

# Welcome to New Horizons Children's Academy

Every young person in our community deserves to have the best opportunities at life regardless of their individual circumstances.

Education is the key to accessing these opportunities and we support and develop every member of our community to:

- Think about their Thinking
- Be their Best self
- Shape their Success

In this way Thinking Schools Academy Trust transforms life chances.



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# Welcome Year 6 cohort of 2025-2026

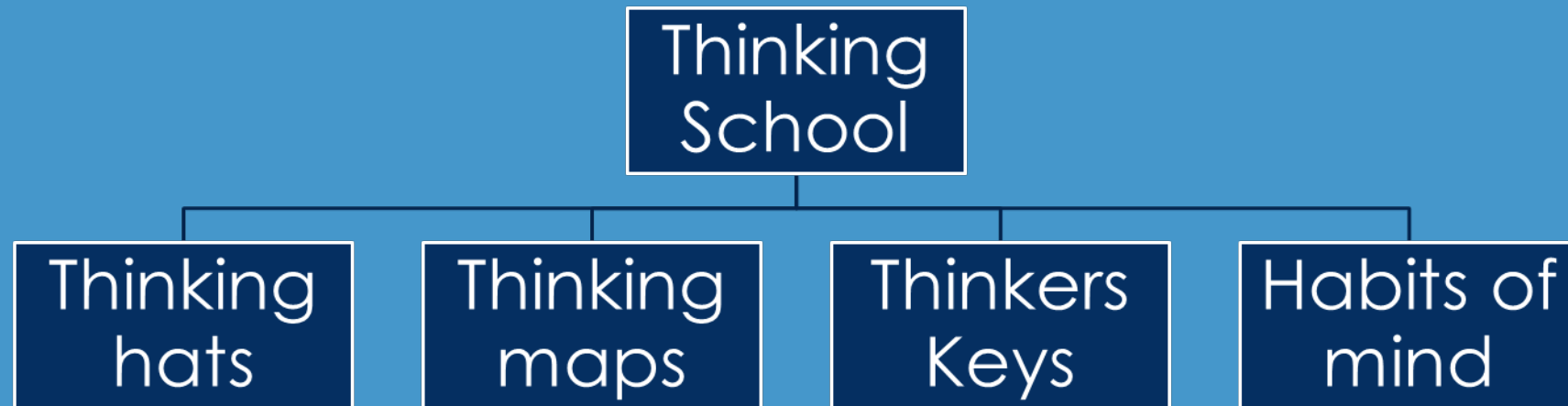
“Welcome to the start of your child’s learning journey with us”



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# We are a Thinking School

An educational community in which all members share a common commitment to giving regular careful thought to everything that takes place. This involves both students and staff learning how to think reflectively, critically and creatively, and employing these skills and techniques in the co-construction of a meaningful curriculum and associated activities. Successful outcomes are reflected in students across a wide range of abilities, demonstrating independent and co-operative learning skills, high levels of achievement and both enjoyment and satisfaction in learning. Benefits will be shown in ways in which all members of the community interact with and show consideration for each other and in the positive psychological well-being of both students and staff.



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# Introduction to the Senior Leadership Team

