



**St Richard's CE Primary School**  
**Summer Term 2026 - Second Half**

**Year 5 Pine Class - June 2026**



Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break. This half term we have a number of exciting activities planned, including a trip to the Orange Tree Theatre, Sports Day and the St Richard's Festival. These experiences will support and enrich the children's learning across the curriculum. I'm also excited to share more of my New Zealand culture with our students through New Zealand Day where we will be learning about Matariki (Māori New Year's). Please do read our class newsletter carefully and put important dates in your diary. Please also make sure you read our weekly school newsletter for reminders and any new dates.

**What we are learning about this half term:**

**English:**

We are starting off this half term by finishing our unit on Anne Frank by writing obituaries to honour the remarkable young writer. We are then moving onto the novel 'The Strange Case of Origami Yoda' by Tom Angleberger where students will be gathering information from the book to write a discussion text. This will also be supported by our Guided Reading of 'Real-Life Mysteries' where we will investigate what is fact and fiction.

**Maths:**

The concepts we will be covering in Mathematics this half term are: Negative numbers, Converting units and Volume.

**RE:**

The topic we are learning about this term is: How to live a good life.

**Dates for your diary:**

**JUNE**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Summer Term second half begins  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>:** Great Athletes Event  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>:** Marketing Workshop  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>:** Orange Tree Theatre

**JULY**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Final swimming lesson  
**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** St Richards Festival  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day 2026  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** New Zealand Day (Matariki)  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Final day

**TOPIC**

**Science:** Animals including humans

**Geography:** UK Regions – Sheffield

**Computing:** Google systems and networks

**Music:** Hearing colours

**DT:** Stuff toys

**PE:** Athletics/Multi-sports

**Spanish:** Travelling around the world

**Homework:**

Starting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

- SPAG.com set on Friday due for following Friday
- EDshed – Set on Friday for a test the following Friday.
- Maths.co.uk – Set on a Friday due for following Friday
- Creative homework – see Creative homework bulletin

### How you can help your child at home:

Please practise:

- Times tables – Rapid recall of times tables facts is a huge advantage, not only for multiplication and division, but also for fraction, decimal and ratio work. Any practice you can do with your children would be very welcome.
- And spelling with your children when they are set.

### **Reading:**

Children should be reading for at least 10 minutes every day and you should aim to hear to listen to them read to you at least once per week.



### Class Trips and Visitors in School:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Orange Tree Theatre

### Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

**Wednesday:** Swimming

**Thursday:** PE

**Friday:** Rejoice Assembly

### Staff in class:

Teacher – **Miss Senior** (Mondays to Fridays)

Support Staff – **Ms. K** (Monday to Fridays)

**Mrs Mercer**

**Mr D/Mrs Singleton**

This half term, we're continuing to focus on helping the children to develop greater independence in their learning. Encouraging them to take responsibility for their own belongings, make choices, and stay organised. This will help them build confidence and important life skills both in and out of the classroom.

We would also like to support the children in establishing a regular homework routine at home. Setting aside a consistent time and a quiet space for homework can make a real difference to their focus and progress. Your encouragement and praise go a long way in helping them take pride in their efforts and become more self-motivated learners.

### Parent/adult helpers

If you would be interested in helping out on any trips this year, please email me at

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