

# Year 6 2025-2026

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ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# Welcome to Year 6

We hope that you have all had a good summer and are already enjoying the new term.

We are very pleased to find ourselves teaching Year 6 this year. Mrs Halstead will teach Monday to Wednesday, Mr Turner will teach Thursday and Friday mornings and Mrs Antrobus, our HLTA, Thursday and Friday afternoons. Our class is also supported each day by our experienced Teaching Assistants, Mrs Bennett and Miss Oakes.

The children are now in their final year of primary education and with that comes the expectation that they will become more responsible for themselves: remembering to complete all their homework, bring in their PE kits and look after their own belongings.

Please be aware that our routines will be subject to change as we adapt to any updated guidelines that the government may produce. However, here is some information that you may find helpful:

# Parent Information - Times

Children are expected to be in the classroom by 8.50am and the register closes at 9am.

Break times: These are staggered into Y3/4 and Y5/6 groups. Children should bring their own healthy snack and a water bottle into school. At lunchtime, the children are encouraged to sit with their friends in their year group but also to interact with all classes on the playground.

Home time: Children should be collected at 3.20pm. If you wish your child to walk to the top or to walk home, please send in a letter giving your permission for this.

# Homework

Weekly homework will be sent out on a Thursday, to be returned the following Wednesday. This will cover a variety of school subjects.

Spellings are taught and sent out each Friday and the children will be tested on them, within spelling dictation sentences, the following Friday. The spellings for the year are on our website so can always be accessed if your child is absent. They should be learned using the strategies provided so that they are retained in the long term memory and will continue to be applied correctly. One of the spellings will be highlighted as a vocabulary focus and the pupils will look up the definition on day 1, use the word within a sentence on day 2, be able to speak of its word classification on day 3, identify other words within that word family on day 4 and identify synonyms/antonyms on day 5.

Along with the above, the children will all be expected to read several times a week, completing their reading record at least 3 times a week. It would be very much appreciated if parents/guardians would try to listen to the children read or converse with them about their book, along with helping them to learn their spellings.

Times tables can be practised using the 'TTRockstars' computer programme, which the children should use at least twice a week for at least 5 minutes.

The '5 a day' maths questions and the vocabulary word work can be completed as early work each morning but, if a pupil does not do this, they must complete them for homework that evening.

# P.E.

- ▶ Year 6's PE sessions will be on a Thursday afternoon depending on the term – this term Year 6 will also go swimming on a Wednesday afternoon.
- ▶ PE uniform will be expected, which consists of a navy polo shirt, black/navy blue short, pumps or trainers. A track suit may be worn for outdoor PE, when the weather is cold, but must be worn on top of their regular kit, and not be in replacement.
- ▶ Long hair is to be tied back for safety reasons, and no jewellery is allowed, including sports watches.

# Our Class Saint – St. Christopher.

- ▶ Saint Christopher is one of the most popular Catholic Christian heroes of the Faith. He is a saint, indeed listed as a martyr. He may have also been named Reprobus. He apparently died under the Roman Emperor Decius, in 251 AD.
- ▶ St. Christopher is the patron saint of travellers and of children. His feast day is July 25.



# A Very Busy Academic Year

- ▶ Prefects and Monitors – tbc
- ▶ Residential Trip –Standon Bowers information will be covered shortly
- ▶ Booster Classes – will begin in the Spring Term
- ▶ Sacrament of Confirmation – this usually takes place around March time and sacramental preparation is undertaken by the whole class as it is part of our RE curriculum. Father Julian will be coming into school to talk to the children as part of this process
- ▶ SATs – w/c 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- ▶ Secondary School Transitions – these take place throughout the Summer Term
- ▶ Leavers' Assembly – a great finale to your child's time at St John's!

# Booster Classes

- ▶ Option to purchase SATs revision books in November
- ▶ Booster Classes begin in January and run until the week before SATs
- ▶ St Margaret Ward may also offer booster classes as these have been very successful in preparing pupils for secondary school
- ▶ Children will have a short break before the booster session and may bring in a snack if they wish.

# SATs week beginning 11.5.26

- ▶ **Monday 11th May 2026** English SPaG - short answer questions (paper 1 – 45 mins) Spelling test (paper 2 – 20 mins)
- ▶ **Tuesday 12th May 2026** English Reading paper (1 hour)
- ▶ **Weds 13th May 2026** Mathematics Arithmetic (paper 1 – 30 mins) Mathematics Reasoning (paper 2 – 40 mins)
- ▶ **Thursday 14th May 2026** Mathematics Reasoning (paper 3 – 40 mins)

# Scaled Scores

- ▶ Your child will receive a raw score for each of their papers which will then be converted into a Scaled Score. This ranges from 80-120. If your child achieves a score of 100 or more they have achieved the age related expectation. If your child achieved a score of 110 or above they have achieved the Greater Depth standard. The raw score threshold changes each year, please see the link below
- ▶ [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/723470/2018\\_KS2\\_scaled\\_score\\_conversion\\_tables.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/723470/2018_KS2_scaled_score_conversion_tables.pdf)
- ▶ The 2026 results date has not yet been announced but it was 14<sup>th</sup> July in 2025.