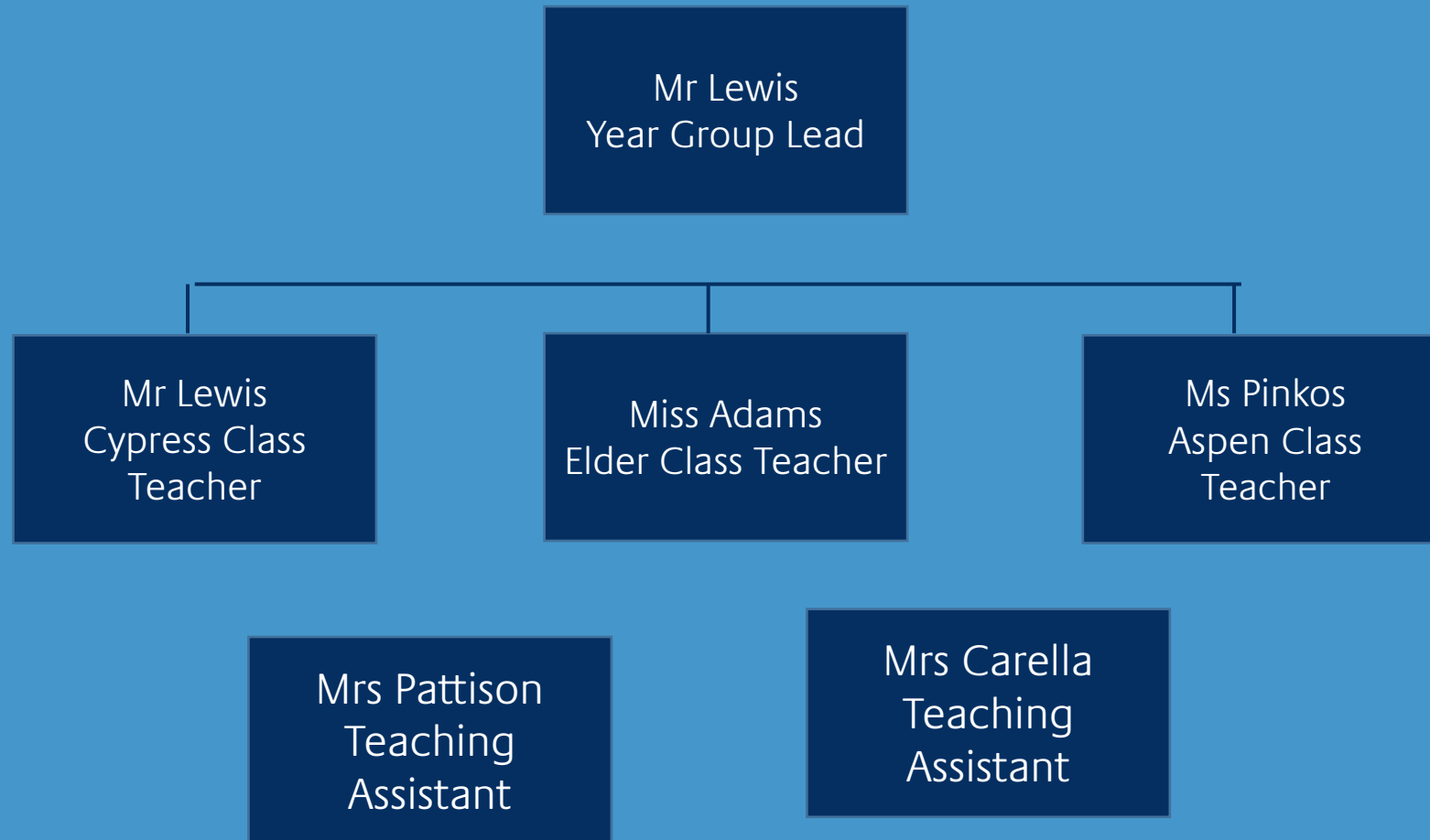
Mrs Bacon  
Deputy Headteacher

Mr Lewis  
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Xavier-Cope  
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Hales  
Assistant Headteacher

# Introduction to the Year 6 Class Teachers



# Transition Programme

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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Current teachers will have hand over meetings with new teachers for academic year 2025-2026.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Children will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July : Children will bring home a 'Meet the teacher' document to share with you at home.

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# Arrangements for September 2025

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Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 are whole school staff development days. The school will be closed to all children.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025: All KS1 and KS2 children will start school full time.

