



Mrs Hands' Learning Letter Spring Term 1 2026

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful Christmas and a Happy New Year and are ready for the challenges that the New Year brings.

Topic

Our new topic is 'Rivers' and we will be learning about and studying rivers in detail. This is a geography-based topic and, to support this topic, we will be reading a book called Floodlands by Marcus Sedgwick. PE will now be delivered by Mr Hayes on **Wednesdays** so please send your child in their PE kits on that day.

Reading at home

Thank you to everyone who supports their child to read at home. Children should record the reads in their planner and then the planner will need to be signed at the end of the week by an adult. The reading rewards are the same as last half-term and children will still be rewarded for their individual reads. For 15 reads, the children will be awarded a Bronze certificate, 25 a Silver, 35 a Gold and 45 reads a Platinum certificate will be awarded. These reading awards reset at the start of every school holiday. The current awards re-started on Saturday 21st December.

Key Dates for Class 6

Thursday 15th January – SATs Meeting for parents/carers at 3:30 pm in Year 6

Thursday 22nd January – SATs homework club starts for invited children

Monday 11th May 2026 – SATs week.

Monday 1st June to Wednesday 3rd June 2026
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Spellings

Spellings will be handed out on a **Friday**, but there will not be a formal test each week. Instead, your child will be tested in a more informal way. Please still help your child to learn these words. Some weeks the children may be given more than ten words and some weeks they may only be given nine words. Each week, all words will be linked to the same spelling pattern. This will be excellent preparation for the formal GPS test in May.

Homework

Homework is changing for Year 6 this term in order to fully prepare the children for the upcoming SATs tests.

Each week a test paper will be sent home, which will then be marked and discussed in the lesson with the children. This will be sent home on a **Tuesday** and will be due back by the following **Tuesday**. In addition, it is still expected that the children go on Doodle Maths and English and also Times Tables Rock Stars, as well as reading each week.

SATs Homework Club

To help with the completion of the SATs homework, we will be offering a SATs homework club for a targeted number of children. Please check your Arbour to see if your child has been invited to attend. This club starts on Thursday 22nd January 2026 and there will be no charge for this club. Alternatively, if you would like your child to attend this club, then please drop us a message.

If you have any questions about anything at all then please come and see us.

Mrs Hands & Mrs Ellis



