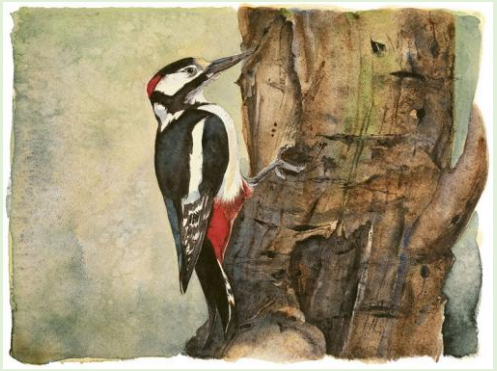
Welcome to Year Six





Goldfinch Class – Mrs Simpson (Monday, Tuesday & Friday) and Mrs Akthar (Wednesday & Thursday)

Woodpecker Class – Mr Fincham

Mrs Applegarth supports in both classrooms

The School Day

- 7:30 – Morning Larks Breakfast Club opens (Children must be booked in advance). There is a charge for this.
- 8:30 – School opens – children to arrive and complete morning jobs
- 8:55 – Registers are taken. Any children arriving after this point are marked as late
- 11:00 - Break Time
- 12:15 - Lunch Time
- 3:15 - Home time
- 3:30 – Evening Owls – any child not collected by 3:25 will be taken to Evening Owls and will be charged. Children attending Evening Owls must be booked in advance.

Uniform

- jumper or cardigan with school logo
- white shirt and tie
- grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- all children must wear sensible black shoes which cover the whole foot
- white or grey socks or tights
- book bag/small rucksack

Please make sure everything is labelled!







P.E.

- P.E. is on a Friday and children should come to school wearing their PE kit.



- P.E. uniform includes:
  - green school t-shirt
  - black shorts
  - black trousers
  - trainers or plimsolls



Things to bring to school...

- All children need to bring a water bottle.
- Children can bring in a healthy snack for break time which needs to be kept in their book bag/small rucksack until break time.
- School dinners must be ordered in advance on the MCAS app. School dinners cost £2.65.
- Children may bring a packed lunch if they wish to.
- A set of earphones/headphones.



Our Learning

English



- Diary Entry
- Bravery Award Speech
- Flashback Narrative
- Newspaper Report

Parent Top Tip:

- Read with your child – books set during World War Two and fantasy novels would be especially helpful this term!

Maths



- Integers and Decimals
- Multiplication and Division
- Calculation Problems
- Fractions and Decimals
- Percentages

Parent Top Tip:

- Practise all times tables daily on paper and on TTRS.
- Engage with IXL skills for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Religious Education



- Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise

Parent Top Tip:

- Talk to your child about how we can care for God's Creations.
- Encourage your child to think about the impact they have on the people around them.

History

How has Ancient Greece influenced the Western world?



Parent Top Tip: Help your child to understand democracy in this country. Research, with your child, the countries that form Europe.

Geography

What is life like in the Andes?



Parent Top Tip: Support your child to understand what a mountain is. Identify mountains in the UK.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

Year 6

Autumn Term Curriculum Map

Art

Indian Architecture



Parent Top Tip: Research and find out about different buildings in India. What are their purposes?

D.T.

Cooking and Nutrition – bread



Parent Top Tip: Support your child to use ingredients at home to make bread or other foods.

Music

- Singing and exploring accompanying instruments - You've Got a Friend together with glockenspiels and recorders

Parent Top Tip:

- Encourage your child to listen to varying genres of music and encourage them to sing along.

Computing

- Online Safety
- Spreadsheets
- 3D Modelling

Parent Top Tip:

- Have a conversation with your child about how to stay safe online.
- Talk to your child about how to be kind, safe and proud online.

P.S.H.E.

- Learning Behaviours
- Zones of Regulation
- Under Pressure
- Build Others Up

Parent Top Tip:

- Work with your child to help them understand the learning behaviours needed to learn effectively at school.

