

DANES CLASS INFORMATION



SUMMER TERM

It is hard to believe that Year Six are now in their final term at primary school and that Year Five will shortly be entering their final year at Aston.

The children have worked very hard all year and have made progress to be incredibly proud of. We now have only a couple of weeks until Year Six have their SATs (week beginning 12th May). During this important period, we need the children to sustain their focus and hard work in order to achieve their personal bests and results that they are proud of. Children generally enjoy the assessment week; they have been well-prepared and are eager to demonstrate their skills as well as enjoying happy, relaxed afternoons - hopefully in the sunshine!

There are, of course, many other events to look forward to as well this term (see dates list) - our summer production, sports day, off-site visits, visits to secondary schools and lots more. We certainly will be very busy with this action-packed term!

Miss Branagan and Mrs Avis

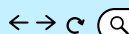
YEAR SIX STANDARD ASSESSMENT TESTS

Please make sure that your child has a break the weekend before testing, with plenty of time to relax. It is also important that they get to bed at a sensible time in order to ensure that they are not tired. Also, please make sure that they have time to eat a good breakfast before arriving in school.

The timetable for the week is as follows (all tests will be completed in the mornings)

Monday 12 th May	Tuesday 13 th May	Wednesday 14 th May	Thursday 15 th May
English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	English: Reading	Maths: Paper 1 Arithmetic and Paper 2 Reasoning	Maths: Paper 3 Reasoning

CLASS READER



Please see our class page on the school website to see our planned curriculum coverage, updates about our learning, etc :

<https://www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk/danes-2/>

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CURRICULUM

SUBJECT	SUMMER	
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ENGLISH	Texts will include Zana Fraillon's <i>Wisp</i> , <i>Macbeth</i> and poetry.	
MATHS	Year Six revision in preparation for SATs. Proportional and Statistical Reasoning, Pattern, Arithmetic and Investigative Learning.	
FRENCH	The Weekend	Habitats and Me In The World
GEOGRAPHY		The Chiltern Hills
HISTORY	Mayan Civilisation	
SCIENCE	Properties and Changes of Materials	Living Things
ART	Mayan Temples (Perspective)	
MUSIC	Dancing In The Street	Summer Production
RE	What kind of king is Jesus? How can following God bring freedom and justice? (Christianity)	Are Sikh stories important today? What is the best way for a Sikh to show commitment to God? (Sikhism)
PSHE	Drugs Education	Aiming High and Career Choices
PE	Golf and Athletics	Rounders and Cricket
COMPUTING	Concept Maps	3D Modelling and Game Creator

KEY DATES

May	June	July
Thursday 8th - VE Day Celebrations	Monday 2nd - Y6 Rowing Session	Tuesday 8th - Intervillage Sports
Monday 12th-Thursday 15th - Year 6 SATs	Thursday 5th - Hazard Alley (Y6)	Thursday 10th - Changeover Day (Y6 to secondary schools)
Friday 16th - Whipsnade Zoo Trip	Friday 6th - Sports Day (Morning)	Friday 11th - Reward Day
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd - Bikability (Y6)	Tuesday 10th - Young First Aider Training	Monday 14th - Dress Rehearsal (AM), Year 6 Leavers' Trip (PM)
Wednesday 21st - Open Afternoon (2.15-3.15pm)	Friday 13th - Reserve date for Sports Day	Tuesday 15th - Production (1:30pm and 6pm)
	Thursday 26th - Class Photos	Wednesday 16th - Production (6pm)
		Friday 18th - Leavers' Service (9:30am), 1pm School Term ends

HOME LEARNING

A key focus in Upper Key Stage Two is to ensure children are prepared as fully as possible for transition to secondary school. With this in mind, regular homework is set on different days with the expectation that all children organise their time to ensure that tasks are completed and submitted on time. Children should be encouraged to be as independent as possible in terms of organising themselves and ensuring all tasks are completed on time (though it is absolutely fine to support your child with their learning as appropriate).

Subject	Day Set	Due In
English	Monday	Friday
Maths	Friday	Thursday
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Year Six only)	Thursday (until SATs only)	Tuesday
Times Tables Rock Stars	Wednesday	Wednesday
Reading	Daily (15-30 minutes)	
Spelling	Practise in Spelling Journal 3+ times a week (5-10 minutes)	
History/Geography	Ideas sheet to be handed out and posted via Seesaw (optional for Year 6 this half term)	Any time before Wednesday 21 st May

Homework is designed to be part of our home/school agreement, where children and parents work together to reinforce concepts learnt in class. In Years 5 and 6, homework is also important preparation for the expectations of secondary school. Should your child experience any difficulties with their homework, please remind them that we are always happy to help them in school before the submission deadline.

Reading is a passport to countless adventures.

--Mary Pope Osborne

EQUIPMENT

PE KIT

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please ensure appropriate kits are in school all week (in case of timetable changes) and items clearly labelled. Trainers will be needed EVERY DAY for the 'Daily Mile'.

RECORDER

All children need to have their own recorder in school every Friday. These are available to purchase from the school office.

WATER BOTTLE

All children need to bring a named water bottle into school each day (we have a few children needing to use disposable cups on a regular basis). Please note, these should contain only water.

PENCIL CASE

All children were provided with a named writing pen, purple pen and ruler at the beginning of the year; these must be looked after (if equipment is lost or broken, they will need to bring £1 in for a replacement). In addition to these resources that the school have provided, children should have a small pencil case which will fit easily into their tray. This should contain the following items: two pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a few coloured pencils. You may also wish to have some scissors, a highlighter pen and a glue stick. It is important that children look after their equipment carefully.