

Key dates for Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 16th September: Year 6 height and weight check
Thursday 25th September: Autumn Disco
Friday 26th September: Macmillian Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1st October: School Nurse drop in for parents
Wednesday 15th October: Individual Photo Day
Wednesday 24th October: Break up for Half term

Monday 3rd November: INSET Day
Tuesday 4th November: Start of Autumn 2
Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th November: Parents Evening
Friday 28th November: Christmas Fair
Friday 19th December: Break up for Christmas
Monday 5th January: Start of Spring 1

Behaviour

We are continuing to use the 'Bee Rules' to help the children make good choices in school. These rules are displayed in the classroom:

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful
5. Be responsible

Recognition boards

We now have recognition boards in all classrooms which children are recognised during lessons for their behaviour, including behaviours for learning. A whiteboard with the focused behaviour that we are looking for is attached to the board; this could be a core value, Bee rule or a behaviour for learning.

Year 6 Autumn Term 2025



6R

Mrs Richards

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Mr Crompton

Teaching Assistant

Mrs Keeling

Learning Support Assistants

**Mr Khalid, Miss North, Miss Edge, Miss
Dean**

Welcome to Year 6 and your child's final year at Etchells!

We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are excited to get started on the new school year, and your child's last year at Primary School. We know this is a momentous year for our Year 6 children with lots of exciting opportunities and we can not wait for all the adventures along the way.

This term we will begin our enquiry based topic- 'How did war change Britain?'. This is a History based topic where we will focus on the World Wars and the impact of these on Great Britain and our local area. We will visit the local cenotaph and find out about the impact of the world wars. We will also discuss how refugee has been a common theme in Great Britain since before the first world war and how it continues to shape our society.

English

To fuel our children's imagination and creative writing, we will be studying texts in a range of genres and by a variety of significant authors, beginning with looking at *The Journey* by Francesca Sanna. The children will explore real examples of effective narrative techniques and rich vocabulary, whilst being given the opportunity to write for a particular purpose. They will also be immersed into fictional worlds through drama - igniting curiosity, provoking enquiry and demanding critical thinking.

Maths

This year we will be focusing on securing the children's understanding and confidence using formal methods for the four mathematical operations. The children will also be developing their mental arithmetic skills and will have lots of opportunities to deepen their understanding through investigation and problem solving work

Snacks

Children are able to bring a snack to eat at break time. This should be fruit or vegetables only. Yogurts, cereal bars, Winders etc. are not permitted and the children will have to bring these back home with them. Water bottles for the classroom should contain water—not juice.

PE

Children should continue to come to school in their P.E kits on the days they have P.E.

Both classes will have PE on Monday and Wednesday.



Home Learning

Reading

Children will participate in reading sessions throughout the week, including comprehension, whole class and independent reading. In addition to this, it is a school expectation that children read to an adult, at home, at least three times a week. Please sign your child's reading diary when you have listened to them. Diaries will be checked on a Friday.

A rich reading diet will raise your child's progress across the entire curriculum- especially in their writing!

Autumn Recommended reads:

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by

Judith Kerr

Letters From The Lighthouse by Emma Carroll

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf



Please follow the link below for further recommended reads for Year 6 children: <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year6>

Homework

In Year 6, your child will receive weekly Maths and English homework. This will be used to consolidate their learning in class. They will also receive a Topic matrix homework sheet. This includes a range of different activities for them to do in their own time at home, with 4 to be completed before the end of term.

Times Tables

Please keep practising these at home with your child. The children's times table knowledge really supports them in all areas of their maths learning.