



Meet the Teacher - 6T



1 - Welcome to Class 6T

A welcome message from Miss Talbot

Welcome to year six!

As your child's Year 6 class teacher, I am excited about being part of this crucial year in my pupils' education. Having had the privilege of teaching these children before, I am thrilled to embark on this educational journey with them once again. My commitment to their success extends beyond the classroom, as I am dedicated to not only preparing them for the challenges of SATs but also equipping them with the skills and confidence needed for a successful transition to high school. Recognising the pivotal role this stage plays in their academic growth, I strive to provide a well-rounded learning experience that balances subject mastery with critical thinking and problem-solving abilities.

My role as the History subject lead aligns perfectly with my passion for helping children explore a rich tapestry of cultures and significant historical events. I believe that fostering an understanding of different cultures and the lessons of history is crucial in developing well-rounded global citizens. Through engaging and interactive lessons, I aim to inspire curiosity and encourage students to question, analyse, and draw connections between the past and the present. Within the classroom, my goal is to cultivate an environment where each child feels valued and supported, creating a nurturing space that allows them to flourish academically and personally. By fostering a love for learning and promoting active exploration, I am dedicated to helping each student unlock their potential and thrive as they take on new challenges.

I am truly thrilled for the upcoming year and the chance to lead your children on a journey towards developing confidence, capability, and compassion. I am committed to guiding your children through every step of the way. Throughout the year, we will tackle challenges, celebrate achievements, and forge unforgettable experiences together.

I encourage open communication and collaboration between us. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any inquiries, ideas, or feedback you might have. Your involvement is invaluable, and I eagerly anticipate our partnership in ensuring your child receives a top-notch education and a supportive learning environment.



2 - The Year 6 Team and Learning Environment

Our Senior Leaders: Mrs C. Evans (Headteacher) Mr P. Duffy (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO) The Year 6 Team:

Miss G. Talbot (Class 6T Class Teacher)

Miss K. Baxter (Class 6T's Teaching Assistant)

Ms Osborne (Class 6O Class Teacher and Year 5/6 Team Leader)

Miss C. Ramsbottom (Class 6O's Teaching Assistant)

Mr C. Hitchon (HLTA Cover in both Year 6 classes)

Mr Henry (Support Staff in 6T)

Mrs Westhead (Support Staff in 6O)

If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.





3 - The Year 6 Curriculum

The Year 6 curriculum in primary education holds significant importance, serving as a critical stage in a child's academic journey. With an emphasis on preparing students for SATs, this year's curriculum is instrumental in ensuring children are "secondary ready." The comprehensive learning experiences provided during Year 6 not only impart essential subject knowledge but also help to develop a range of skills. By engaging pupils in problem-solving and reasoning exercises in Mathematics, they are equipped with the tools to approach complex challenges systematically. This not only bolsters their mathematical abilities but also nurtures a resilient and determined mindset. Our curriculum also places a spotlight on English, nurturing young authors through exposure to various literary genres. This exposure not only enhances their writing skills but also develops critical thinking and communication abilities, aligning perfectly with the broader goals of secondary education preparedness. To this end, it is crucial for children to read regularly, both in school and out, and to practise key arithmetic skills and times tables knowledge.

Furthermore, the Year 6 curriculum plays a pivotal role in fostering positive attitudes towards learning and empowering pupils to take ownership of their educational journey. The integration of metacognitive strategies encourages children to reflect on their learning processes, understand their strengths, and identify areas for improvement. This self-awareness instills a sense of responsibility, enabling them to set and achieve goals effectively. Such an approach also builds resilience, a crucial trait for navigating the challenges of secondary education and beyond.

In Year 6, the children are in for an exciting array of educational adventures, including a whole-school outing to the Pantomime! We will also have a selection of visitors into school, and local area trips to ensure children are exposed to a range of experiences. Additionally, they will be invited on a

residential visit which will play a pivotal role in enhancing pupils' cultural capital and overall personal development. This learning beyond the classroom will provide pupils with a unique opportunity to explore new environments, engage with different communities, and broaden their horizons. As in previous Years, the children will also be given the opportunity to experience outdoor learning activities, including a visit to the High Ropes course and water sports at Stanley Park.



4 - Year 6 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life

Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 6, children will focus on enhancing their abilities to describe, provide reasoning, and establish connections with greater precision, particularly when exploring and drawing insights from the teachings of the Bible and our faith. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by *'Seeking Growth Together through Jesus'*. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.



5 - Additional Information

- **PE Days**

Children in Year 6 are required to wear their full SJV PE kits each Thursday and Friday for Autumn half term 1. After this, PE days will change to Monday and Friday. This is due to the fact we are fortunate enough to have access to a Sports Coach in the first half term.

- **X (formally known as Twitter)**

We use X as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join X and follow **@SJVYear6** and our school account **@sjvblackpool** We welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](https://www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.



