



UPPER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TWO 2026

It's an exciting and busy time in the Upper Juniors! Year 6 - SATs are over, rehearsals are in full swing and transition visits are coming. Year 5 - it's time to get ready for PGL!

WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM?

WWII (History)

Year 5 children will discover how WW2 affected the people of Britain. This will start with how it all began following The Treaty of Versailles. Children will then evaluate the truth behind the evacuation and compare two case studies (Southampton and Coventry) on the Blitz. To conclude, learning will focus on women's roles in war and how they have evolved and shaped the future for women in Britain.

Textiles (DT)

Children will continue to work on their DT project, printing and sewing their own bags with unique and creative designs, including repeated patterns.

Year 6 Show

Year 6 are very busy preparing their year 6 show. The children are already getting stuck into learning their songs and dances as this year's performance promises music, mayhem and the chance to be a little bit naughty...



UJ Curriculum Overview



ENGLISH

Oranges in No Man's Land

Oranges in No Man's Land by Elizabeth Laird follows ten-year-old Ayesha, living in war-torn Beirut. When her grandmother's condition worsens, Ayesha bravely crosses the dangerous "no man's land" to find a doctor. In this unit we look at ways to develop tension and use various techniques to advance the action.

High Flight (y5)

High Flight is a heritage text, which links to the topic of WWII it is a moving depiction of what it is like to leave earth and one's every day life behind and fly.

Yearbooks and Buddy Letters

Year 6 will be writing their yearbook as a celebration of their time at Hordle and Year 5 will be writing letters to their new buddies,

MATHS



Maths

Children will:

- Revisit the key mathematical domain of fractions, working to deepen their understanding of equivalence, simplifying, the four operations and finding fractions of amounts. Year 5 will work with mixed numbers and improper fractions in readiness for Year 6.

- Develop their understanding of equivalence across fractions, decimals and percentages

- Secure their understanding of short division with remainders and begin to develop their understanding of long division.

'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their reading challenge. Reading challenges are expected to be in school every day, alongside a book.

Homework - Maths or SPAG homework is set each Wednesday and checked the following Tuesday. Please check Century for due assignments and remember you can access the pathway any time for personalized learning.



Century

Spellings – Children will bring home spellings and dictation sentences once every 2 weeks.

TTRS - Regular times table practice helps with many areas of the Upper Junior maths curriculum. We encourage children to complete 10 garage sessions per week.



TTRS

If a child is unable to complete homework tasks at home, they will be invited to a lunch time catch up club.



SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.



DIARY DATES

Please visit the school calendar regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning.

We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.



GETTING IN TOUCH



Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office. Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.

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