



Godmanchester
Community Academy

Welcome to Year 6



Meet the team



Willow Class

Mrs Cook

TAs: Mrs Bryan-Harris
Mr Ayling

Oak Class

Mrs Bright

TAs: Mrs Bryan-Harris

Curriculum



	Autumn 1	Science	Evolution and Inheritance Charles Darwin Francis Crick	RE	Christianity: creation stories (church visit)
Year 6	CC - Science	History		PE/Games	Tennis - old camps scheme Gymnastics - body symmetry unit
English Fiction	There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom Louis Sachar F: Dialogue	Geography	World: The Americas Martin Luther King Rosa Parks	Computing	Digital Literacy Webpage Creation (6.2) Google Sites
English Non-Fiction	NF: Persuasive Writing	Art	Frida Kahol: Self Portrait	Education for a connected world (E-Safety)	Self-Image & Identity Health, Well- Being & Lifestyle
English Poetry	Anthology CLPE Unit - Overheard in a Tower Block Joseph Coelho	DT			
Maths	Place value Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division	PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities		
Music	The Lark Ascending - Vaughan Williams https://www.bbc.com/teach/ten-pieces/primary-classical-music-eyfs-ks1-ks2-ks3-vaughan-williams-lark-ascending/z6dqxyc				
MFL	French around the world				

PE/Games and Swimming



- Gymnastics on Mondays
- If children choose to come to school in jogging bottoms or leggings, please can they have shorts on underneath. This outer layer will need to be removed for the lesson for safety reasons.
- Tennis on Thursdays
- If earrings are worn on PE days, they will need to be removed for the lesson for safety reasons. Due to a change in policy, they cannot be taped.

Home Learning



<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894159/>

Compulsory home learning: 20 minutes daily reading at home.

Mathletics, Spelling Shed and TTRockstars are still available and achievements will be celebrated in Friday assemblies.

Why Reading?



Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

Class Dojo



Class Dojo: We continue to have great success using Class Dojo as a home-school communication system. All pupil and parent accounts will be transferred to the appropriate class over the summer holidays in preparation for September. Please remember, whilst a number of teachers choose to respond to messages during their evenings and at the weekends, there is no expectation that staff will monitor the system after 5.30pm and before 8.30am. We have given teachers flexibility to fit the system around their personal situations so some may choose to reply to you outside of these hours but please do not expect this. As with e-mail correspondents, you will receive a reply to your message within 48 hours of the recipient receiving it (Monday-Friday only). We ask that messages to staff are polite and courteous.

Communications about absence must be made to the school office (01480 375115) and not via Class Dojo.



Uniform



- **Uniform and Appearance:** In preparation for a return to normality in September, we would like to remind you of the expected school uniform. Whilst we do sell logoed school polo shirts and jumpers via Price and Buckland (www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/godmanchestercommunity), there is no requirement for your child to wear logoed uniform. However, we ask that you adhere to the following in terms of colour choices. **We believe that a school uniform promotes a sense of community, belonging and pride in the school. Importantly, it also creates peer equality in terms of appearance.**
- Children should wear: school/plain **navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black skirt, trousers , knee-length shorts or pinafore; blue gingham summer dress; white or navy blue polo shirt; black, grey or white tights or socks; sensible plain black shoes/boots** (for the winter) – no trainers, high heels or open toe sandals.
- Please note that children with shoulder length hair (or longer) should come to school with their hair tied back with a **simple hairband. Children should not wear large or bright bows or accessories.** If children do wear large bows or accessories, they will be asked to remove these and the class teacher will keep them until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the child. If children with shoulder length hair (or longer) arrive at school without it being tied back, they will be given a new hairband to tie their hair back.
- **Any child who arrives at school without the appropriate uniform will be offered spare uniform on arrival at school and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo that they have arrived at school without the appropriate uniform.**
- If, for any reason, you have problems providing your child(ren) with the appropriate uniform, please make contact with the school (office@godmanchestercommunity.co.uk) and a member of staff will make contact to understand how we can best help.
- We would also like to remind parents/carers and pupils that **we do not allow jewellery other than simple stud earrings and a simple analogue/digital watch** for health and safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for PE, games and swimming lessons so please ensure your child is able to remove these independently. If they are unable to remove them, please ensure they do not come to school wearing earrings on days that they will be engaged in these activities. We are not advised to put tape over earrings anymore for PE.
- Additionally, **no makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.**
- **Any child who arrives at school wearing jewellery (other than simple studs or a watch) or make up will be reminded of the school uniform expectations and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo.**

School Values



Lunches and Snacks



- **Packed lunches**: Although we do not routinely comment on the contents of packed lunch boxes, we feel it is necessary to remind parents/carers of **the need to provide their child with a nutritious and balanced lunch**. We have seen an increase in the amount of high sugar and fat items being consumed from lunch boxes over the last year. Healthy packed lunches should be based on the eatwell plate food groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>) which promotes balance and variety in the diet.
- Additionally, please remember that **we are a nut free school**. It is vitally important that you ensure that items within your child's lunch box are nut free as we have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.
- **Snacks**: Following on from the above, please ensure that if you are sending your child into school with a snack, that it is either fruit or vegetables. Again, we have noticed an increase in children bringing in high sugar cereal bars or biscuits for a snack. Such items are not permitted as a snack within school. Children in Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Therefore, there is no need to provide your child with a snack if they are in Key Stage 1.

Reminders



- School is open from 8.45 when the children have the opportunity to read for pleasure until 9am.
- 9th May 2022: SATs week (further information to follow).