



Teacher Newsletter

Year Five



Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year from the Year Five Team

We had a wonderful start back to school and the children are starting to learn about the life of Anne Frank. We are really looking forward to Spring Term and have lots of exciting topics planned that we hope the children will enjoy, including lots of fantasy through English and Art and exploring the world of the Shang Dynasty in History. Please see the curriculum map for more information.

Trips:

We have planned a faith trip to support our learning about Sikhism and Christianity. This will be taking place on Tuesday 20th January.

Sharing Assembly

A date for your diary - Our class sharing assemblies will be on:

Year 5 Cedar – Friday 6th February

Year 5 Hazel – Friday 6th March

This is an opportunity for you to come and hear all about what our class have been learning. We can't wait to share it with you. Our sharing assembly will be about 30 minutes long.

Date and info about Young Mariners/RSE Meetings:

Year 5 Young Mariners meeting for parents – Thursday 26th March 2:15pm

Year 5 and 6 RSE (relationships and sex education) meeting for parents – Thursday 26th March 2:40pm

Hazel

Miss Quinn

LSAs: Mrs Henderson, Miss Houlihan, Mrs Balogh

Cedar

Mrs Grabowska (Mon-Weds) Mrs N Smith (Weds-Fri)

LSAs: Mrs Garlick, Mrs Evans

Mrs Cherry works across Years 5 and 6.

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

Mr Kelly will teach us PE on Monday/Tuesday (PE) and Miss Toms (French/Music) on Wednesday

PE

PE kits need to come into school every Monday. They will be sent home for washing each Friday.

PE Days: Monday and Thursday (Hazel)

Tuesday and Thursday (Cedar)

(These are subject to change)

Earrings should be removed on PE days, or covered with tape.

Please could all children wear socks and **not** tights on PE days.

Reminders

All children should have a water bottle, coat, plus hat scarf and gloves in school every day.

Library Day- Library will be on **Fridays**. Please only send library books in on this day.

Packed Lunches- If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

Hair - Longer hair must be tied back, away from your child's face

Snack- Please ensure your child has a fruit or vegetable snack every day.

Reading and Home Learning

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and delivered with the National Literacy Trust. Its goal is simple but powerful: to help children, young people, and adults rediscover the joy of reading.

Some books to share at home: Saving H'non by Nguyen Thi Thu Trang , The Lone Husky by Hannah Gold, Coming to England by Floella Benjamin, The Glorious Race of Magical Beasts by Alex Bell.

Please continue to share books and hear your child read daily. They will continue to bring home spellings and White Rose Maths Practice Journal most weeks. Weekly access to Reading Eggs and TimesTablesRockStars will also help to develop fluency skills in these areas

No more than 90 minutes per week should be spent on these tasks altogether.

THRIVE Values

R - Responsible

We are responsible. We work hard, we are determined and we challenge ourselves. We take responsibility for our actions, words and choices. We are reflective learners.

I - Innovative

We are innovative. We are creative, we love learning and we are curious. We are confident, we take risks, make mistakes and we are problem solvers. We are empowered to make changes.