



# UPPER JUNIORS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER ONE 2026

As the weather gets warmer, we look forward to another busy half term. Year six will be preparing for the SATs, which take place 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May (children must be in school on these dates). They have been working hard and we know they will be amazing! Year five will be taking part in our sewing project, where they design and print their own reusable bag.

## WHAT'S ON THIS HALF TERM?

**National Parks (Geography)** Children compare The New Forest to Yellowstone, USA.

**Textiles (DT)** Children use computer-aided design to create a repeating pattern for a reusable bag.

### Charity project

Children are organising their own fundraisers to raise money and awareness of their class charities. We can't wait to see what they get up to!

### Year 6 SATS

Year 6 will be getting ready to sit their exams on 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May



## ENGLISH

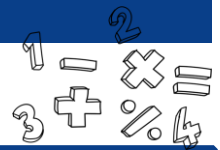
### Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

Children are introduced to the world of Harry Potter and study in depth the vast range of magical settings that J.K. Rowling presents. With this book children are taken through a journey of contrasting scenes and are inspired by the range of moods Rowling creates with her detailed and engaging setting descriptions.

### Amazing Grace

This poem is studied to explore the vast range of deep emotions that the poet experienced throughout his life. Children study the Christian themes in each verse. They also explore rhythm and rhyming structure and apply it in their own writing.

## MATHS



In Summer One, children will revisit core mathematical domains in greater depth to consolidate key learning ahead of Year 6 and secondary school. This includes:

**Number:** place value, rounding, decimals, factors, prime and composite numbers, multiples

**Calculations:** the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) involving decimals

**Measurement:** angles, shape

**Fractions, decimals and percentages:** mixed numbers, equivalence, percentages of amounts

'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.

**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.

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



CENTURY  
<https://app.century.tech/login/>



TTRS  
<https://play.ttrocksstars.com/>



### 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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# TOP TIPS FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

## Y6 SATS 11<sup>th</sup> May – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**We know that SATs can be daunting. Here are a few tips to help your child feel confident and ready for the tests.**

### **In the run up to SATS:**

- **Build positive routines.** Encourage regular reading and a good night's sleep.
- **Practice little and often.** Regular, manageable practice is more effective than long sessions or 'cramming'.
- **Century is your friend!** Your child's Century pathway is perfect for revision as it targets their weak areas.
- **Boost confidence.** Remind children that SATs are just one way to show learning. Celebrate small achievements and avoid too much pressure.
- **Complete homework.** Tasks sent home will be focussed on areas that need some practice.

### **During SATS week:**

- Encourage a calming evening and an early night.
- Make sure children arrive on time. The SATs breakfast starts at 8:20 each morning.
- Stay calm and positive. Reassure your child if they feel worried, keep things in perspective and maintain a positive attitude about school and learning.

Thank you for your continued support — it makes a real difference. The children are showing fantastic effort and commitment, and we are very proud of how hard they are working.

Good luck Year 6!