

Year 6 Newsletter

Summer 2



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Year 6 Final Term

It's finally here – the Year 6's final half term of primary school!

It only seems like yesterday that the children were starting their journey in Year 6 and now we are preparing them to leave us and begin the exciting challenges that lay ahead at secondary school. This final half term is a great opportunity to develop those important life skills needed for secondary school and we look forward to working with you to prepare the children for this.

Year 6 leavers' afternoon tea

We would like to invite parents and carers into school on

6GD Monday 13th July 2pm

6CT Tuesday 14th July 2pm

We would like to invite you for afternoon tea to celebrate your child's time at Portsdown.

Food and drinks will be provided.

We will be issuing 2 tickets per household nearer the time but we wanted to give enough notice so that you were able to book time off work if needed.

Diary Dates

5th June 2026—Year 5 and 6 Sports Day

19th June 2026— reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather

26th June 2026—INSET DAY

29th—30th June 2026—Transition days for Portsmouth schools

2nd July 2026—Trip to DDAY Museum

6th-10th July 2026—Year 6 activities week

Year 6 afternoon tea:

6GD Monday 13th July 2pm

6CT Tuesday 14th July 2pm

10th July 2026—Reports sent home

17th July 2026—Summer Fayre

22nd July 2026—Last Day of School

PE – Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on a Thursday. This is a plain black pair of shorts, with a white T-shirt and plain trainers. They will be asked to change into spare PE kit if not.

Transition Days to Secondary School

Transition days for the local secondary schools are taking place at some point during the week of the 29th June.

Please speak to your child's new school for more details. If your child is absent from the transition day/days, you must let us know as well as their new school.

English

In Summer 2, we will be reading the book "The Island" and continuing to think about our theme of immigration. We will write a Newsround-style report! We will then move on to WW2 writing where we will learn about Anne Frank and The Blitz to write diaries, speeches and letters. Finally, we will be reading Macbeth and exploring the language of Shakespeare through drama and freeze frames. We know this will help the children increase their confidence and get them prepared for secondary school.

PE: This term the children will be taking part in athletics in preparation for sports day.

Music:

The children will be writing and composing their own leavers song which will reflect on their time at Portsdown. This will be performed to parents at the leavers afternoon tea!

Science: As scientists this half term, we will be studying the topic of Evolution. In addition, we will be learning about the changes the children will either be going through or currently going through. We will also look at healthy relationships.

PSHE: Our focus this term will be 'Health and Growth'. As part of this unit, we will be covering puberty and reproduction. There was an opportunity for you to discuss these lessons with us last term. Please contact the class teacher if you have any further questions.

Maths

This half term, we will be focusing on our investigative and reasoning skills by attempting a range of problems where we will draw on the skills we have developed throughout the year. We will continue to practice our arithmetic skills as well as using our tables facts to help us solve these problems.

RE: We will be learning about life after death!

History: Unit 1- What was life like in WW2?

Unit 2: Early Islamic Civilisation

Art: In Art this half term, we will be looking at "Pop Art" and designing our own Pop Art-style paper mache masks!

Home Learning

If you would like to help support your child with their final term in primary school, we would ask you to ask your child about their learning and encourage them to continue their work at home. This could be as simple as researching about our World War 2 topic or ensuring that they are confident with their times tables. Additionally, we are really encouraging children to ensure they are in school on time to get them ready for this expectation next year.