# Writing - Teacher Assessment

- ▶ At least 6 pieces of independent work from March 2026 will have to be assessed using the following criteria
- ▶ [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/740345/2018-19\\_teacher\\_assessment\\_frameworks\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_2\\_WEBHO.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/740345/2018-19_teacher_assessment_frameworks_at_the_end_of_key_stage_2_WEBHO.pdf)

# Standon Bowers Residential Visit

- ▶ Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- ▶ Staffing – there will always be three members of St John's staff on duty
- ▶ Travel – we will be collected and returned via minibuses.
- ▶ Dormitories – we have booked separate dorms for this year's visit. The boys will all be in one dormitory and the girls will be in another.
- ▶ Activity groups – these will be announced to the children during the week before the trip
- ▶ Payment – please ensure that any outstanding payments are made as soon as possible

SCHOOL:	St John the Evangelist	DATES:	29 <sup>th</sup> Sept-3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 2025	NUMBER IN GROUP & TEAMS	24 5B 19G 4 teams of	YEAR/S:	6
SCHOOL STAFF:	3	COURSE & AIMS:	Explore and <u>Inspire</u>				
LEAD INSTRUCTOR:		CLASSROOM BASE:					

MONDAY	Teams	1 & 2	3 & 4
MONDAY	Morning 10am – 12:30pm	Arrive and Introductions Settle in and Tour of Centre	
	Afternoon 1:45pm – 5pm	Blindfold Trail Orienteering	Orienteering Blindfold Trail
	Evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Photo Trail (School Staff)	
TUESDAY	Morning 9:30am – 12:30pm	Offsite day	
	Afternoon 1:45pm – 5pm	Offsite day	
	Evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Scavenger Hunt (School Staff)	
WEDNESDAY	Morning 9:30am – 12:30pm	High Ropes	Bridge Building Axe Throwing
	Afternoon 1:45pm – 5pm	Bridge Building Axe Throwing	High Ropes
	Evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Night Walk	
THURSDAY	Morning 9:30am – 12:30pm	Climbing	Viking Games Archery
	Afternoon 1:45pm – 5pm	Viking Games Archery	Climbing
	Evening 7:00pm – 8:30pm	Flying Eggs (School Staff)	
FRIDAY	Morning 9:15am	Meet Centre Instructor in accommodation Final room departure check	
	9:30am – 12:30pm	Bushcraft	
	Afternoon 1:15pm-1:30pm	Farewell Presentation Depart 1:30pm	

## Suggested kit list - Residential

- Washing things
  - o Soap, face cloth,
  - o Large towel,
  - o Toothpaste and toothbrush o Comb/Hairbrush
- Clothes
  - o Tracksuit bottoms and trousers (Preferably not jeans)
  - o T-shirts
  - o Socks (including thick socks to wear with wellies if possible)
  - o Underwear
  - o Pyjamas
  - o Outdoor coat
  - o Warm tops/jumpers
  - o Indoor shoes/trainers
  - o Wellies
  - o Waterproof coat and trousers
  - o Old pair of trainers

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHING AS LOST PROPERTY CANNOT BE KEPT

Autumn & Spring Terms:

- Gloves, scarf and woolly hat

Additional Kit:

- Torch
- Mug (suitable for hot drinks)
- Tea Towel
- Camera – at your own risk. We recommend a cheap/disposable variety.
- Packet of biscuits.

## Medication:

Please ensure you bring any prescribed medicines you may need including Asthma Inhalers and hay fever tablets. Children often suffer from chaffed lips in colder weather and a small pot of Vaseline or a lip balm is advisable. Staff will supervise medication. A form will be sent out asking for permission for staff to administer medication when/if it is required.

## DO NOT BRING:

- Large amounts of money
- electronic games, MP3s or other valuable items
- hair dryers
- knives
- Mobile phones
- Sweets or chewing gum

# Secondary School Transitions

- ▶ Each secondary school has a different transition routine but we work with all of them to ensure that they know everything about your child that will enable the transition to be as smooth and as stress-free as possible. Below are some of the secondary schools that our pupils move on to:
- ▶ St Margaret Ward
- ▶ Kings
- ▶ Kidsgrove Secondary
- ▶ Ormiston Horizon
- ▶ Congleton
- ▶ Alsager
- ▶ St Josephs
- ▶ Painsley

# Thank you for all of your support

- ▶ We are really looking forward to a busy and fantastic year with the children.
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- ▶ Any questions?