# National Curriculum

The National Curriculum subjects at primary school are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Design and technology
- History
- Geography
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical education (PE)
- Computing
- Religious Education (RE)

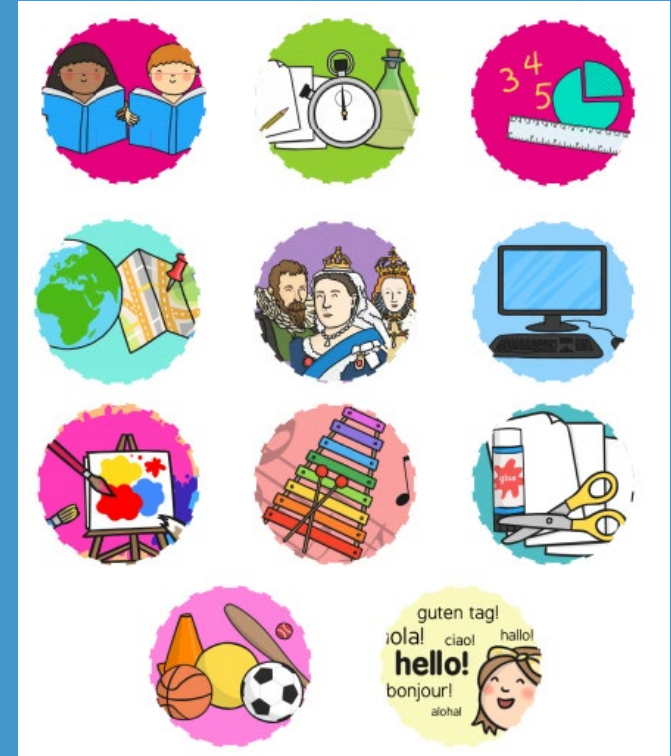


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# Introduction to the Year 6 National Curriculum

- Transition period over Term 1 will take place to support the following:
- Planning each term is based upon children's needs and interests.
- Learning is split into specific subjects.
- Children are expected to work more independently.
- If signed up, a portion of the year 5 cohort will sit their Medway Test at the beginning of September.
- Children sit their SATs examinations in May. We will be having a parent information evening about this with more details.



SATs exams are another name for the end of KS2 assessments that children do at the end of Year 6.

Your children will sit the exams in May.

Children will sit the following SATs papers:

- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)
- Reading
- Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)
- Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
- Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

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Writing and science is assessed using evidence collected by your child's teacher throughout Year 6.

# How do we support your child?

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- Quality first teaching
- Bespoke interventions for children who need to be supported and extended
- Promoting a culture of hard work, perseverance and ensuring that our learners are confident with a positive growth mind-set
- Regular and extended parent meetings from Term 2 with teachers to share test results, resources to help at home and support you in supporting your child in preparation for secondary school
- Celebrating your child's successes
- Supporting and praising all your child's achievements- Year 6 is intense and we are always so proud of how our children persevere in their learning

# How best to support your child:

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- Weekly homework completed and returned on the correct date
- Attending all parent teacher meeting sessions
- 30 minute reading at home every night
- Using the resources teachers share during parent meetings to help support your child
- Speaking with teachers if you want any extra resources or support-we are here to support!
- Ensuring your child attends any club or lessons that they are invited to

# A Day in Year 6

In a typical day, your child will take part in the following activities;

