

WELCOME TO BADGERS 2025-26



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Class Teacher
Term 1



Mr. Freeman
Class Teacher
Terms 2-6



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Tuesdays



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Key Dates for Year 6

For term dates and other school events, please refer to the school website or enquire with the Office.

Thursday 11th September 2025

W/B Monday 6th October 2025

W/B Monday 11th May 2026

W/B Monday 13th July 2026

- Kent Test (11+)

- Hilltop Residential (M-F)

- SATS week (M-Th)

- Leavers' Week

Equipment

Please ensure your children have the following:

Uniform and PE Kit

All children should have uniform in line with the school policy (follow QR code for policies). Fleece and raincoats can be worn during break and lunch or on the way to and from school.

PE days can vary depending on school events, or weather, so children should have their kits in all week. These kits must include: T-shirt, shorts/skort, tracksuit bottoms, a pair of socks and a pair of trainers.



Raincoat

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat at school every day so we can minimize indoor breaks and lunchtimes due to rain.

Pencil Cases

Any stationery the children need will be available in school. However, if they wish to bring their own pencil case in, please ensure everything is clearly named. Also, as pencil cases will be kept in their desks (alongside all books) please keep them simple and small.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring in a reusable water bottle which can be filled from the school's supply of filtered water. Please avoid fashionable, expensive, or breakable bottles as these can cause distress if lost or dropped.



Please make sure all equipment and uniform is clearly named.

Permissions

At the beginning of Year 6, a letter will be sent home to gain signed permission for children to walk home without a parent. If this is not signed, children will not be allowed to leave the site without a responsible adult.

The letter will also ask permission for children to watch PG films to support some of our writing stimuli or as the occasional reward.



Mobile Phones

It is becoming increasingly common for children to receive mobile devices in Year 6. With the increased independence of walking home or from friend's houses we appreciate that this may reduce anxiety and offer a means of contacting home in those scenarios.

If a child needs to bring a device to school, they **must** hand it in to the office, on arrival at school at school.

Also, we advise that parents take the time to research the social media platforms the children will be able to access and ensure they are appropriate. Most platforms have a recommended age of 13+ but some recommend the users are 16+ (including WhatsApp). We also advise that parents/guardians monitor online activity as occasionally children will say or do things via messages which they wouldn't in person and not all children feel confident bringing this to an adult's attention. Check out the Wake Up Wednesday board outside the office for some guidance.

Food in School

At St Katharine's we encourage children eat a broad and balanced diet.

Please make sure your child has a nutritious, tasty snack for the morning break (e.g. fruit or veg, cheese and crackers or similar).

Lunch boxes, for those who do not have school dinners, should contain a balanced selection of foods. If you are looking for some ideas, maybe visit the NHS healthier lunchboxes page.

Please avoid any nuts (including Nutella or peanut butter spreads).

Homework

In Year 6, as we prepare the children for secondary school, we expect greater autonomy from them in their home-learning.

Each week we expect Year 6 to complete:

- Daily Reading – 10-15 minutes (with at least 5 minutes being out loud, to an adult or more confident reader)
- TT Rockstars – 3 times a week for a minimum of 5 minutes
- Spelling Shed – regular interaction and assignments attached
- A maths task – generally 10-15 minutes
- A comprehension task – generally 10-15 minutes
- A SPAG task – generally 10-15 minutes

Children will also be encouraged to complete other projects throughout the year to support their in-class learning (e.g. researching a recent historical discovery, in line with our topic).

Homework will be set via the Teams platform, in line with school policy but children will also be provided with homework diaries, to replace reading diaries, where they will be encouraged to record any homework set (e.g. spelling lists).

Diaries will be checked once a week. Please sign off your children's reading in this diary.

Transition

As your children step into their final year in primary school, the St Katharine's team will do our best to prepare them for their next steps. Throughout the year we will encourage them to increase their independence and to take responsibility for themselves.

This will include, them taking responsibility for bringing in kit or homework, problem solving and dealing with social conflict.

We are all really looking forward to teaching your children this coming year and certain we will have a cracking year.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to ask.