.
- Let your light shine brightly to show your full potential.
- Be patient and forgiving of others. Treat them kindly.
- If someone falls down, help them up.
- Be respectful when someone is talking.
- Be encouraging.
- Always edit your work to make it the best it can be.
- Show independence in your lessons.
- Follow God's example and go the extra mile.

We use team points, certificates and raffle tickets.

The children can earn raffle tickets and prizes for following the classroom rules. Children may be kept in class at playtime and lunchtime as a consequence for poor behaviour. Persistent issues will result in parents being contacted.

Homework

Reading – it is important that children read for at least fifteen minutes every day. They need to develop their reading stamina, fluency and word knowledge. Children can read a book from the classroom or one from school – it doesn't matter. We just want them to read regularly! Please sign your child's reading record to show that they have read at home.

Multiplication tables – please practise these regularly at home (TTRS is perfect) as they have a huge impact on Maths work we do in school.

English and Maths homework will be sent home each Friday to be returned to school the following Wednesday. English will be a short reading comprehension and spellings/grammar. Maths will be work linked to the week's lessons in three sections – Ready? Set? Go! Children should do as many sections as they can.

Projects – the children will receive a choice of tasks to complete linked to our topic at the time. These will need to be completed and handed in before the last week of each term.

Open Door

Monday 3.20pm – 3.40pm. Please feel free to visit our classroom and ask any questions you may have.

Website

Our school website has a wealth of information about school as well as many links to resources that may help you and/or your child.

I hope you have found this information useful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Pratley (Class 5 teacher)