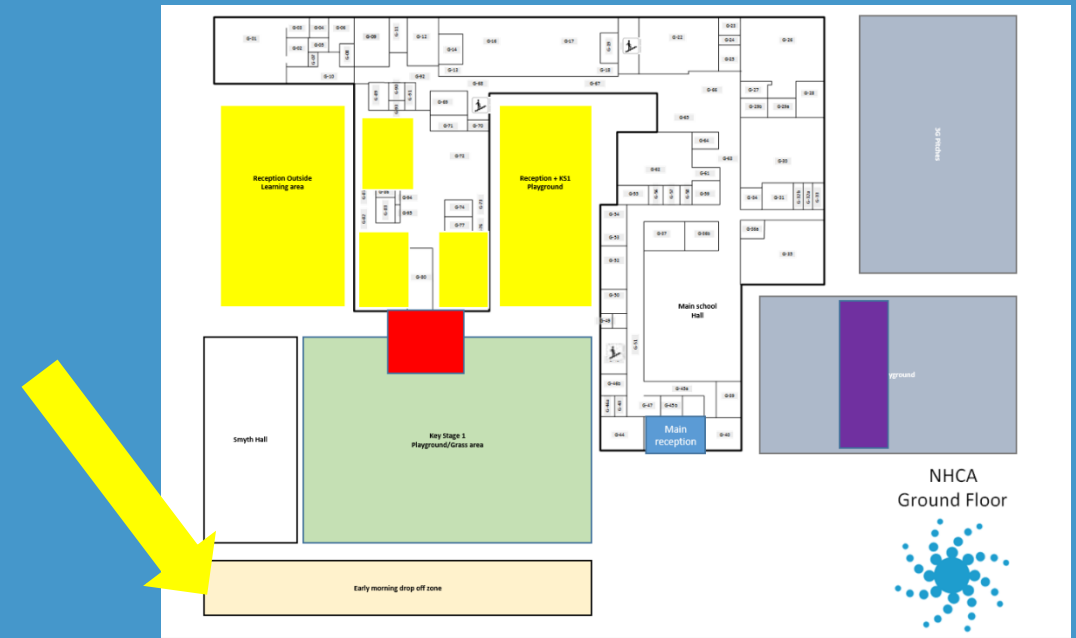
- Registration
- Assembly
- Writing lesson
- Reading lesson
- Breaktime
- Maths lesson
- Lunch time
- Lessons in at least two of the following subjects; Art, Computing, Dance, Geography, History, Music, PE PSHE, RE, Science, Modern Foreign Languages.
- Reading Time