P.E.

- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Dance
- Swimming

Parent Top Tip:

- Remind your child about how to follow rules within team games. Support them to understand their strengths within a team.

Science - Chemistry

Properties and changes of materials



Parent Top Tip:

- Support your child in understanding how some scientific changes can be reversed. Assist your child to understand what materials things are made of.

Focus Virtues for this term: Respect, Thankfulness, Hope and Patience

Reading

- We offer children the opportunity to read their reading book every day in school. This begins at 8:30am.

- In Year Six we recommend that children read their reading book each day at home for at least 20 minutes.

- Children have access to the library and will also bring home a library book. Every week they will have an opportunity to change it.

Writing

- There are writing opportunities within all subjects of the curriculum and children have multiple writing opportunities to engage with every day.

- Children are explicitly taught writing skills in English and they learn to apply these in all other subjects.

- Handwriting takes place every day at the start of English lessons.

Maths

- Maths takes place in school every day.
- Children are exposed to a variety of learning experiences to be able to apply all the skills they learn.
- To support your child at home, please encourage them to use TTRS daily and access skills on IXL.

Worship

Every day the children are invited to join in with three prayers – at the beginning of the day, before lunch and at the end of the day.

Every day, the children take part in Collective Worship.

Children also have two and a half hours of R.E. learning a week.



Homework

Each week we ask that the children complete the following for their homework:

1. 30 questions on IXL – a mix of Maths and English
2. 25 minutes on TTRS
3. Spelling practice
4. Handwriting practice
5. Daily reading

SATs

- CGP revision books
- Weekly Arithmetic Test



MCAS

My Child at School is a web based portal that all the OLICAT trust schools are using to give parents access to information on their child through a webpage or App. It allows us to keep you up to date about important things in your child's school life.



When you log in you'll be able to see:

- Your child's attendance information
- Check term dates
- Order and pay for lunches
- Book parents' evenings
- Book and make payment for Morning Larks and Evening Owls
- Give permission for school trips
- Book sports clubs and extra-curricular clubs as well as a range of other useful information.

Upcoming Trips/Visitors

- Friday 2nd October 2027 – St. Francis of Assisi Day at STM
- Thursday October 8th 2027 – Greek Day (£13.50)
- Friday 25th June 2027 – Year 6 Residential



Residential at Canoe Trail









Parents Evening

- 13th and 15th October



Secondary School

- Closing date for applications is 31st October 2026
- Outcome = 1st March 2027

Schedule of Open Days / Evenings

Bedford Borough schools with a Year 7 Transfer to Secondary intake

Bedford Academy: 1 October 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Bedford Free School: 24 September 2026 – 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Biddenham International School & Sports College: 5 October 2026 – 4:15pm to 7:00pm

Castle Newnham School: 12 October 2026 – 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Daubeney Academy: 15 October 2026 – 5:00pm to 8:00pm

Goldington Academy: 15 October 2026 – 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Kempston Academy: 30 September 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Lincroft Academy: 7 October 2026 (For full details please refer to school's website)

Mark Rutherford School: 8 October 2026 – 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Sharnbrook Academy: 29 September 2026 – 5:45pm to 8:00pm

St Thomas More Catholic Secondary School: 23 September 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Wixams Academy: 8 October 2026 – 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Wootton Academy: 22 September 2026 – 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Children return on Thursday 3rd September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2025
(Half Term week commencing Monday 26th October 2025)
Staff Training Day Friday 27th November 2026 - school closed to children

Spring Term 2027

Children return on Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027
(Half Term week commencing Monday 15th February 2027)

Summer Term 2027

Children return on Monday 12th April 2027 - Monday 21st July 2027
(Half Term week commencing Monday 31st May 2027)
Staff Training Day Friday 2nd July 2027 - school closed to children

Staff Training Days for 2026/2027 (School closed to children)

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Friday 27th November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 2nd July 2027