



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

8th September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year at Nansloe! The children have clearly enjoyed fantastic summer holidays and are now quickly and enthusiastically settling into Year 6. Please check out the Year 6 page on our website for a detailed breakdown of our curriculum coverage.

Topic

Our topic for this term is *World War II*, focusing on the outbreak of war and the Blitz. Our class novel is set during this period and provides a fascinating insight into how the war might have felt for a young person. We'll explore some hugely interesting and challenging themes, including the rise of Hitler, bombings, blackouts, rationing, the role of the RAF, and the evacuation of children from major cities.

Reading

Our current shared text is the fantastic novel *Goodnight Mr Tom* by Michelle Magorian, which we'll use for guided reading sessions alongside other topic-based pieces. We'll also be enjoying *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*—a wonderful read that I hope will reignite the children's love of reading.

In Year 6, reading for pleasure and sharing stories is just as important as ever, so please encourage this at home. We're continuing to use the Accelerated Reader program in Key Stage 2. Your child should have brought home their new reading record and a library book matched to their level based on AR comprehension tests. As before, once they finish a book, they'll complete a short quiz in school before choosing their next one.

Literacy

We're starting the term with a focus on grammar and punctuation—essential building blocks for effective writing. The children will then move on to write a range of fictional and non-fictional pieces linked to our topic. They'll be encouraged to be adventurous with vocabulary, grammar, and punctuation, and to challenge themselves as developing writers. We'll also prioritise spelling, with a focus on accuracy and applying rules practised in class.

Maths

This term, we'll refresh the children's understanding of place value and build on their formal strategies. Times tables remain a priority—they underpin much of our Year 6 maths learning, so any time spent on TT Rockstars at home is time well spent.

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PE

Year 6's PE day is Tuesday. As last year, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays. Black jogging bottoms are fine, but please ensure they wear the correct Nansloe kit and bring a coat—if it's dry, we'll be outside.

London Residential

We've already booked our Youth Hostel for the end-of-year London Residential—a highlight of Year 6! We're excited to share more details with you soon, so keep an eye out for further information.

SATs

As you may know, Year 6 children sit their end-of-Key Stage 2 SATs in May. Please don't worry about these, and encourage your children not to worry either. We'll invite you to a meeting nearer the time to explain the tests, how they're organised, and how you can support your child. Over the year, they'll have plenty of opportunities to practise and prepare so they feel confident and ready.

St Michael's Mount Trip

On **Friday 26th September**, we'll be visiting St Michael's Mount. To help pay for ice creams during the visit, we'd like to run a **bake sale on Monday 22nd September**. If you're able to donate baked goods for the children to sell, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send these in on the morning of the 22nd.

The children are always keen to help run bake sales, but as this one is after school, we'll need your written permission. If you're happy for your child to stay until 3:45pm, please email Steph at hello@nansloe.org.uk and let her know how your child will be getting home.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, I am here to help. Many thanks for all of your support—let's make this a year to remember!

Kind regards,

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