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# Drop-Off

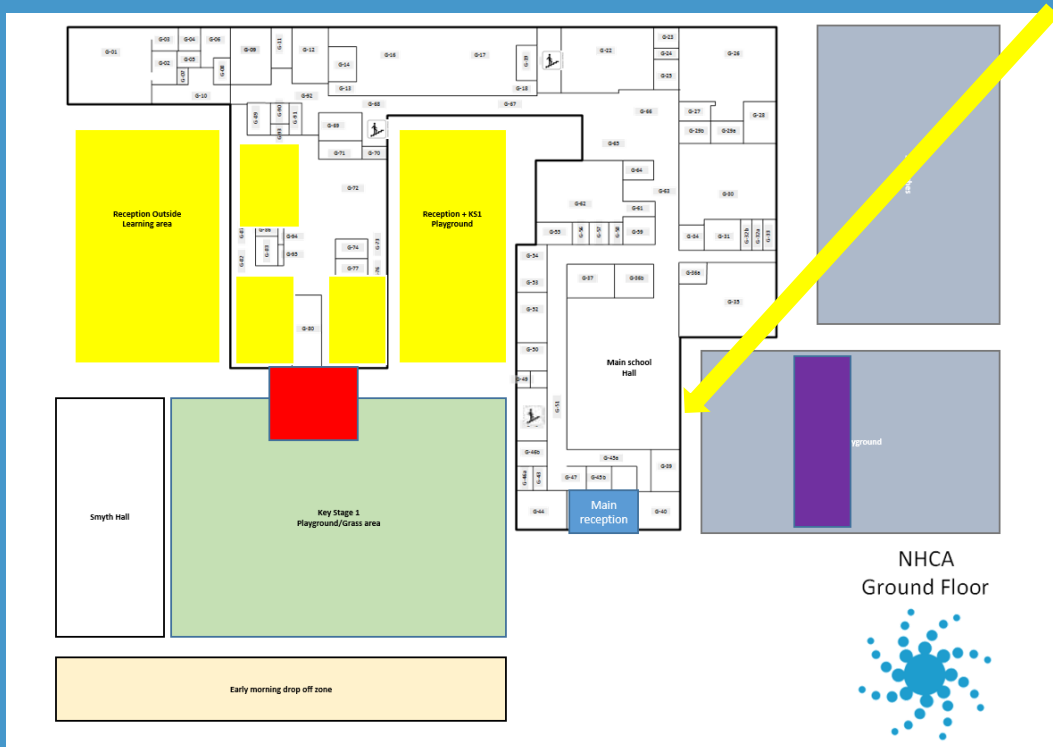
## Drop Off: 8.20-8.40am

The school operates a 'drop off zone' from 8.20 until 8.40 daily. Cars enter the school via Walderslade Road; children exit the car on the left hand side to be greeted by a member of the school team. The child will then safely walk through the school grass area to be supervised in the playground by an adult. Once the child has disembarked from the car the parent/carer carefully drives off and exits the site through Park Crescent, parents and carers are asked to turn left to reduce traffic congestion and enable a smooth flow of traffic.



# Year 6 Morning Routine

## Drop Off: 8.30-8.40am



Year six children will need to be taken to the hall doors just off the playground where members of staff are there to meet them. The children walk through the door and to their classrooms. Throughout the building various adults are stationed to direct children to their classrooms and to support them to be ready for the start of the school day.

If your child arrives late (after 8:40) you will need to take them to the school office where you will be required to sign them in late, using our electronic signing in system, and provide a valid reason.

## Collection: 3.15pm

- Year six parents are to enter the gate opposite the bike shed. Year six parents are to walk to the KS1 playground. The class will be brought by their class teacher to the fenced area. Once you are seen your child will be dismissed.
- If somebody different is collecting your child from school, please write a message to the class teacher on Seesaw or ring the school office.
- If you wish for your year 6 child to leave the school premises independently, this needs to be put into writing to the office or via seesaw to your child's teacher.
- Members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) are always available at the doors in the morning and on the playground at the end of every day to help assist with the smooth start and end of the school day. They wear dark blue Hi-Vis tabards so you can spot them easily.



# Snack Time

Year six children are no longer entitled to free milk and fruit daily. Your child will be able to bring a healthy snack with them, from home, to eat on the playground.



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# Lunchtime (12.30-1.30pm)

Chartwells, our catering company, make all meals from scratch in our kitchen daily.

*If you would like your child to be packed lunch, please send them in with a packed lunch box. Packed lunches should be healthy and balanced with no more than one small piece of chocolate or cake. No fizzy drinks or sweets.*



# Behaviour Expectations

At New Horizons all children are expected to follow our school rules. There is a picture of the school rules on the slide to remind you of these.

We use a behaviour chart. You will start the day on the star and get moved up to the sun and rainbow for following these rules.

We also use our habits of mind to show a good behaviour for learning. For example, you might need to remember to manage your impulsivity sometimes and we often show persistence in our learning.



## Breakfast Club

We have a Breakfast Club that runs every school morning from 7.30am to 8.30am. Your child will enjoy a healthy breakfast, followed by games and activities before it's time to start school. The cost of breakfast club is £2.50 per day which includes breakfast provided by Chartwells, this must be paid via PlusPay. You do not need to book in advance but if you intend to regularly use this service, please let us know via Reception so that we can ensure enough food is ordered for the kitchen.

## After School Club

Stay & Play are an external organisation that provide after school care in the local area. They offer after school care at New Horizons from 3pm-6pm. This after school care is run in addition to the school clubs that New Horizons provide. Leaflets outlining the service Stay & Play offer, including charges, can be collected from the New Horizons reception or more information is available on their website or from their Facebook page.



# Uniform

- Navy blue jumper or cardigan\*
- Tie\*
- White blouse or shirt
- Grey trousers, pleated skirt or tailored shorts
- Grey pinafore
- Navy striped or gingham summer dress
- Grey tights
- White, black or grey socks
- Proper school shoes, black, flat and hardwearing
- Book bag

(\*with school logo)

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- White P.E. top\*
- Black shorts
- Plimsolls

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