

WELCOME TO YEAR 6



2025-2026

The Year 6 Team

Miss Widdop- Class Teacher



Favourite subject to teach: Writing because it opens up endless opportunities for creativity, self-expression and personal growth. I love seeing students discover their own authorial voices.

Did you know?: I am a wildlife enthusiast and spend much of my free time exploring nature. At home, I own a menagerie of different animals which currently consists of: two cats, two guinea pigs, three frogs and twelve stick insects.

The best thing about being at St.Alban's is....
Teaching such wonderful, respectful pupils and being part of a supportive community.

Mrs Jepson- Teaching Assistant



My name is Mrs Jepson, and I'm really excited to be your Teaching Assistant this year. I absolutely love being part of Year 6 – it's such a special time in your school journey! You get to take on new responsibilities, grow in confidence, and of course, enjoy some brilliant opportunities along the way.

One of my favourite subjects is PE because I love teaching every kind of sport. Whether it's football, rounders, athletics or something new, I enjoy seeing everyone get active, have fun, and challenge themselves.

I can't wait to get to know you all and be part of your learning journey this year – we're going to have a fantastic time!

Year 6 Experiences

Trips and Visitors



The Year 6 curriculum is enhanced by trips and visitors throughout the year. To support their learning about Hinduism, they have a visitor from a temple working with them for a day. The end of the year also sees a reward trip-this year this was to Alton Towers! We also have an annual visit from South Yorkshire police to support their understanding of online safety, with a focus on social media.

The London Residential is a highlight of the Year 6 experience at St Alban's. Children spend 3 days and 2 nights at a Youth Hostel in Central London, taking part in a range of experiences and activities. These include visiting the Tower of London, seeing Buckingham Palace, and watching a West End show.

This year our residential is taking place from the 15th-17th October.



Crucial Crew at the Lifewise Centre is an interactive safety education program for children, teaching essential life skills through real-life scenarios. It covers topics like fire safety, road safety, knife crime, and first aid. This is an amazing day where pupils are on a life-size set for the duration of their visit. This includes taking part in role play with a real magistrate.

Maths

Year 6 maths involves pupils becoming truly fluent in their calculation strategies, including fractions, decimals and percentages. These are practised each day using MathsBot to ensure our learners have mastered these before secondary school. Maths lessons have a focus on extending and applying their learning from Year 5, with the majority of the curriculum grounded in problem solving and reasoning.



In Year 6 there are a few new things to the maths curriculum which children won't have encountered in previous years. This includes ratio, algebra, pie charts and circles.

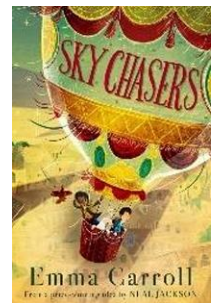
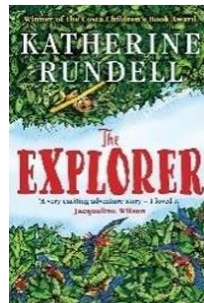
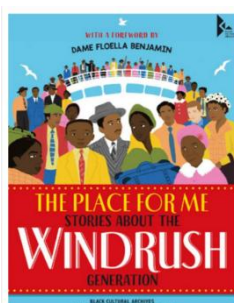
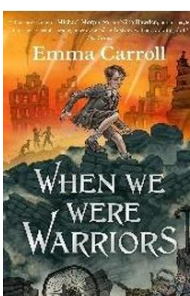
Pupils continue to use Reflex and TTRS to revise times tables.

Reading

At St Alban's, children have a strong love of reading, which we continue to nurture in Year 6 by exploring a wide variety of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry throughout the year. In our reading lessons, we focus on key skills such as retrieval, inference, summarising, and comparison, all taught through our Pathways to Read texts. Children use mark schemes to look at their own answers, supporting them to be increasingly precise in their written responses.

These texts are closely connected to our writing curriculum, offering inspiration and a foundation for children to develop their own ideas and produce extended written pieces.

Our main texts used in Year 6:



Writing

Our **Pathways to Write** curriculum gives children the chance to become fully immersed in a text and explore its features before moving onto their own writing. Throughout the year they will write diary entries, non-chronological reports, myths and more. Pupils are increasingly challenged in their writing by the introduction of 'hybrid' texts, with more than one purpose, such as an informative and persuasive poster about tigers in peril. Additionally, all pupils study and write their own poetry at least twice in the year.

Spelling and Handwriting

We use a combination of the ReadWriteInc. Spelling scheme and our own bespoke spelling units to support pupils to learn Common Exception Words.

To achieve national expectations for writing at the end of KS2, pupils need to join their handwriting fluently, so we ensure everyone has the practice and support required to achieve this with regular handwriting sessions.



PE

Physical education in Year 6 continues to build on skills developed in Lower Key Stage 2. Children take part in a range of competitive and creative sports; developing skills and improving their overall fitness.

We aim for all children in the school year to have the chance to take part in one sports competition outside of PE sessions.

Autumn 1 – Tag rugby, hockey

Autumn 2- Athletics, dance

Spring 1- Football, gymnastics

Spring 2- Athletics, netball/basketball

Summer 1- Tennis/dodgeball, Cricket/rounders

Summer 2- Athletics, basketball



Art



Drawing

Pupils draw self-portraits using a range of advanced surrealist techniques to create distortion.

Painting

After studying the work of Monir Farmanfarmaian, pupils create their own geometric designs inspired by Islamic art-considering what different colours represent.

