



Oak Class Newsletter Autumn 2026



Mr Seery & Miss Bedford

Welcome to Year 6! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead in Oak Class. As the oldest and most mature children in the school, Year 6 have an important role to play in setting a positive example for others and will take on new responsibilities and leadership opportunities throughout the year. There is so much to look forward to, including our residential, new challenges and many memorable experiences together. As the children begin their final year at Tewin Cowper, we will encourage them to grow in confidence, independence and resilience, always remembering our school ethos:

"From the smallest of seeds grows the greatest of trees." – Mr Seery, Year 6 Class Teacher



At a Glance

- **School starts:** 8:35–8:40
- **Collection:** 3:15
- **PE days:** Wednesday and Friday
- **Every day you will need:**
 - Water bottle (labelled)
 - Reading book and reading journal
 - Packed lunch (If needed)
 - Fruit for a breaktime snack (If needed)



Reading and Home Learning

Regular reading has a significant impact on children's progress, so we encourage children to read as often as possible — ideally more than 5 times each week. This year, we are introducing our new Reading Stars system; full details can be found in your child's reading journal.

Children should also use Times Tables Rock Stars each week, with parents encouraged to keep an eye on their child's progress and heatmap to see which times tables need further practice.

Weekly spellings will also form part of our home learning. Children should practise these regularly during the week, ready for a short spelling assessment every Friday.

Drop off and collection



Drop off – between **8.35am and 8.45am**, at the side gate. Children walk through the playground to their classroom. Please try to be on time, because we will be doing phonics at the start of the day.
Collection – at **3.15pm**, from the Year 6 cloakroom door (near the side gate).

Year 6 This Term

Year 6 Residential – 30th September – 2nd October
Half Term – 26th – 30th October
Inset Day – 1st November
Year 6 Remembrance Day Church Service – November
Term ends – 18th December at 1:30pm

Keep in Touch



We are always happy to help with any questions or concerns. For quick queries, please speak to us at the end of the school day. For anything that needs a little more detail, please contact the school office at Admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk, and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff.



English

- Whole School Text: The River and the Sea
- Narrative: Night of the Gargoyles
- Non-chronological report: Planetarium
- Narrative: Wisp: A story of hope

Maths

- Place value
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Multiplication, division and measurement
- Fractions, including decimals and percentages
- Geometry

RE

- **Christianity:** Why do Christians think being a pilgrim is a good analogy for life itself?
- **Buddhism:** Enlightenment
 - How did Buddha teach his followers to find enlightenment?



Science

- Classifying big and Small
- Light and reflection



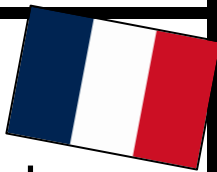
History

- What was the impact of World War II on the people of Britain?



Geography

- Why does population change?



French

- At School

Computing

- Systems and networks: Bletchley Park
- Online safety
- Systems and networks: Exploring AI



Art

- Craft and design: Photo opportunity



Design and Technology

- Structure: Playgrounds



Music

- Four-chord pop: Playing in a band
- Songs that speak: Lyrics and messages

PE

- OAA
- Dance
- Handball
- Tag Rugby



PSHE

An introduction to PSHE

My healthy self: How do my choices today shape my future health?

Connecting with others: What does it mean to stand up for myself and others?

