

# Meet the teacher

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Year 6 - 2024 to 2025

# Year 6 Teaching Staff

- Miss Hotston - Year 6 Teacher and UKS2 Phase Lead
- Miss Upfold - Year 6 Teacher and P.E. lead
- Mrs Wills - Year 6 Teacher and French Lead
- Miss Pilley - Year 5 & 6 TA

# The School Day

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Gates open:



School officially starts



Registers close -  
marked late after this  
time



# End of the day

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3:30

You can come onto the playground. This is a perfect time to talk to us about anything!

If you are late, your child will be taken to the office for collection. Please contact the office if you know you will be late.

Beginning and End of day





# Uniform



Our school uniform is navy blue, grey and white as follows:

- White shirts, polo shirts and blouses
- Navy blue or grey trousers or shorts
- Navy blue or grey skirts and pinafore dresses
- Navy blue tunics
- Blue and white candy stripe or check summer dresses
- Navy blue sweatshirts/cardigans (with school logo)
- Navy blue or white socks/tights
- Black or brown shoes

# Year 6 Timetable

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Outdoor PE – Mondays



Indoor PE – Fridays

# PE Kit – Monday and Friday

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- Navy blue or white polo shirts
- Blue shorts (blue/black joggers for colder weather)
- Plimsolls/Trainers



- Hoodies are not allowed in school

# Other things to say...

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- We ask parents not to send their children to school wearing:-
- Jeans
- Hoodies
- Unsuitable shoes (such as open toed sandals or trainers not on PE days)
- Clothes with slogans or pictures or brands etc printed on them
- Sportswear eg football shirts or cycle shorts
- Make-up, nail varnish or excessive amounts of hair gel
- Extreme haircuts or colour




# Handwriting




Kinetic Letters®



This year we are using Kinetic Letters to teach handwriting.  
Your child has been provided with a Kinetic Letters pencil to support their handwriting.  
We will be focusing on making handwriting so all the attention of the brain can be on t content.





**Penguin Pose.**  
Stand nice and tall, feet together, hands by your





**Meerkat Pose.**  
Kneel on the floor, keeping your body tall



**Gorilla Pose.**  
Sit with your legs crossed, back straight



**Lizard Pose.**  
Lie on your tummy, arms out I front push-



# Homework

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







- Out on a Friday. In on a Wednesday. (this will change to daily hw later in the year)
- Should be completed in pencil or black pen.
- If your child is stuck, they need to ask for help by Tuesday.
- If homework is not handed in 3 times, time will be given at lunchtimes for homework support.
- All homework links to in school learning and will be matched to an appropriate level for the child.



# Reading Records

- If your child has been provided with a purple reading record it is because they are reading below the school's expected fluency level of their age at the moment.
- Children will be set reading to complete by the teacher in guided reading sessions. They must be brought to school every day.
- Children should be heard reading aloud at home by an adult daily.
- Adults should then fill in the reading record.



Date, book and page number	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading
11 <sup>th</sup> September Pirates of Penzance Pg 8 - 12	GR Read up to page 12 Discussed: traitor, mutiny, quarrel 
<b>11.09.2024</b> <b>Pirates of Penzance</b> <b>Pg 8 - 12</b>	<b>Remembered traitor but needed reminding on mutiny</b>  
<b>12.09.2024</b> <b>Pirates of Penzance</b> <b>Pg 12-13</b>	<b>Great expression!</b>  
	
	
	

# Completing reading records

- With your child you should re-read the pages they last read in school or the pages they have been set by the teacher.
- Test them on the new vocabulary they discussed
- Write the date
- Make a note of anything they did really well or anything they are still struggling with
- Sign with your signature
- You only need to read for 5-10 minutes

# Reading Journals

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- Some children will have reading journals
- One entry per week however they choose for their own choice of reading book
- Diary entry / character analysis / map drawing / prediction / new blurb / front cover / write questions
- They will also be set specific chapters of books we are reading as a class - they will be asked to use their journals to keep track of this
- We would also love you to listen to your children read aloud and continue to practice their fluency



# Increased responsibility

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- Your child will be expected to have everything they need for the school day
- Please can you support your children in ensuring they have everything before they come to school
- This is in preparation for secondary school

# Contact the school...

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Step 1 - contact the class teacher

[6H@portswoodpri.org.uk](mailto:6H@portswoodpri.org.uk) and [6UW@portswoodpri.org.uk](mailto:6UW@portswoodpri.org.uk)

Step 2 - contact the phase leader - Miss Hotston - [6H@portswoodpri.org.uk](mailto:6H@portswoodpri.org.uk)

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Contact school office

[info@portswoodpri.org.uk](mailto:info@portswoodpri.org.uk)

02380555885

# Important

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Online applications for Year 7 places opened on 2nd September 2024.

The national closing date for Year 7 applications is 31st October 2024. Applications can be submitted until 23:59 on this date.

The feeder school for Portswood Primary is Cantell.



# Open days

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## Southampton Secondary School Open Mornings/Evenings

### September

- 17<sup>th</sup> – Oasis Academy Sholing (Years 5 & 6) 5pm-7pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – St Mark's CE School (Years 5 & 6) 6pm-8pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Weston Secondary School (Years 5 & 6) 5pm-7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Bitterne Park School (Years 5 & 6)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Oasis Academy Mayfield (Years 5 & 6) 5pm-7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Redbridge Community School (Years 5 & 6) 6pm-8pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Woodlands Community College (Years 5 & 6) 6pm-8:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Regents Park Community College (Years 5 & 6) 5pm-7:30pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> – St Anne's Catholic School (Years 4, 5 & 6) 6pm-8pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Upper Shirley High School (Years 5 & 6) 9am-12pm

### October

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cantell School (Years 5 & 6)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saint George Catholic College (Years 5 & 6) 5pm-8pm

# Advice from the local authority

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- We would recommend that you encourage all parents to review each school's admission policy before they apply, they can do so via <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/infant-school-admissions-policies/>
- Furthermore, we would also advise parents to review information how places were offered at oversubscribed schools for the last 3 years, which can be found via the Southampton City Council website for each Transfer group under Other useful information:
- <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/find-school/apply-school/year-7/>