Sculpture

Pupils practise soft sculpting techniques before creating their own pieces of art.

Design and Technology

Textiles

Working with Year 2 children as their 'clients', our Year 6 children take younger children's designs and turn them into a real, high-quality product. Pupils then give the product back to the client to have as a transitional toy as they move into KS2.

Food technology

Children research, design and make their own savoury scones with a focus on culture and seasonality, using locally available products.



History

The Maya

Children learn about the history of the Maya and how the geography of their settlement impacted their day to day lives.

The Victorians

Pupils learn about the significance of the Victorian period to our lives today. They also have a great 'Victorian Schoolroom' day!

Crime and Punishment

This unit looks at crime and punishment thematically over time, giving children the opportunity to draw similarities and make comparisons.



During our **Local History Month**, children in Year 6 explore how Wickersley has changed over time.

Geography



London Study – children study the human and physical features of this major city and use six figure grid references to locate and navigate.

Biomes – pupils find out about different climate zones and biomes. They look at where different biomes are in the world and how this may affect animals and habitats.

South America- pupils find out about the significance of the tropics, and then study South America in more detail. They focus on distribution of natural resources in Brazil and make comparisons between different climate zones they have learnt about.

Religious Education

In RE we primarily use Understanding Christianity to support pupils to develop a strong knowledge and love of Christian values. We also ensure pupils are exposed to and have a good understanding of other faiths, particularly those which are prevalent in modern Britain.

In Year 6 we also cover atheism and how many people find their way in life without belief in God.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Christians and how to live: what would Jesus do?	Why do Christians believe that Jesus was the Messiah?	Why do Hindus want to be good?
Christianity	Christianity	Hinduism
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?	For Christians, what kind of king is Jesus?	Why do some people believe in God and some not?
Christianity	Christianity	Thematic Unit

PSHE

PSHE is taught through 3 main strands at St Alban's, and in Year 6 these build on previous learning from lower down school.

Relationships – a focus on different types of relationships and families, respecting each other's own personal values and identity, recognising and managing peer pressure.

Living in the wider world- valuing diversity and how to challenge discrimination, responsibility linked to money and financial risks, looking at how reliable media is (particularly online).

Health and wellbeing- staying mentally healthy, dealing with change and bereavement, human reproduction and regulations about drug use.

We continue to use **MyHappyMind** to support pupil mental health and wellbeing. In addition to this, South Yorkshire Police visit Years 5 and 6 each year to discuss dangers linked to online safety and social media.



Science

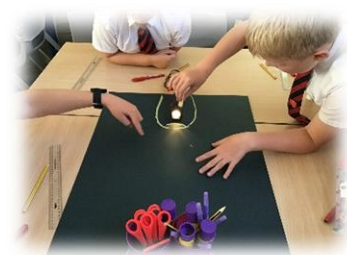


Practical works plays a key part of science and helps our Year 6 children to develop their understanding of the world in a meaningful, engaging way.

Science taught in Year 6:

Biology

- Classifying living things, including the Linnean system
- Healthy bodies- diet, exercise and the circulatory system
- Inheritance and evolution – fossils, adaptation and change over time



Physics

- Electricity – building circuits
- Light -shadows, reflections and bending light

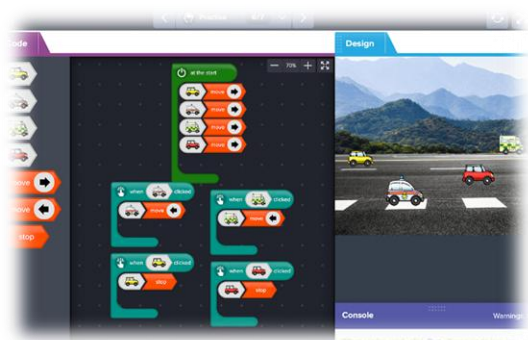
Computing

This year is the first year of our new computing curriculum. Pupils in Year 6 will:

- Learn about the structure of the internet, including data packets.
- Create their own web pages with text, graphic and video content.
- Use formulas in spreadsheets to plan and cost an event.
- Design 3D objects using computer aided design.

We will also continue to use Discovery Programming to improve their coding skills and have opportunities to be creative when coding their own programmes and games. Year sixes will code their own games using multiple variables.

Item	Spending type	Cost
Hotel	Venue	£150
Party games/prizes	Activity	£20.00
Lemonade (p.p.)	Drinks	£0.04
Cola (p.p.)	Drinks	£0.04
Sausage rolls (p.p.)	Food	£0.11
veg. sausage rolls (p.p.)	Food	£0.20
Sandwiches (p.p.)	Food	£0.50
Crisps (p.p.)	Food	£0.20
Cakes (p.p.)	Food	£0.10



Music



In our Year 6 music curriculum, pupils build on their skills in listening, appreciation, composition, and performance through singing and learning to play the recorder. Our tailored recorder programme enables students to progressively compose and perform their own music using standard musical notation. As their abilities and confidence grow, children also have opportunities to perform for staff members and other classes.

During Year 6, children will continue to have their music education supported by Miss Payling, a music specialist who works at St Alban's for half a day each week.

French

Language learning in Year 6 continues to focus on Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing in the target language.

Through their topics in French, children become increasingly confident with their speaking and writing in particular, allowing them to communicate their ideas and opinions to other French speakers. Units also offer insights into French life, geography and culture.

Our French topics: World War 2, school, hobbies and leisure, healthy lifestyles as well as a thematic unit which supports children to apply all of their language learning from the last 4 years.

