



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Nansloe! I hope you enjoyed the beautiful summer holidays with your children and that everyone is recharged and ready for the new term. 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 the war and the Blitz. Our class novel, *Goodnight Mr Tom*, 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. In Year 6, reading and sharing stories is just as important as ever, so please encourage this at home. Your child will have brought home their new reading record and a library book today and we ask that they continue to keep up with recording a read every day. Please ensure reading records are brought in to school on Fridays as this is when reads will be counted and Reading Karate badges and bands will be awarded.

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 Friday. As last year, please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on Fridays. Just a reminder that PE kit consists of black jogging bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt, trainers and a school jumper. Throughout the winter, it is also important to 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 and will soon begin booking opportunities and experiences. **On Monday 20th September**, we will have a short 'Meet the Teacher' session from **15:30**. During this time, I will briefly go through some Key Year 6 information and answer any questions you might have about the upcoming year. Straight afterwards, I will share all of the information you need to know about the London trip.

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 23rd October**, 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 Friday 16th October**. 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 16th.

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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