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Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Half Term 1 – September 2026

Attendance

Well done to all the children who have attended school every day so far this school year. Please remember that holidays in term time are classified as unauthorised absences and could lead to a fixed penalty notice being issued. When children's attendance is below 90%, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence when children are absent from school due to illness.

Studybugs

School communicates with parents via Studybugs. This also enables parents/careers to contact school staff. If you need to send medical evidence for absence due to illness, please send it via email to attendance@matherstreet.oldham.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher meeting

9am Monday 14th September in the school hall. Please come along to meet Mr Peck and find out about the year ahead in Year 6.

Clubs

Mondays – starting 14th September 2026 – Board Games

Tuesdays – starting 15th September 2026 – Netball (children need pumps or trainers)

Wednesdays – starting 16th September 2026 – Football (children need pumps or trainers)

Fridays – Starting 18th September 2026 – Young Engineers

PE

Year 6 PE lessons are on Wednesdays, school provides the children with PE kits, but the children need pumps or trainers. There will be a focus on **netball**, which falls within the **Invasion Games** strand of the PE curriculum. Children will recap and develop their core skills, including passing, catching, movement and shooting, before progressing to applying these skills in games. They will also explore **tactics, positioning and teamwork**, building their confidence and understanding as they work towards playing full matches.

Maths

This half term, Year 6 will build on their Year 5 learning, beginning with **place value** before moving on to the **four operations**. Children will develop their fluency and accuracy while applying their skills to increasingly challenging problems, explaining their mathematical thinking and becoming more independent problem-solvers.

English - Reading and Writing

This half term, Year 6 will be building on the skills and knowledge developed throughout Year 5 as they begin to explore the expectations of the Year 6 curriculum. In English, our key text will be *Rose Blanche*, which will provide a rich stimulus for developing vocabulary, sentence structure and writing techniques. The children will begin by exploring diary writing, developing their ability to write in role and convey thoughts, feelings and experiences effectively. They will then move on to writing a bravery award speech. Alongside this, we will begin to introduce and practise key Year 6 writing features, helping the children to become increasingly confident and independent writers.

In Reading, our class text will be *Letters from the Lighthouse* by Emma Carroll. Through this engaging historical novel, the children will develop their comprehension skills, exploring characters, themes, vocabulary and the author's choices.

History

This half term, Year 6 will be studying **World War II**. Children will explore key events and themes from the war, including the experiences of people living through this significant period in history. They will develop their understanding of chronology, historical sources and the impact of World War II on Britain, while building their ability to ask and answer historical questions and explain their ideas using evidence.

Science

This half term, Year 6 will be studying **Living Things and Their Habitats**. Children will explore **classification**, learning how to classify animals and plants and how to use classification keys. They will then investigate **microorganisms**, developing their understanding of these tiny living things and their role in the world around us.

RE/ PSHE

RE will be taught weekly and focuses on Personal Journeys. In PSHE, the initial topic will focus on 'My Healthy Self' and how choices help your future self.

Art

In Art this term, we are focusing on drawing and expressing ideas. The children will initially look at graffiti before moving onto studying one-point perspective. They then work towards creating their final street art inspired piece.

Spanish

In Spanish, children will learn how to write the date in Spanish.

Computing

This term's Computing is about systems and networks: Search Engines. We will also learn and develop our skillset of staying safe on-line.

Music

This half term, the focus is on Four chord pop learning how to play as part of a band.

Design and Technology

In DT we are focusing on structures used in the playground.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday.

It will be required by the next Friday.

We will send either a reading, maths or writing based activity.

Trips/Experiences

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Holidays

Autumn half term – School finishes on Friday 23rd October 2026 at 3:20pm and reopens on Monday 2nd November 2026.

Kind regards

Mr Peck