

P.E.	We will be continuing with developing teamwork, hand-eye co-ordination and competitiveness through a variety of games and skill sessions, including hockey, dance, dodgeball and basketball. 10 sessions of swimming will take place as we aim for all pupils to swim 25m by the end of Year 6. Further information to follow.
Music	Our focus will be the Bob Dylan song 'Make you feel my love', sung by Adele. We are lucky to have Mrs Leather each week to develop our ukulele skills, and the children will bring home their instruments to practice on.
Computing	E-safety: Safer Internet Day – 10 th February 2026. We will embed safety online, appropriate for 9–11-year-olds, throughout our weekly computing lessons. Data and information: This unit looks at how a flat-file database can be used to organise data in records. Pupils use tools within a database to order and answer questions about data.
R.E.	Christianity - Salvation What did Jesus do to save human beings? Hinduism - Moksha What spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures? Each half term we focus on one of our Christian values and embed this into our learning (not forgetting the other 11 too).
PSHE	Safety Caring Achievement Resilience Friendship (SCARF) Going for Goals Knowing myself, setting a realistic goal, planning to reach a goal, perseverance and making a choice. Being Me in My World Understanding my feelings Managing my feelings
Geography	Sow, Grow and Farm This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.
Art	Light, Line and Shadows This project teaches children about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. They will take black and white photographs and use pencil, pen and ink wash to reimagine their photographs in a shaded drawing.

Buckland Newton CE Primary School

Information for Parents Spring Term 2026



Willow Class Year 5 and Year 6

Ready, Respectful, Safe

*Let your light shine -
on everyone, everywhere, everyday
(Mathew 5:16)*



Dear parents/carers,

Our term is well and truly underway, and the children are working extremely hard. They are motivated towards our reward system, earning house points for donations towards their chosen charity as well as house treats. We are continuing to take a cross-curricular approach to our lessons; sow, grow and farm is our focus project for this term. Our Christian values this term are 'perseverance' and 'justice'. I am promoting the children to be proud of their work, using Class Dojo as our learning platform, where they can build their portfolios so that their learning can be viewed at home.

As the Year 6 SATs examinations draw nearer (Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May 2026), expectations will increase and additional targeted pieces of homework will be set for your child. These are intended to reinforce classroom/home learning but not be too onerous. The children will receive their revision books and will need to be well-organised and committed to completing homework. I have no doubt at all that they are capable of this! Please feel free to assist your child if required but initial the work so I know that some support has been given. Homework expectations for Year 5 will change this term and children will have their own CGP English and Maths books. A section from each book will need to be completed. Doodle and TT Rockstars is still available to use as much or little as you like. Daily reading is a must!

PE: Please encourage your child to take responsibility for having the right kit and equipment in school on the correct day. PE will take place on **Tuesday** and **Fridays**. If this changes, I will message you on Class Dojo. We will also be taking part in Safer internet Day on the 11th February 2026 as well as World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2026; further details to follow. Year 5 will be heading to Leeson House for their residential on 25th and 26th March. Another busy and exciting term ahead! Please feel free to use Class Dojo to communicate with me and celebrate any of the children's home learning.

Thank you for your continued support. Kind regards,
Mr Stuart Galloway, Mrs Caroline Durston, Mrs Lorraine Kellaway,
Mrs Katrina Buckle and Mrs Sarah Nelson.

The Curriculum

English	Quality upper KS2 books used on the children's return: The Invention of Hugo Cabret, Hidden Figures, Can We Save a Tiger and Boy in the Tower. Letter writing and story openings, Descriptive and persuasive writing, Instructional texts, Information texts and explanations Narratives, Chronological writing, Persuasive writing Journalistic writing and diary writing. Grammar, punctuation and spelling Inference and deduction.
Maths	Areas of maths will include, place value, written calculation methods, decimals, fractions and percentages, ratio, algebra, measurements and written multiplication, mixed calculations and word problems. Practice written papers and Arithmetic SATs papers will be worked through periodically to allow children to become familiar with exam-style questions and exam techniques.
Science	Human Reproduction and Ageing This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. They explore human growth and development to old age, including the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction.
French	Greetings and Family - through written, spoken work and drama. French culture, cuisine, songs and traditions.
DT	Eat the Seasons This project teaches children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques.